

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
ASSEMBLY, Nos. 1705, 3803, and 4205
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
220th LEGISLATURE

DATED: MARCH 27, 2023

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Requires Commission on Human Trafficking to post public awareness signage in additional establishments.

Type of Impact: No impact on State costs. Potential minimal impact of State revenues.

Agencies Affected: Department of Law and Public Safety.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Annual</u>
State Cost	No fiscal impact
State Revenue Increase	Indeterminate

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) finds that this bill will have no impact on State expenditures. The bill expands the list of establishments in which the Commission on Human Trafficking is required to post public awareness signage regarding human trafficking. The Commission already provides a printable public awareness sign in English and Spanish for business owners on its website. Thus, there would be no associated costs for developing and designing a sign.
- Since the bill expands the list of establishments required to post a public awareness sign on human trafficking, it potentially could result in marginal increase in revenues by way of civil penalties imposed on establishments that do not comply. However, the State’s ability to collect fines has historically been limited.

BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill would expand the establishments in which the Commission on Human Trafficking is required to post public awareness signage pursuant to P.L.2013, c.51.

The commission is currently required to develop a public awareness sign containing information on how to identify and report suspected human trafficking, including, but not limited

to, by providing the national, 24-hour toll-free hotline telephone service on human trafficking described in P.L.2013, c.51.

This bill expands the required public awareness signage to the following establishments: gas stations; staffing agencies; State, county, and municipal law enforcement offices; nail salons; and New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission offices.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS finds that the Commission on Human Trafficking within the Department of Law and Public Safety will not incur additional expenses under this bill. The Commission already provides a printable public awareness sign concerning human trafficking on its website in both English and Spanish. Therefore, the expanded list of establishments required to display the sign will not require any additional costs for design and development for the Commission. Certain government entities such as State, county, and municipal law enforcement offices as well as New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission offices that are now part of the expanded list of establishments required to display the sign would only need a printout from the website. The OLS assumes that this should not be an additional expense for these government entities given the access to a printer and office supplies at most of these offices.

Regarding civil penalties, the State may see a marginal increase in revenues of \$300 for the first offense and \$1,000 for each subsequent offense imposed on entities for non-compliance. However, the State's ability to collect fines has historically been limited.

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This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).