

SENATE, No. 3550

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SYNOPSIS

Requires AG to address human trafficking in underserved communities.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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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 allocate and utilize resources
8 in the Department of Law and Public Safety to perform functions
9 designed to address the specific needs and vulnerabilities related to
10 human trafficking which are experienced by members of
11 underserved communities, particularly girls and women of color.

12 b. The functions to be performed pursuant to subsection a. of
13 this section shall include, but not be limited to:

14 (1) coordinating with the State, municipal, and county law
15 enforcement agencies to investigate cases related to human
16 trafficking in underserved communities;

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

24 (3) collecting and maintaining data related to human trafficking
25 cases and trends concerning members of underserved communities.

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27 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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30 STATEMENT

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32 This bill requires the Attorney General to address human
33 trafficking related to members of underserved communities.

34 Under the bill, the Attorney General would be required to
35 allocate and utilize resources in the Department of Law and Public
36 Safety to perform functions designed to address the specific needs
37 and vulnerabilities related to human trafficking which are
38 experienced by members of underserved communities, particularly
39 girls and women of color.

40 The bill provides that the responsibilities would include, but not
41 be limited to:

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43 enforcement agencies to investigate cases related to human
44 trafficking in underserved communities;

45 (2) coordinating with relevant government entities, including,
46 but not limited to the Victims of Crime Compensation Office and
47 the Commission on Human Trafficking, and community-based

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