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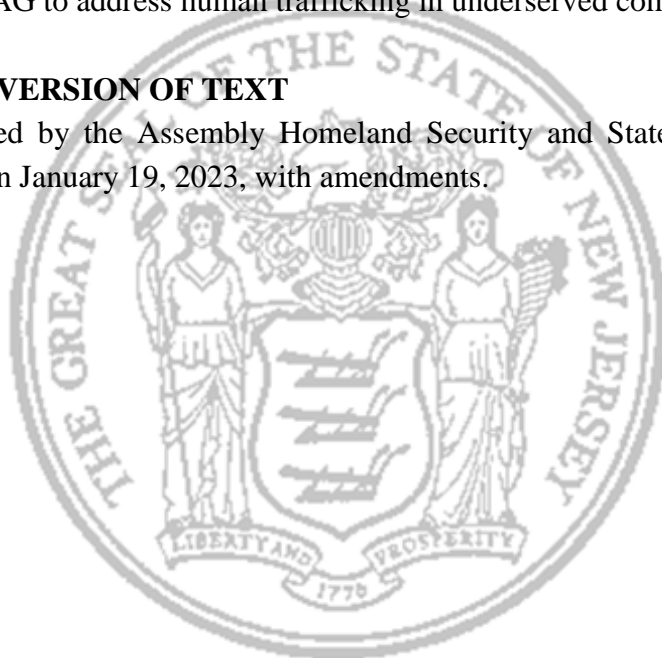
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SYNOPSIS

Requires AG to address human trafficking in underserved communities.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness
Committee on January 19, 2023, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning human trafficking and underserved
2 communities and supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. The Attorney General shall ¹**[establish]** allocate and
8 utilize resources¹ in the ¹**[Division of Criminal Justice in the]**¹
9 Department of Law and Public Safety ¹**[a unit to be known as the**
10 Human Trafficking and Underserved Communities Unit. The
11 purpose of the unit shall be] to perform functions designed¹ to
12 address the specific needs and vulnerabilities related to human
13 trafficking which are experienced by members of underserved
14 communities, particularly girls and women of color.

15 b. The ¹**[responsibilities of the unit]** functions to be performed
16 pursuant to subsection a. of this section¹ shall include, but not be
17 limited to:

18 (1) coordinating with ¹**[the Division of State Police and]** State,¹
19 municipal ^{1,1} and county law enforcement agencies to investigate
20 cases related to human trafficking in underserved communities;

21 (2) coordinating with relevant government entities, including,
22 but not limited to the Victims of Crime Compensation Office,
23 established pursuant to section 2 of P.L.2007, c.95 (C.52:4B-3.2)
24 and the Commission on Human Trafficking, established pursuant to
25 section 1 of P.L.2013, c.51 (C.52:17B-237), and community-based
26 organizations to create and administer programs to connect victims
27 to appropriate and effective information and resources; and

28 (3) collecting and maintaining data related to human trafficking
29 cases and trends concerning members of underserved communities.
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31 2. This act shall take effect ¹**[on the first day of fourth month**
32 next following enactment, except that the Attorney General may
33 take any anticipatory action in advance of that date as shall be
34 necessary for the implementation of this act] immediately¹.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AHS committee amendments adopted January 19, 2023.