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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - HUMAN TRAFFICKING - REPORTING

Introduced By: Senators Perry, Nesselbush, Sosnowski, Crowley, and Gallo

Date Introduced: February 16, 2012

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-67-7 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-67 entitled "Trafficking
2 of Persons and Involuntary Servitude" is hereby repealed.

3 ~~11-67-7. Interagency task force on trafficking in persons created -- Composition --~~
4 ~~Duties and responsibilities. -- (a) There is hereby created an interagency human trafficking of~~
5 ~~persons task force which will examine and report upon the extent of the existence of human~~
6 ~~trafficking for commercial sexual activity within the State of Rhode Island. The task force shall~~
7 ~~consist of the attorney general or his or her designee; the superintendent of the Rhode Island State~~
8 ~~Police or his or her designee; the director of the Municipal Police Training Academy or his or her~~
9 ~~designee; the Chief of Police of the City of Providence or his or her designee; the President of the~~
10 ~~Rhode Island Police Chiefs Association or his or designee; the public defender or his or her~~
11 ~~designee; and the director of the Rhode Island Commission on Women or his or her designee.~~

12 ~~(b) Additionally, the governor, the president of the senate and the speaker of the house~~
13 ~~shall each appoint three (3) members of the public who have a special expertise dealing with~~
14 ~~victims of crimes; the behavioral needs of women and children; social welfare issues such as the~~
15 ~~financial, healthcare, housing and literacy needs of women, children and low income individuals;~~
16 ~~social justice and human rights issues; issues facing immigrants and non citizens, civil rights;~~
17 ~~and/or specialized training in human trafficking and the needs of victims of human trafficking.~~

18 ~~(c) A quorum of the committee shall consist of at least eight (8) of its members. The task~~
19 ~~force shall elect a chairperson.~~

1 ~~(d) On or before December 31, 2010, the task force shall submit to the Governor, the~~
2 ~~Attorney General, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate a~~
3 ~~report setting forth its findings as to the extent to which human trafficking for commercial sexual~~
4 ~~activity is occurring in this State and making such recommendations as it deems appropriate for~~
5 ~~legislative and executive action relating to the enforcement of this chapter and the provision of~~
6 ~~social services to victims of human trafficking~~

7 SECTION 2. Section 11-67-8 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-67 entitled "Trafficking
8 of Persons and Involuntary Servitude" is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 **11-67-8. Reporting.** – (a) On or before January 15, 2010, and semi-annually thereafter,
10 each law enforcement agency in this state shall file with ~~the Governor,~~ the Attorney General, ~~the~~
11 ~~Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate~~ a report concerning the
12 agency's enforcement of this chapter during the preceding six (6) month period. Each semi-annual
13 report shall contain, but need not be limited to, the following information:

14 (1) The number of persons arrested pursuant to section 11-67-2, section 11-67-3,
15 subsection 11-67-6(b), and subsection 11-67-6(d);

16 (2) Of those arrested, the number of persons convicted, placed on probation, whose case
17 is filed pursuant to section 12-10-12, whether those persons pled guilty or nolo contendere or
18 were found guilty after trial by judge or jury;

19 (3) The fines and/or sentences of those persons identified pursuant to subdivision (2) of
20 this section; ~~and~~

21 (4) A summary of the amounts of fines levied and the lengths of sentences identified
22 pursuant to subdivision (3) of this section;

23 (5) The number of known adult victims and the number of known minor victims; and

24 (6) If the information is available, a summary of referral and access issues for health,
25 social services and other support services to aid and support the victims.

26 (b) The attorney general shall, no later than thirty (30) days after the end of each
27 reporting period described in subsection (a), submit a report to the governor, the speaker of the
28 house and the senate president compiling the data contained in the reports of law enforcement
29 agencies pursuant to subdivision (a). The report shall set forth findings as to the extent to which
30 human trafficking for commercial sexual activity is occurring in this state and making
31 recommendations for legislative and executive action relating to the enforcement of this chapter
32 and the provision of health, social services and other support to victims of human trafficking.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would change the reporting requirements of the human trafficking act.
- 2 This act would take effect on July 1, 2012.

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