

By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senators Osgood, Stewart, Book, Davis, Thompson, Powell, Calatayud, Torres, and Garcia

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the Trust Fund for Victims of Human
3 Trafficking; creating s. 787.063, F.S.; specifying the
4 authorized uses of funds from the Trust Fund for
5 Victims of Human Trafficking; providing a contingent
6 effective date.

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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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10 Section 1. Section 787.063, Florida Statutes, is created to
11 read:

12 787.063 Authorized uses of the Trust Fund for Victims of
13 Human Trafficking.—Funds from the Trust Fund for Victims of
14 Human Trafficking, created under s. 787.062, may be used for the
15 following purposes:

16 (1) Educating the public about the recruitment,
17 trafficking, and exploitation of persons through human
18 trafficking.

19 (2) Assisting in the prevention of recruitment in Florida
20 schools of minors for exploitation.

21 (3) Establishing a survivors' resource center to make
22 available to survivors of human trafficking information about
23 services and resources, including legal services, social
24 services, safe harbors, safe houses, and language services.

25 (4) Assisting in the coordination between law enforcement
26 agencies and service providers.

27 (5) Providing information concerning a petition for
28 expunction of a criminal history record resulting from the
29 arrest or filing of charges for an offense committed or reported

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30 to have been committed while the person was a victim of human
31 trafficking which is filed pursuant to s. 943.0583.

32 (6) Providing financial assistance for the cost of
33 expunction of a criminal history record as provided in
34 subsection (5).

35 (7) Providing financial assistance for the cost of legal
36 services to defend against criminal charges resulting from the
37 arrest or filing of charges for an offense committed or reported
38 to have been committed while the person was a victim of human
39 trafficking.

40 (8) Delivering other services designed to reduce human
41 trafficking or assist human trafficking victims, as authorized
42 by the Attorney General.

43 Section 2. This act shall take effect on the same date that
44 SB 338 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation
45 is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension
46 thereof and becomes a law.