

SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 138

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 23, 2023

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 138.

As reported by the committee, this concurrent resolution directs the State Commission on Investigation to examine human trafficking activity at the places of business of persons who employ massage and bodywork therapists.

The concurrent resolution calls for the State Commission on Investigation to issue a report summarizing its investigation no later than two years after the resolution takes effect. The report may be delayed at the request of the Attorney General for up to an additional 120 days pursuant to section 7 of P.L.1996, c.44 (C.52:9M-8.1), due to information or evidence contained in the report showing a reasonable possibility of human trafficking or other criminal wrongdoing. The report would also include recommendations for consideration by the Governor and Legislature for further addressing human trafficking activity within these places of business.

As reported by the committee, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 138 is identical to Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 81, which also was reported by the committee on this date.