

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to human trafficking; amending s.  
3 39.01, F.S.; including human trafficking in the  
4 definition of the term "sexual abuse of a child";  
5 amending s. 92.56, F.S.; including human trafficking  
6 within provisions providing for confidentiality of  
7 court records concerning certain offenses involving  
8 children; amending s. 787.06, F.S.; clarifying the  
9 offense of human trafficking; amending s. 960.065,  
10 F.S.; providing that victims of human trafficking are  
11 eligible for crime victim compensation awards under  
12 certain circumstances; amending s. 960.199, F.S.;  
13 allowing victims of human trafficking to be eligible  
14 for financial relocation assistance; providing an  
15 effective date.

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

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19 Section 1. Paragraph (g) of subsection (67) of section  
20 39.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

21 39.01 Definitions.—When used in this chapter, unless the  
22 context otherwise requires:

23 (67) "Sexual abuse of a child" for purposes of finding a  
24 child to be dependent means one or more of the following acts:

25 (g) The sexual exploitation of a child, which includes the  
26 act of a child offering to engage in or engaging in

27 prostitution, provided that the child is not under arrest or is  
 28 not being prosecuted in a delinquency or criminal proceeding for  
 29 a violation of any offense in chapter 796 based on such  
 30 behavior; or allowing, encouraging, or forcing a child to:

- 31 1. Solicit for or engage in prostitution;
- 32 2. Engage in a sexual performance, as defined by chapter  
 33 827; or
- 34 3. Participate in commercial sexual activity ~~the trade of~~  
 35 ~~sex trafficking~~ as provided in s. 787.06(3)(g) or (h) or s.  
 36 796.035.

37 Section 2. Subsections (2), (3), and (5) of section 92.56,  
 38 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

39 92.56 Judicial proceedings and court records involving  
 40 sexual offenses and human trafficking.-

41 (2) A defendant charged with a crime described in s.  
 42 787.06(3)(a) in which the victim is under the age of 18, s.  
 43 787.06(3)(b), (d), (f), (g), or (h), chapter 794, or chapter  
 44 800, or with child abuse, aggravated child abuse, or sexual  
 45 performance by a child as described in chapter 827, may apply to  
 46 the trial court for an order of disclosure of information in  
 47 court records held confidential and exempt pursuant to s.  
 48 119.0714(1)(h) or maintained as confidential and exempt pursuant  
 49 to court order under this section. Such identifying information  
 50 concerning the victim may be released to the defendant or his or  
 51 her attorney in order to prepare the defense. The confidential  
 52 and exempt status of this information may not be construed to

53 prevent the disclosure of the victim's identity to the  
54 defendant; however, the defendant may not disclose the victim's  
55 identity to any person other than the defendant's attorney or  
56 any other person directly involved in the preparation of the  
57 defense. A willful and knowing disclosure of the identity of the  
58 victim to any other person by the defendant constitutes  
59 contempt.

60 (3) The state may use a pseudonym instead of the victim's  
61 name to designate the victim of a crime described in s.  
62 787.06(3)(a) in which the victim is under the age of 18, in s.  
63 787.06(3)(b), (d), (f), (g), or (h), or in chapter 794 or  
64 chapter 800, or of child abuse, aggravated child abuse, or  
65 sexual performance by a child as described in chapter 827, or  
66 any crime involving the production, possession, or promotion of  
67 child pornography as described in chapter 847, in all court  
68 records and records of court proceedings, both civil and  
69 criminal.

70 (5) This section does not prohibit the publication or  
71 broadcast of the substance of trial testimony in a prosecution  
72 for an offense described in s. 787.06(3)(a) in which the victim  
73 is under the age of 18, s. 787.06(3)(b), (d), (f), (g), or (h),  
74 chapter 794, or chapter 800, or a crime of child abuse,  
75 aggravated child abuse, or sexual performance by a child, as  
76 described in chapter 827, but the publication or broadcast may  
77 not include an identifying photograph, an identifiable voice, or  
78 the name or address of the victim, unless the victim has

79 consented in writing to the publication and filed such consent  
80 with the court or unless the court has declared such records not  
81 confidential and exempt as provided for in subsection (1).

82 Section 3. Subsection (3) of section 787.06, Florida  
83 Statutes, is amended to read:

84 787.06 Human trafficking.—

85 (3) Any person who knowingly, or in reckless disregard of  
86 the facts, engages in human trafficking, or attempts to engage  
87 in human trafficking, or benefits financially by receiving  
88 anything of value from participation in a venture that has  
89 subjected a person to human trafficking:

90 (a) Using coercion for labor or services commits a felony  
91 of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.  
92 775.083, or s. 775.084.

93 (b) Using coercion for commercial sexual activity commits  
94 a felony of the first degree, punishable as provided in s.  
95 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

96 (c) Using coercion for labor or services of any individual  
97 who is an unauthorized alien commits a felony of the first  
98 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s.  
99 775.084.

100 (d) Using coercion for commercial sexual activity of any  
101 individual who is an unauthorized alien commits a felony of the  
102 first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083,  
103 or s. 775.084.

104 (e) Using coercion for labor or services who does so by

105 the transfer or transport of any individual from outside this  
106 state to within the state commits a felony of the first degree,  
107 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

108 (f) Using coercion for commercial sexual activity who does  
109 so by the transfer or transport of any individual from outside  
110 this state to within the state commits a felony of the first  
111 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s.  
112 775.084.

113 (g) For commercial sexual activity in which any child  
114 under the age of 18 is involved commits a felony of the first  
115 degree, punishable by imprisonment for a term of years not  
116 exceeding life, or as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s.  
117 775.084. In a prosecution under this paragraph in which the  
118 defendant had a reasonable opportunity to observe the person who  
119 was subject to human trafficking, the state need not prove that  
120 the defendant knew that the person had not attained the age of  
121 18 years.

122 (h) For commercial sexual activity in which any child  
123 under the age of 15 is involved commits a life felony,  
124 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.  
125 In a prosecution under this paragraph in which the defendant had  
126 a reasonable opportunity to observe the person who was subject  
127 to human trafficking, the state need not prove that the  
128 defendant knew that the person had not attained the age of 15  
129 years.

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131 For each instance of human trafficking of any individual under  
132 this subsection, a separate crime is committed and a separate  
133 punishment is authorized.

134 Section 4. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section  
135 960.065, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

136 960.065 Eligibility for awards.—

137 (2) Any claim filed by or on behalf of a person who:

138 (b) Was engaged in an unlawful activity at the time of the  
139 crime upon which the claim for compensation is based, unless the  
140 victim was engaged in prostitution as a result of being a victim  
141 of human trafficking as described in s. 787.06(3)(b), (d), (f),  
142 (g), or (h);

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144 is ineligible for an award.

145 Section 5. Section 960.199, Florida Statutes, is amended  
146 to read:

147 960.199 Relocation assistance for victims of sexual  
148 battery or human trafficking.—

149 (1) The department may award a one-time payment of up to  
150 \$1,500 on any one claim and a lifetime maximum of \$3,000 to a  
151 victim of sexual battery, as defined in s. 794.011, or a victim  
152 of human trafficking, as described in s. 787.06(3)(b), (d), (f),  
153 (g), or (h), who needs relocation assistance.

154 (2) In order for an award to be granted to a victim for  
155 relocation assistance:

156 (a) There must be proof that a sexual battery offense or

157 human trafficking offense, as defined in s. 787.06(3)(b), (d),  
158 (f), (g), or (h), was committed.

159 (b) The sexual battery offense or human trafficking  
160 offense, as defined in s. 787.06(3)(b), (d), (f), (g), or (h),  
161 must be reported to the proper authorities.

162 (c) The victim's need for assistance must be certified by  
163 a ~~certified~~ rape crisis center or domestic violence center  
164 certified in this state or by the state attorney or statewide  
165 prosecutor having jurisdiction over the offense.

166 (d) The center's ~~center~~ certification must assert that the  
167 victim is cooperating with law enforcement officials, if  
168 applicable, which assertion must be approved by the state  
169 attorney or statewide prosecutor, as appropriate, and must  
170 include documentation that the victim has developed a safety  
171 plan.

172 (e) The act of sexual battery or human trafficking, as  
173 described in s. 787.06(3)(b), (d), (f), (g), or (h), must be  
174 committed in the victim's place of residence or in a location  
175 that would lead the victim to reasonably fear for his or her  
176 continued safety in the place of residence.

177 (3) Relocation payments for a sexual battery or human  
178 trafficking claim under this section shall be denied if the  
179 department has previously approved or paid out a domestic  
180 violence relocation claim under s. 960.198 to the same victim  
181 regarding the same incident.

182 Section 6. This act shall take effect October 1, 2014.