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SYNOPSIS

Directs the development and posting of notices containing information for victims of human trafficking.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Judiciary Committee on July 20, 2020, with amendments.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/17/2020)

1 **AN ACT** concerning posting notices to enable victims of human
2 trafficking to obtain help and services and amending and
3 supplementing P.L.2013, c.51.

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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. Section 1 of P.L. 2013, c.51 (C.52:17B-237) is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 1. a. There is hereby created, in the Division of Criminal
11 Justice in the Department of Law and Public Safety, a commission
12 to be known as the Commission on Human Trafficking, consisting
13 of 15 members as follows: the Attorney General, or his designee;
14 the Commissioner of Children and Families, or his designee; the
15 Commissioner of Human Services, or his designee; a county
16 prosecutor, appointed by the Governor based upon the
17 recommendation of the County Prosecutors Association of the State
18 of New Jersey; one member of the New Jersey Human Trafficking
19 Task Force established within the Department of Law and Public
20 Safety, designated by the Attorney General; two public members
21 appointed by the Governor based upon the recommendation of the
22 Senate President, one representing law enforcement and one
23 representing a victim's assistance organization; one public member
24 appointed by the Governor based upon the recommendation of the
25 Senate Minority Leader representing either a non-profit health care
26 facility or mental health services; two public members appointed by
27 the Governor based upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the
28 General Assembly, one representing law enforcement and one
29 representing a victim's assistance organization; one public member
30 appointed by the Governor based upon the recommendation of the
31 Assembly Minority Leader representing either a non-profit health
32 care facility or mental health services; and four public members
33 appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be a representative
34 of a child advocacy organization concerning missing, abducted, or
35 exploited children, and one of whom shall be a human trafficking
36 survivor. All public members shall have experience with, possess a
37 background in, or demonstrate a specialized knowledge of, the
38 legal, policy, educational, social, or psychological aspects of human
39 trafficking.

40 b. (1) Of the public members first appointed:

41 (a) the following shall serve for a term of three years: one
42 member appointed upon the recommendation of the Senate
43 President; one member appointed upon the recommendation of the

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AJU committee amendments adopted July 20, 2020.

1 Speaker of the General Assembly; and two members appointed by
2 the Governor; and

3 (b) the following shall serve for a term of two years: one
4 member appointed upon the recommendation of the Senate
5 President; one member appointed upon the recommendation of the
6 Speaker of the General Assembly; each member appointed upon the
7 recommendation of the Senate and Assembly Minority Leaders; and
8 two members appointed by the Governor.

9 (c) Upon the conclusion of the initial terms, each public member
10 shall be appointed for a term of three years.

11 (2) Each member appointed shall hold office for the term of
12 appointment and until a successor shall have been appointed and
13 qualified.

14 (3) Any vacancy in the membership of the commission shall be
15 filled by appointment in the same manner as the original
16 appointment was made.

17 c. (1) The commission shall organize upon the appointment of
18 a majority of its authorized membership. The members shall elect
19 one of the members to serve as chair and vice-chair, and the chair
20 may appoint a secretary, who need not be a member of the
21 commission.

22 (2) The commission shall meet at those times and places within
23 the State of New Jersey as the commission shall determine. A
24 majority of the commission's authorized membership shall
25 constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business, for the
26 performance of any duty, or for the exercise of any power of the
27 commission.

28 d. The members of the commission shall serve without
29 compensation, but shall be eligible for reimbursement for necessary
30 and reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their
31 official duties within the limits of funds appropriated or otherwise
32 made available to the commission for its purposes.

33 e. The Division of Criminal Justice in the Department of Law
34 and Public Safety shall, at the direction of the Attorney General,
35 provide legal, stenographic, technical, clerical, and other staff and
36 resource assistance to the commission, and additionally the
37 commission may incur expenses as may be necessary in order to
38 perform its duties within the limits of funds appropriated or
39 otherwise made available to it for its purposes.

40 f. It shall be the duty of the commission to:

41 (1) Evaluate the existing law concerning human trafficking and
42 the enforcement thereof, and to make recommendations for
43 legislation, if appropriate;

44 (2) Review existing victim assistance programs and analyze the
45 costs, organization, and availability of these services for victims of
46 human trafficking and to make recommendations for legislation, if
47 appropriate;

1 (3) Promote a coordinated response by public and private
2 resources for victims of human trafficking; and

3 (4) Develop mechanisms to promote public awareness of human
4 trafficking, victim remedies and services, and trafficking prevention
5 including the creation of a public awareness sign **【promotion of】**
6 promoting the national, 24-hour toll-free hotline telephone service
7 on human trafficking described under section 18 of P.L.2013, c.51
8 (C.2C:13-11), and the promotion of training courses and other
9 educational materials for use by persons required under section 19
10 of P.L.2013, c.51 (C.2C:13-12) to undergo training on the handling
11 of and response procedures for suspected human trafficking
12 activities.

13 g. The commission shall report annually to the Governor and to
14 the Legislature, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-
15 19.1), its activities, as well as its findings and recommendations for
16 any needed new services or resources for victims of human
17 trafficking, and any proposed changes to the current law concerning
18 human trafficking.

19 (cf: P.L.2013, c.51, s.1)

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21 2. (New section) Display of Human Trafficking Public-
22 Awareness Sign; Penalty for Failure to Display.

23 a. Pursuant to section 1 of P.L. 2013, c.51 (C.52:17B-237), the
24 Commission on Human Trafficking shall develop **‘【a public-**
25 **awareness】** and determine the language for a public awareness¹
26 sign that contains the national, 24-hour toll-free hotline telephone
27 service on human trafficking described under section 18 of
28 P.L.2013, c.51 (C.2C:13-11) and otherwise meets the requirements
29 contained in subsection **‘【c】 d.’** of this section. ‘The public
30 awareness sign shall be revised and modified by the Commission
31 from time to time as need may require.¹

32 b. The following establishments ‘to the extent practicable¹
33 shall display the **‘【public-awareness】** public awareness¹ sign
34 described in subsection a. in a place that is clearly conspicuous and
35 visible to employees and the public:

36 (1) Strip clubs or **‘【a】’** sexually oriented businesses as defined
37 in subsection a. of **‘【N.J.S. C:2C:33-12.2】** section 2 of P.L.1995,
38 c.167 (2C:33-12.2), including, but not limited to, within every
39 dressing room and within every restroom and restroom stall¹;

40 (2) ‘Places of business of employers of massage or bodywork
41 therapists, which employers are subject to registration, and which
42 therapists are subject to licensure, pursuant to P.L.1999, c.19
43 (C.45:11-53 et seq.) and section 13 of P.L.2007, c.337 (C.45:11-68
44 et al.), including, but not limited to, within every dressing room and
45 within every restroom and restroom stall;

46 (3)¹ Bars;

47 **‘【(3)】(4)¹** Airports;

1 ¹[(4)](5)¹ Passenger rail or light rail stations;
 2 ¹[(5)](6)¹ Bus stations;
 3 ¹[(6)] (7) Welcome Centers;
 4 (8)¹ Truck stops;
 5 ¹ [(7)] (9) Weigh Stations;
 6 (10) ¹ Emergency rooms within general acute care hospitals;
 7 ¹[(8)] (11)¹ Urgent care centers;
 8 ¹[(9)] (12)¹ Farm labor contractors and day haulers;
 9 ¹[(10)] (13)¹ Privately operated job recruitment centers;
 10 ¹[(11) Safety] (14) Service areas and safety¹ rest areas located
 11 along interstate highways in New Jersey ¹;
 12 (15) All forms of public transportation, including every railroad
 13 passenger car; and
 14 [(12)] (16)¹ Hotels ¹[(; and
 15 (13) Businesses and establishments that offer massage or
 16 bodywork services by a person who is not a massage therapist ¹ ,
 17 motels, bed and breakfast establishments, campsites, and similar
 18 places of public accommodation.
 19 c. Owners and operators of private and public school buses are
 20 encouraged to display the public awareness sign described in
 21 subsection a. in a place that is clearly conspicuous and visible to
 22 students.
 23 [c.] d.¹ The ¹[(notice)] public awareness sign¹ to be posted
 24 pursuant to subsection b. shall be no smaller than eight and one-half
 25 inches by eleven inches in size, ¹printed in 16-point font,¹ in
 26 English and Spanish ¹[(and shall state the following:
 27 “If you or someone you know is being forced to engage in any
 28 activity and cannot leave – whether it is commercial sex,
 29 housework, farm work or any other activity – call the National
 30 Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline or the New Jersey
 31 Human Trafficking Task Force Hotline to access help and services.
 32 Victims of human trafficking are protected under international,
 33 federal and New Jersey law.
 34 The toll-free hotlines are:
 35 Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
 36 Operated by a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization
 37 Anonymous and confidential
 38 Accessible in more than 160 languages
 39 Able to provide help, referral to services, training, and general
 40 information ¹’.
 41 ¹[(d.) e.] ¹ A business or establishment that fails to comply with
 42 the requirements of this section shall be liable for a civil penalty of
 43 \$300 for a first offense and \$1000 for each subsequent offense.
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 45 3. This act shall take effect immediately.