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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING CREATION OF AN INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE ON**
102 **TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)

Creates an interagency task force on trafficking in persons ("task force"). Specifies the members of the task force. Requires the task force to:

- Collect and organize data on the nature and extent of trafficking in persons in the state;
- Investigate collaborative models for protecting victims of trafficking;
- Measure and evaluate the progress of the state in

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preventing trafficking, protecting and providing assistance to victims of trafficking, and prosecuting persons engaged in trafficking;

Identify available federal, state, and local programs that provide services to victims of trafficking that include, but are not limited to, health care, human services, housing, education, legal assistance, job training or preparation, interpreting services, English-as-a-second-language classes, voluntary repatriation, and victim's compensation;

Evaluate approaches to increase public awareness in trafficking;

Analyze existing state criminal statutes for their adequacy in addressing trafficking and, if such analysis determines that those statutes are inadequate, recommend revision to the statutes or enactment of new statutes that better address trafficking; and

Consult with governmental and non-governmental organizations in developing recommendations to strengthen state and local efforts to prevent trafficking, protect and assist victims of trafficking, and prosecute traffickers.

Requires state and local agencies to cooperate with the task force.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** Title 18, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
3 BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW ARTICLE to read:

4 **ARTICLE 1.8**

5 **Interagency Task Force on Trafficking in Persons**

6 **18-1.8-101. Interagency task force.** (1) THERE IS HEREBY
7 CREATED AN INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE ON TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS,
8 REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE "TASK FORCE".

9 (2) THE TASK FORCE SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS
10 OR THEIR DESIGNEES:

11 (a) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL;

12 (b) THE PRESIDENT OF THE COLORADO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS
13 COUNCIL;

- 1 (c) THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER;
- 2 (d) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
3 SAFETY;
- 4 (e) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND
5 EMPLOYMENT;
- 6 (f) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
7 SERVICES;
- 8 (g) A MUNICIPAL POLICE CHIEF APPOINTED BY THE COLORADO
9 ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE.
- 10 (3) THE TASK FORCE SHALL:
- 11 (a) COLLECT AND ORGANIZE DATA ON THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF
12 TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS IN THE STATE;
- 13 (b) INVESTIGATE COLLABORATIVE MODELS FOR PROTECTING
14 VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING;
- 15 (c) MEASURE AND EVALUATE THE PROGRESS OF THE STATE IN
16 PREVENTING TRAFFICKING, PROTECTING AND PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO
17 VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING, AND PROSECUTING PERSONS ENGAGED IN
18 TRAFFICKING;
- 19 (d) IDENTIFY AVAILABLE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL PROGRAMS
20 THAT PROVIDE SERVICES TO VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING THAT INCLUDE, BUT
21 ARE NOT LIMITED TO, HEALTH CARE, HUMAN SERVICES, HOUSING,
22 EDUCATION, LEGAL ASSISTANCE, JOB TRAINING OR PREPARATION,
23 INTERPRETING SERVICES, ENGLISH-AS-A-SECOND-LANGUAGE CLASSES,
24 VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION, AND VICTIM'S COMPENSATION;
- 25 (e) EVALUATE APPROACHES TO INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS IN
26 TRAFFICKING;
- 27 (f) ANALYZE EXISTING STATE CRIMINAL STATUTES FOR THEIR

1 ADEQUACY IN ADDRESSING TRAFFICKING AND, IF SUCH ANALYSIS
2 DETERMINES THAT THOSE STATUTES ARE INADEQUATE, RECOMMEND
3 REVISION TO THE STATUTES OR ENACTMENT OF NEW STATUTES THAT
4 BETTER ADDRESS TRAFFICKING; AND

5 (g) CONSULT WITH GOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL
6 ORGANIZATIONS IN DEVELOPING RECOMMENDATIONS TO STRENGTHEN
7 STATE AND LOCAL EFFORTS TO PREVENT TRAFFICKING, PROTECT AND
8 ASSIST VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING, AND PROSECUTE TRAFFICKERS.

9 (4) ALL STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES SHALL COOPERATE WITH THE
10 TASK FORCE AND PROVIDE SUCH DATA AND OTHER INFORMATION AS THE
11 TASK FORCE MAY REQUIRE IN CARRYING OUT ITS DUTIES UNDER THIS
12 SECTION.

13 (5) THE TASK FORCE SHALL REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND
14 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF
15 REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE BY JANUARY 15, 2007.

16 (6) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "TRAFFICKING" MEANS
17 ALL ACTS INVOLVED IN THE RECRUITMENT, ABDUCTION, TRANSPORT,
18 HARBORING, TRANSFER, SALE, OR RECEIPT OF PERSONS, WITHIN NATIONAL
19 OR INTERNATIONAL BORDERS, THROUGH FORCE, COERCION, FRAUD,
20 DECEPTION, TO PLACE PERSONS IN SITUATIONS OF SLAVERY OR
21 SLAVERY-LIKE CONDITIONS, FORCED LABOR OR SERVICES, SUCH AS
22 FORCED PROSTITUTION OR SEXUAL SERVICES, DOMESTIC SERVITUDE,
23 BONDED SWEATSHOP LABOR, OR OTHER DEBT BONDAGE.

24 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
25 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
26 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.