| 1 A bill to be entitled | |
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| 2 An act relating to human trafficking; amending s. | |
| 3 16.617, F.S.; providing the Statewide Council on Human | |
| 4 Trafficking with an additional duty; amending s. | |
| 5 16.618, F.S.; deleting an obsolete provision; | |
| 6 requiring the direct-support organization of the | |
| 7 Statewide Council on Human Trafficking to develop | |
| 8 certain training for firesafety inspectors; providing | |
| 9 that such training is eligible for continuing | |
| 10 education credits; amending s. 409.175, F.S.; | |
| 11 requiring foster parents and agency staff to complete | |
| 12 preservice and inservice training related to human | |
| 13 trafficking; reenacting s. 63.092(3)(e), F.S., | |
| 14 relating to reports to the court of intended placement | |
| 15 by an adoption entity, to incorporate the amendment | |
| 16 made to s. 409.175, F.S., in a reference thereto; | |
| 17 providing an effective date. | |
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| 19 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: | |
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| 21 Section 1. Present paragraphs (b) through (e) of | |
| 22 subsection (4) of section 16.617, Florida Statutes, are | |
| 23 redesignated as paragraphs (c) through (f), respectively, and a | |
| 24 new paragraph (b) is added to that subsection, to read: | |
| 25 16.617 Statewide Council on Human Trafficking; creation; | |
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| 26 | membership; duties |
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| 27 | (4) DUTIES.—The council shall: |
| 28 | (b) Assess the frequency and extent to which social media |
| 29 | platforms are used to assist, facilitate, or support human |
| 30 | trafficking within this state, establish a process to detect |
| 31 | such use on a consistent basis, and make recommendations on how |
| 32 | to stop, reduce, or prevent social media platforms from being |
| 33 | used for such purposes. |
| 34 | Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section |
| 35 | 16.618, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (f) is added |
| 36 | to that subsection, to read: |
| 37 | 16.618 Direct-support organization |
| 38 | (4) |
| 39 | (b) Recognizing that this state hosts large-scale events, |
| 40 | including sporting events, concerts, and cultural events, which |
| 41 | generate significant tourism to this state, produce significant |
| 42 | economic revenue, and often are conduits for human trafficking, |
| 43 | the institute must develop training that is <u>available</u> ready for |
| 44 | statewide dissemination by not later than October 1, 2019 . |
| 45 | 1. Training must focus on detecting human trafficking, |
| 46 | best practices for reporting human trafficking, and the |
| 47 | interventions and treatment for survivors of human trafficking. |
| 48 | 2. In developing the training, the institute shall consult |
| 49 | with law enforcement agencies, survivors of human trafficking, |
| 50 | industry representatives, tourism representatives, and other |
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51 interested parties. The institute also must conduct research to 52 determine the reduction in recidivism attributable to the 53 education of the harms of human trafficking for first-time 54 offenders. 55 (f) The direct-support organization shall develop training 56 for firesafety inspectors in the recognition and reporting of human trafficking. Such training is eligible for continuing 57 education credit under s. 633.216(4). 58 59 Section 3. Paragraph (e) is added to subsection (14) of 60 section 409.175, Florida Statutes, to read: 61 409.175 Licensure of family foster homes, residential child-caring agencies, and child-placing agencies; public 62 records exemption.-63 64 (14)(e)1. In addition to any other preservice training 65 66 required by law, foster parents, as a condition of licensure, 67 and agency staff must successfully complete preservice training 68 related to human trafficking which must be uniform statewide and 69 must include, but need not be limited to: 70 a. Basic information on human trafficking, such as an understanding of relevant terminology, and the differences 71 72 between sex trafficking and labor trafficking; 73 b. Factors and knowledge on identifying children at risk 74 of human trafficking; and 75 c. Steps that should be taken to prevent at-risk youths Page 3 of 6

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76 from becoming victims of human trafficking. 77 2. Foster parents, before licensure renewal, and agency 78 staff, during each full year of employment, must complete 79 inservice training related to human trafficking to satisfy the 80 training requirement under subparagraph (5) (b)7. Section 4. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment 81 82 made by this act to section 409.175, Florida Statutes, in a 83 reference thereto, paragraph (e) of subsection (3) of section 84 63.092, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read: 85 63.092 Report to the court of intended placement by an 86 adoption entity; at-risk placement; preliminary study.-PRELIMINARY HOME STUDY.-Before placing the minor in 87 (3) 88 the intended adoptive home, a preliminary home study must be 89 performed by a licensed child-placing agency, a child-caring 90 agency registered under s. 409.176, a licensed professional, or 91 an agency described in s. 61.20(2), unless the adoptee is an 92 adult or the petitioner is a stepparent or a relative. If the 93 adoptee is an adult or the petitioner is a stepparent or a 94 relative, a preliminary home study may be required by the court 95 for good cause shown. The department is required to perform the 96 preliminary home study only if there is no licensed child-97 placing agency, child-caring agency registered under s. 409.176, 98 licensed professional, or agency described in s. 61.20(2), in 99 the county where the prospective adoptive parents reside. The preliminary home study must be made to determine the suitability 100

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101 of the intended adoptive parents and may be completed before 102 identification of a prospective adoptive minor. If the 103 identified prospective adoptive minor is in the custody of the department, a preliminary home study must be completed within 30 104 105 days after it is initiated. A favorable preliminary home study is valid for 1 year after the date of its completion. Upon its 106 107 completion, a signed copy of the home study must be provided to 108 the intended adoptive parents who were the subject of the home 109 study. A minor may not be placed in an intended adoptive home before a favorable preliminary home study is completed unless 110 the adoptive home is also a licensed foster home under s. 111 409.175. The preliminary home study must include, at a minimum: 112

(e) Documentation of counseling and education of the intended adoptive parents on adoptive parenting, as determined by the entity conducting the preliminary home study. The training specified in s. 409.175(14) shall only be required for persons who adopt children from the department.

119 If the preliminary home study is favorable, a minor may be 120 placed in the home pending entry of the judgment of adoption. A 121 minor may not be placed in the home if the preliminary home 122 study is unfavorable. If the preliminary home study is 123 unfavorable, the adoption entity may, within 20 days after 124 receipt of a copy of the written recommendation, petition the 125 court to determine the suitability of the intended adoptive

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home. A determination as to suitability under this subsection 126 127 does not act as a presumption of suitability at the final 128 hearing. In determining the suitability of the intended adoptive 129 home, the court must consider the totality of the circumstances 130 in the home. A minor may not be placed in a home in which there 131 resides any person determined by the court to be a sexual 132 predator as defined in s. 775.21 or to have been convicted of an 133 offense listed in s. 63.089(4)(b)2.

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Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

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