

**ASSEMBLY, No. 4004**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**220th LEGISLATURE**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Specifies additional services for victims of sex trafficking and domestic violence; makes \$1,000,000 appropriation.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/16/2023)**

1 AN ACT concerning services for victims of sex trafficking and  
2 domestic violence, supplementing Title 2C of the New Jersey  
3 Statutes, and making an appropriation.  
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
6 *of New Jersey:*  
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8 1. The Attorney General, in consultation with the Department  
9 of Children and Families, Commission on Human Trafficking, and  
10 Advisory Council on Domestic Violence, shall establish a program  
11 to ensure that victims of sex trafficking and domestic violence are  
12 provided with a safe haven at fire stations throughout the State.  
13 Victims shall be referred by fire station personnel to appropriate  
14 emergency shelters, legal assistance, victim advocacy services, and  
15 community resources. The safe haven program shall include, but  
16 not be limited to, the following:

17 a. specific training and educational requirements for fire station  
18 personnel concerning emergency housing, victim advocacy, legal  
19 assistance, and community resources that are available to victims of  
20 sex trafficking and domestic violence;

21 b. victim intake evaluation criteria and requirements for fire  
22 station personnel who make referrals and assist in the coordination  
23 of services for victims pursuant to subsection a. of this section; and

24 c. anti-discrimination requirements that ensure victims of sex  
25 trafficking and domestic violence obtain the benefits and services  
26 required by this section without regard to their citizenship status.  
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28 2. There is appropriated \$1,000,000 from the General Fund to  
29 the Human Trafficking Survivor's Assistance Fund, established by  
30 Section 2 of P.L.2013, c.51 (C.52:17B-238), to be used exclusively  
31 to establish and implement the requirements set forth in section 1 of  
32 this act.  
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34 3. The Attorney General shall adopt rules and regulations,  
35 pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410  
36 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), necessary to implement the provisions of this act.  
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38 4. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month  
39 next following enactment, but the Attorney General may take such  
40 anticipatory administrative action in advance as shall be necessary  
41 for implementation of the act.  
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44 STATEMENT  
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46 This bill establishes a safe haven program in fire stations  
47 throughout the State for the purpose of providing additional  
48 services for victims of sex trafficking and domestic violence.

1       The bill specifically requires the Attorney General, in  
2 consultation with the Department of Children and Families,  
3 Commission on Human Trafficking, and Advisory Council on  
4 Domestic Violence, to establish a program to ensure that victims of  
5 sex trafficking and domestic violence have a safe haven at fire  
6 stations where they will be referred by fire station personnel to  
7 emergency shelters, victim advocacy services, legal aid, and  
8 community resources. The program is to establish specific training  
9 and educational requirements for fire station personnel concerning  
10 community resources that are available to victims of sex trafficking  
11 and domestic violence. Victim intake evaluation criteria and  
12 requirements for fire station personnel who make referrals and  
13 assist in the coordination of services for these victims also would be  
14 required by the bill. The bill further requires anti-discrimination  
15 provisions that ensure victims of sex trafficking and domestic  
16 violence obtain these services without regard to their citizenship  
17 status.

18       This act appropriates \$1,000,000 from the General Fund to the  
19 Human Trafficking Survivor's Assistance Fund to establish and  
20 implement the safe haven program established by the bill.

21       According to the sponsor, the intent of the safe haven program  
22 established by the bill is to provide victims of human trafficking  
23 and domestic violence with rehabilitative resources addressing the  
24 circumstances endangering their well-being in a safe and secure  
25 environment.