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P.L. 2023, CHAPTER 297, *approved January 16, 2024*
Assembly, No. 1727 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT ¹[establishing a pilot program in certain municipalities to
2 make grants available to non-profit organizations] requiring the
3 Attorney General¹ to perform outreach and provide services to
4 victims of human trafficking ¹under certain circumstances and
5 supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes¹.
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7 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
8 *of New Jersey:*
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10 1. a. The ¹[Department of Law and Public Safety shall
11 establish a three-year pilot program to make grants available to non-
12 profit organizations to] Attorney General shall exercise its authority
13 as head of the Department of Law and Public Safety and chief law
14 enforcement officer of the State to utilize the resources of the
15 department to¹ perform outreach in the community and deliver
16 services to victims of human trafficking in conjunction with ¹[law
17 enforcement agencies] other governmental entities¹, the Victims of
18 Crime Compensation Office, and other victims' rights organizations
19 ¹, through means as the Attorney General deems appropriate,
20 including, but not limited to, the use of a Statewide victim service
21 provider or other public agencies or private service providers,
22 component divisions of the department, family justice centers, or
23 any other resources that may be made available for this purpose¹.

24 ¹b.¹ The ¹[pilot program] Attorney General¹ shall be
25 ¹[established] authorized to establish within the limits of funds
26 made available for this purpose, a pilot program to award grants to
27 service providers to perform outreach and deliver services to
28 victims of human trafficking¹ in ¹[the six]¹ urban municipalities
29 with the highest crime index in this State, according to the most
30 recent Uniform Crime Report prepared by the New Jersey Division
31 of State Police and in ¹[six]¹ municipalities that are located near
32 ¹[ports] major maritime transportation hubs¹ and have significant
33 minority populations, as determined by the Attorney General.
34 Application to the pilot program shall be made on forms and
35 pursuant to procedures prescribed by the department ¹[.

36 b. The department Attorney General shall submit a report
37 evaluating the implementation and operation of the pilot program to
38 the Governor and, pursuant to the provisions of section 2 of
39 P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature within 90 days

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 floor amendments adopted March 24, 2022.

1 after the completion of the pilot program. The report shall
2 recommend] , and upon completion, any pilot program shall be
3 evaluated to determine the effectiveness of the pilot program, with a
4 recommendation as to¹ whether the pilot program should be
5 continued, expanded, or made permanent.

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7 2. This act shall take effect immediately ¹[and shall expire
8 upon the filing of the report required pursuant to subsection b. of
9 section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature
10 as this bill)]¹.

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16 Requires Attorney General to perform outreach and provide
17 services to victims of human trafficking under certain
circumstances.

ASSEMBLY, No. 1727

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2022 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman SHANIQUE SPEIGHT

District 29 (Essex)

Assemblywoman VERLINA REYNOLDS-JACKSON

District 15 (Hunterdon and Mercer)

Assemblyman ANTHONY S. VERRELLI

District 15 (Hunterdon and Mercer)

Co-Sponsored by:

**Assemblywomen McKnight, Sawyer, Assemblyman McClellan and
Assemblywoman Timberlake**

SYNOPSIS

Establishes pilot program in certain municipalities to make grants available to non-profit organizations to perform outreach and provide services to victims of human trafficking.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/10/2022)

1 AN ACT establishing a pilot program in certain municipalities to
2 make grants available to non-profit organizations to perform
3 outreach and provide services to victims of human trafficking.
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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. a. The Department of Law and Public Safety shall establish
9 a three-year pilot program to make grants available to non-profit
10 organizations to perform outreach in the community and deliver
11 services to victims of human trafficking in conjunction with law
12 enforcement agencies, the Victims of Crime Compensation Office,
13 and other victims' rights organizations. The pilot program shall be
14 established in the six urban municipalities with the highest crime
15 index in this State, according to the most recent Uniform Crime
16 Report prepared by the New Jersey Division of State Police and in
17 six municipalities that are located near ports and have significant
18 minority populations, as determined by the Attorney General.
19 Application to the pilot program shall be made on forms and
20 pursuant to procedures prescribed by the department.

21 b. The department shall submit a report evaluating the
22 implementation and operation of the pilot program to the Governor
23 and, pursuant to the provisions of section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164
24 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature within 90 days after the
25 completion of the pilot program. The report shall recommend
26 whether the pilot program should be continued, expanded, or made
27 permanent.
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29 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire upon
30 the filing of the report required pursuant to subsection b. of section
31 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this
32 bill).
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35 STATEMENT

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37 This bill establishes a pilot program in certain municipalities to
38 make grants available to non-profit organizations to perform
39 outreach and provide services to victims of human trafficking.

40 Specifically, under the provisions of this bill, the Department of
41 Law and Public Safety is required to establish a three-year pilot
42 program to make grants available to non-profit organizations to
43 perform outreach in the community and deliver services to victims
44 of human trafficking in conjunction with law enforcement agencies,
45 the Victims of Crime Compensation Office, and other victims'
46 rights organizations.

47 The pilot program is to be established in six urban municipalities
48 with the highest crime index in this State, according to the most

1 recent Uniform Crime Report prepared by the New Jersey Division
2 of State Police and in six municipalities that are located near ports
3 and have significant minority populations, as determined by the
4 Attorney General.

5 Finally, the bill requires the department to submit a report
6 evaluating the effectiveness of the pilot program to the Governor
7 and the Legislature within 90 days after the completion of the pilot
8 program. The report is to recommend whether the pilot program
9 should be continued, expanded, or made permanent.

ASSEMBLY HOMELAND SECURITY AND STATE
PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1727

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 10, 2022

The Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1727.

As reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 1727 establishes a pilot program in certain municipalities to make grants available to non-profit organizations to perform outreach and provide services to victims of human trafficking.

Specifically, under the provisions of the bill, the Department of Law and Public Safety is required to establish a three-year pilot program to make grants available to non-profit organizations to perform outreach in the community and deliver services to victims of human trafficking in conjunction with law enforcement agencies, the Victims of Crime Compensation Office, and other victims' rights organizations.

The pilot program is to be established in six urban municipalities with the highest crime index in this State, according to the most recent Uniform Crime Report prepared by the New Jersey Division of State Police and in six municipalities that are located near ports and have significant minority populations, as determined by the Attorney General.

Finally, the bill requires the department to submit a report evaluating the effectiveness of the pilot program to the Governor and the Legislature within 90 days after the completion of the pilot program. The report is to recommend whether the pilot program should be continued, expanded, or made permanent.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2022-2023 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 1727

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 30, 2023

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1727 (1R).

As reported by the committee, this bill provides that the Attorney General is to utilize the resources of the Department of Law and Public Safety to perform outreach in the community and deliver services to victims of human trafficking in conjunction with other governmental entities, the Victims of Crime Compensation Office, and other victims' rights organizations through means as the Attorney General deems appropriate.

In addition, the bill authorizes the Attorney General to establish, within the limits of available funds, a pilot program to award grants to service providers to perform outreach and deliver services to victims of human trafficking in urban municipalities with the highest crime index in this State and in municipalities that are located near major maritime transportation hubs and have significant minority populations, as determined by the Attorney General.

The bill provides that upon completion, any pilot program is to be evaluated to determine the effectiveness of the pilot program, with a recommendation as to whether the pilot program should be continued, expanded, or made permanent.

As reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 1727(1R) is identical to Senate Bill No. 3300, which also was reported by the committee on this date.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 1727

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 14, 2023

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1727 (1R).

This bill provides that the Attorney General is to utilize the resources of the Department of Law and Public Safety to perform outreach in the community and deliver services to victims of human trafficking in conjunction with other governmental entities, the Victims of Crime Compensation Office, and other victims' rights organizations through means as the Attorney General deems appropriate.

In addition, the bill authorizes the Attorney General to establish, within the limits of available funds, a pilot program to award grants to service providers to perform outreach and deliver services to victims of human trafficking in urban municipalities with the highest crime index in this State and in municipalities that are located near major maritime transportation hubs and have significant minority populations, as determined by the Attorney General.

The bill provides that upon completion, any pilot program is to be evaluated to determine the effectiveness of the pilot program, with a recommendation as to whether the pilot program should be continued, expanded, or made permanent.

As reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 1727 (1R) is identical to Senate Bill No. 3300, which was also reported by the committee on this date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) concludes that this legislation should not result in an increase in State expenditures as the bill requires the Attorney General to utilize the existing resources of the Department of Law and Public Safety (DLPS) to perform outreach in the community, deliver services to victims of human trafficking, award grants through a pilot program, and evaluate the benefits of the pilot program. Absent information from the DLPS, however, the OLS cannot anticipate the resources the department would allocate or to what extent the DLPS may provide grants through a pilot program.

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 1727

with Assembly Floor Amendments
(Proposed by Assemblywoman SPEIGHT)

ADOPTED: MARCH 24, 2022

Assembly Bill No. 1727 establishes a pilot program in certain municipalities to make grants available to non-profit organizations to perform outreach and provide services to victims of human trafficking.

These Assembly amendments remove provisions of the bill that would require the Department of Law and Public Safety to establish a three-year pilot program in certain municipalities.

The Assembly amendments provide that the Attorney General is to utilize the resources of the department to perform outreach in the community and deliver services to victims of human trafficking in conjunction with other governmental entities, through such means as the Attorney General deems appropriate.

In addition, the Assembly amendments authorize the Attorney General to establish, within the limits of available funds, a pilot program to award grants to service providers to perform outreach and deliver services to victims of human trafficking in urban municipalities with the highest crime index in this State and in municipalities located near major maritime transportation hubs.

The Assembly amendments provide that upon completion, any pilot program is to be evaluated to determine the effectiveness of the pilot program, with a recommendation as to whether the pilot program should be continued, expanded, or made permanent.

Finally, the Assembly amendments revise the title and synopsis of the bill to reflect the Assembly amendments.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 1727

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

DATED: OCTOBER 26, 2022

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Requires Attorney General to perform outreach and provide services to victims of human trafficking under certain circumstances.
- Type of Impact:** Potential annual State expenditure increase.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Law and Public Safety.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Annual</u>
Potential State Cost Increase	Indeterminate

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) concludes that this legislation should not result in an increase in State expenditures as the bill requires the Attorney General to utilize the existing resources of the Department of Law and Public Safety (DLPS) to perform outreach in the community, deliver services to victims of human trafficking, award grants through a pilot program, and evaluate the benefits of the pilot program. Absent information from the DLPS, however, the OLS cannot anticipate the resources the department would allocate or to what extent the DLPS may provide grants through a pilot program.

BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill requires the Attorney General to utilize the existing resources of the DLPS to perform outreach in the community and deliver services to victims of human trafficking in conjunction with other governmental entities.

In addition, the bill authorizes the Attorney General to establish, within the limits of available funds, a pilot program to award grants to service providers to perform outreach and deliver services to victims of human trafficking in urban municipalities with the highest crime index in this State and in municipalities located near major maritime transportation hubs.

The bill provides that upon completion, any pilot program is to be evaluated to determine the effectiveness of the pilot program, with a recommendation as to whether the pilot program should be continued, expanded, or made permanent.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS concludes that this legislation should not result in an increase in State expenditures as the bill requires the Attorney General to utilize the existing resources of the DLPS to perform outreach in the community, deliver services to victims of human trafficking, award grants through a pilot program, and evaluate the benefits of the pilot program.

The OLS notes that the existing State of New Jersey Human Trafficking Task Force, affiliated with the Attorney General and the Division of Criminal Justice, may meet the requirements of the bill. The current goals of the Human Trafficking Task Force are to: 1) train and assist law enforcement in methods of identifying victims and signs of trafficking in order to disrupt and interdict this activity; 2) coordinate Statewide efforts in the identification and provision of services to victims of human trafficking; and 3) increase the successful interdiction and prosecution of trafficking of human persons.

The bill requires the DLPS to perform outreach in the community and deliver services to victims of human trafficking in conjunction with other governmental entities, such as the Victims of Crime Compensation Office, and other victims' rights organizations, examples of which include the New Jersey Coalition Against Human Trafficking, the Covenant House of New Jersey in Newark, Catholic Charities, Center for Family Services, Inc., Sanar Wellness Institute, and POLARIS.

Absent information from the DLPS, however, the OLS cannot anticipate the resources the department would allocate or to what extent the DLPS may provide grants through a pilot program.

Human Trafficking Background - Human trafficking is the second-largest criminal industry in the world and is prevalent in all 50 states in the U.S. In 2020 alone, there were 146 reported cases to the National Human Trafficking Hotline in New Jersey. These numbers only reflect cases identified through the Hotline, and does not include cases identified by hospitals, law enforcement, social service agencies, and others who help survivors directly without reporting. According to the DLPS, from 2008 to December 2018, there were 102 human trafficking indictments and 52 convictions in New Jersey.

Section: Law and Public Safety
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Lead Fiscal Analyst
Approved: Thomas Koenig
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer

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.).

SENATE, No. 3300

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED NOVEMBER 3, 2022

Sponsored by:

Senator JEAN STANFIELD

District 8 (Atlantic, Burlington and Camden)

Senator M. TERESA RUIZ

District 29 (Essex)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senators Gill, O'Scanlon and Pou

SYNOPSIS

Requires Attorney General to perform outreach and provide services to victims of human trafficking under certain circumstances.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/8/2024)

1 AN ACT requiring the Attorney General to perform outreach and
2 provide services to victims of human trafficking under certain
3 circumstances and supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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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. a. The Attorney General shall exercise its authority as head
9 of the Department of Law and Public Safety and chief law
10 enforcement officer of the State to utilize the resources of the
11 department to perform outreach in the community and deliver
12 services to victims of human trafficking in conjunction with other
13 governmental entities, the Victims of Crime Compensation Office,
14 and other victims' rights organizations, through means as the
15 Attorney General deems appropriate, including, but not limited to,
16 the use of a Statewide victim service provider or other public
17 agencies or private service providers, component divisions of the
18 department, family justice centers, or any other resources that may
19 be made available for this purpose.

20 b. The Attorney General shall be authorized to establish
21 within the limits of funds made available for this purpose, a pilot
22 program to award grants to service providers to perform outreach
23 and deliver services to victims of human trafficking in urban
24 municipalities with the highest crime index in this State, according
25 to the most recent Uniform Crime Report prepared by the New
26 Jersey Division of State Police and in municipalities that are located
27 near major maritime transportation hubs and have significant
28 minority populations, as determined by the Attorney General.
29 Application to the pilot program shall be made on forms and
30 pursuant to procedures prescribed by the department, and upon
31 completion, any pilot program shall be evaluated to determine the
32 effectiveness of the pilot program, with a recommendation as to
33 whether the pilot program should be continued, expanded, or made
34 permanent.

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36 2. This act shall take effect immediately

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STATEMENT

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41 This bill provides that the Attorney General is to utilize the
42 resources of the Department of Law and Public Safety to perform
43 outreach in the community and deliver services to victims of human
44 trafficking in conjunction with other governmental entities, through
45 such means as the Attorney General deems appropriate.

46 In addition, the bill authorizes the Attorney General to establish,
47 within the limits of available funds, a pilot program to award grants
48 to service providers to perform outreach and deliver services to

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1 victims of human trafficking in urban municipalities with the
2 highest crime index in this State and in municipalities located near
3 major maritime transportation hubs.

4 The bill provides that upon completion, any pilot program is to
5 be evaluated to determine the effectiveness of the pilot program,
6 with a recommendation as to whether the pilot program should be
7 continued, expanded, or made permanent.

SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3300

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 30, 2023

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3300.

As reported by the committee, this bill provides that the Attorney General is to utilize the resources of the Department of Law and Public Safety to perform outreach in the community and deliver services to victims of human trafficking in conjunction with other governmental entities, the Victims of Crime Compensation Office, and other victims' rights organizations through means as the Attorney General deems appropriate.

In addition, the bill authorizes the Attorney General to establish, within the limits of available funds, a pilot program to award grants to service providers to perform outreach and deliver services to victims of human trafficking in urban municipalities with the highest crime index in this State and in municipalities that are located near major maritime transportation hubs and have significant minority populations, as determined by the Attorney General.

The bill provides that upon completion, any pilot program is to be evaluated to determine the effectiveness of the pilot program, with a recommendation as to whether the pilot program should be continued, expanded, or made permanent.

As reported by the committee, Senate Bill No. 3300 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 1727(1R), which also was reported by the committee on this date.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3300

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 14, 2023

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3300.

This bill provides that the Attorney General is to utilize the resources of the Department of Law and Public Safety to perform outreach in the community and deliver services to victims of human trafficking in conjunction with other governmental entities, the Victims of Crime Compensation Office, and other victims' rights organizations through means as the Attorney General deems appropriate.

In addition, the bill authorizes the Attorney General to establish, within the limits of available funds, a pilot program to award grants to service providers to perform outreach and deliver services to victims of human trafficking in urban municipalities with the highest crime index in this State and in municipalities that are located near major maritime transportation hubs and have significant minority populations, as determined by the Attorney General.

The bill provides that upon completion, any pilot program is to be evaluated to determine the effectiveness of the pilot program, with a recommendation as to whether the pilot program should be continued, expanded, or made permanent.

As reported by the committee, Senate Bill No. 3300 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 1727 (1R), which was also reported by the committee on this date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) concludes that this legislation should not result in an increase in State expenditures as the bill requires the Attorney General to utilize the existing resources of the Department of Law and Public Safety to perform outreach in the community, deliver services to victims of human trafficking, award grants through a pilot program, and evaluate the benefits of the pilot program. Absent information from the Department of Law and Public Safety, however, the OLS cannot anticipate the resources the department would allocate or to what extent it may provide grants through a pilot program.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
SENATE, No. 3300
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
220th LEGISLATURE

DATED: FEBRUARY 7, 2023

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Requires Attorney General to perform outreach and provide services to victims of human trafficking under certain circumstances.

Type of Impact: Potential annual State expenditure increase.

Agencies Affected: Department of Law and Public Safety.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Annual</u>
Potential State Cost Increase	Indeterminate

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) concludes that this legislation should not result in an increase in State expenditures as the bill requires the Attorney General to utilize the existing resources of the Department of Law and Public Safety to perform outreach in the community, deliver services to victims of human trafficking, award grants through a pilot program, and evaluate the benefits of the pilot program. Absent information from the Department of Law and Public Safety, however, the OLS cannot anticipate the resources the department would allocate or to what extent it may provide grants through a pilot program.

BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill requires the Attorney General to utilize the existing resources of the Department of Law and Public Safety to perform outreach in the community and deliver services to victims of human trafficking in conjunction with other governmental entities.

In addition, the bill authorizes the Attorney General to establish, within the limits of available funds, a pilot program to award grants to service providers to perform outreach and deliver services to victims of human trafficking in urban municipalities with the highest crime index in this State and in municipalities located near major maritime transportation hubs.

The bill provides that upon completion, any pilot program is to be evaluated to determine the effectiveness of the pilot program, with a recommendation as to whether the pilot program should be continued, expanded, or made permanent.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS concludes that this legislation should not result in an increase in State expenditures as the bill requires the Attorney General to utilize the existing resources of the Department of Law and Public Safety to perform outreach in the community, deliver services to victims of human trafficking, award grants through a pilot program, and evaluate the benefits of the pilot program.

The OLS notes that the existing State of New Jersey Human Trafficking Task Force, affiliated with the Attorney General and the Division of Criminal Justice, may meet the requirements of the bill. The current goals of the Human Trafficking Task Force are to: 1) train and assist law enforcement in methods of identifying victims and signs of trafficking in order to disrupt and interdict this activity; 2) coordinate Statewide efforts in the identification and provision of services to victims of human trafficking; and 3) increase the successful interdiction and prosecution of trafficking of human persons.

The bill requires the department to perform outreach in the community and deliver services to victims of human trafficking in conjunction with other governmental entities, such as the Victims of Crime Compensation Office, and other victims' rights organizations, examples of which include the New Jersey Coalition Against Human Trafficking, the Covenant House of New Jersey in Newark, Catholic Charities, Center for Family Services, Inc., Sanar Wellness Institute, and Polaris.

Absent information from the Department of Law and Public Safety, however, the OLS cannot anticipate the resources the department would allocate or to what extent it may provide grants through a pilot program.

Human Trafficking Background - Human trafficking is the second-largest criminal industry in the world and is prevalent in every state in the United States. New Jersey is considered particularly vulnerable to the proliferation of human trafficking due to its dense population and location along the I-95 corridor. In 2020 alone, there were 146 reported cases to the National Human Trafficking Hotline in New Jersey. These numbers only reflect cases identified through the hotline and do not include cases identified by hospitals, law enforcement, social service agencies, and others who help survivors directly without reporting.

During a 2022 Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee meeting, a representative from the New Jersey Coalition to End Domestic Violence indicated that women are the most likely to be sex trafficked, accounting for 94 percent of cases. Of those cases, 40 percent were Black, and 24 percent were Latina. During the same meeting, a representative from the Department of Law and Public Safety who works with a human trafficking task force out of the State Attorney General's Office indicated that roughly 100 human trafficking cases had been prosecuted in New Jersey from 2017-2022.

Section: Law and Public Safety

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Legislative Budget and Finance Officer

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.).

Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

01/16/2024

TRENTON – Today, Governor Murphy signed the following bills into law:

SCS for S-281/ACS for A-3791 (Greenstein, Turner/Sumter, Reynolds-Jackson) – w/STATEMENT - Concerns automatic fire sprinkler systems within newly constructed townhouses

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S-539wGR/A-2140 (Ruiz, Pou/Reynolds-Jackson, Wimberly, Mosquera) - Permits online purchase of eligible foods using WIC funds and use of WIC funds for grocery delivery charges

S-659/A-2014 (Oroho, Greenstein/Conaway, Wirths, Umba) - “Manufacturing in Higher Education Act”; requires various State entities to promote manufacturing career pathways for students and provides assistance to manufacturing industry

S-1110/A-3936 (Polistina, Singleton/Guardian, Swift, McClellan) - Authorizes CRDA to finance transportation projects between Atlantic City Airport and Atlantic City Tourism District

S-1662/A-3526 (Ruiz, Codey/Lampitt, Benson, Saucikie) - Requires NJ Youth Suicide Prevention Advisory Council to prepare report regarding suicide prevention instruction in public schools

S-1680wGR/A-2257 (Pou, Ruiz/Murphy, Quijano, Wimberly) - Designates each community college in State as provider of allowable services under SNAP employment and training program

S-2076/ACS for A-3319 (Zwicker, Greenstein/McKnight, Lampitt) - Establishes “Twelfth Grade Postsecondary Transition Year Pilot Program” in Department of Education

S-2535wGR/A-4048 (Polistina, Pou/Benson, McKnight, Reynolds-Jackson, Carter) - Requires health benefits coverage of hearing aids and cochlear implants

S-2841/A-4292 (Scutari, Bramnick/Carter) - Raises minimum amount of liability coverage for commercial motor vehicles and autocabs

SCS for S-3080/ACS for-398 (Ruiz, Burgess/Caputo, Giblin, Tucker) - Establishes position of Youth Disconnection Prevention and Recovery Ombudsperson; establishes “School Disconnection Prevention Task Force”; appropriates \$200,000

S-3102/A-4715 (Smith, Singleton/Stanley, Benson) - Establishes uptime requirement for electric vehicle charging station incentive programs

S-3176/A-4760 (Greenstein, Smith/Swain, Haider, Tully) - Requires DEP and Drinking Water Quality Institute to perform study concerning regulation and treatment of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances

SCS for S-3632 and 3649w/GR/ACS for A-1948 (Johnson, Cryan/Haider, Conaway, Quijano) - Requires labeling of non-flushable disposable wipes

S-3758/A-5343 (Cryan/Karabinchak) - Changes deadline for unaffiliated mail-in voters to declare their political party before primary election

S-3837/A-5438 (Pou, Cruz-Perez/Pintor Marin, Wimberly) - Clarifies process for administrative appropriations to UEZs

S-3897/A-5578 (Ruiz, Sarlo/Jasey, Carter, Reynolds-Jackson) - Authorizes Higher Education Student Assistance Authority to award annual summer tuition aid grants

S-4040/A-5881 (Polistina, Lagana/Tully, Guardian, Swift) - Concerns jurisdiction and operations of regional municipal courts

S-4084/A-5851 (Ruiz, Cruz-Perez/Moriarty, Calabrese, Moen) - Concerns temporary registration certificates and license plates

S-4130/A-5849 (Codey/Jasey, Tucker) - Special legislation to change name of “Township of South Orange Village” to “South Orange Village”; changes titles of certain municipal officials; permits nonpartisan municipal elections to be moved to November; permits stipend for governing body members

S-4206/A-5856 (Sarlo/Calabrese) - Changes number of signatures required on primary election petition to nominate certain municipal candidates in certain municipalities

S-4209/A-5879 (Sarlo/Pintor Marin) - Eliminates vote on school budgets for Type II school districts in April elections, except for separate proposals to spend above cap

S-4268/A-5911 (Scutari/Danielsen) - Permits certain special State officers to represent cannabis businesses

A-203/S-2884 (Rooney, Benson, Caputo/A.M. Bucco) - Authorizes creation of special license plates commemorating horse as State animal

A-1100/S-995 (Calabrese, Mukherji, McKnight/Ruiz, Stack) - Requires entities to remove abandoned lines and mark information on certain lines

A-1107/S-770 (Chaparro, Murphy, Mukherji/Pou, Beach) - Directs Chief Technology Officer to conduct study on impacts of redacting handwritten signatures published on State websites; allows for protocols for such redactions to be established by rules and regulations

ACS for A-1255/SS for S-1794 (Stanley, Conaway, Benson/Gopal, Singer) - Updates requirements and standards for authorization and prior authorization of health care services

A-1727/S-3300 (Speight, Reynolds-Jackson, Verrelli/Stanfield, Ruiz) - Requires Attorney General to perform outreach and provide services to victims of human trafficking under certain circumstances

A-1729/S-3550 (Speight, Reynolds-Jackson, McKnight/Greenstein, Ruiz) - Requires AG to address human trafficking in underserved communities

A-1755/S-2505 (McKeon, Calabrese, Conaway/Smith, Greenstein) - Requires installation of operational automatic rain sensor or smart sprinkler as condition of sale of certain real properties, and on certain commercial, retail, and industrial properties and common interest communities within specified timeframes

A-2146wGR/S-855 (Reynolds-Jackson, Wimberly, Sumter/Singleton, Beach) - Creates State business assistance program to establish contracting agency procurement goals for socially and economically disadvantaged business enterprises

A-2581/S-2503 (Lampitt, Park/Beach) - Provides that certain cosmetology and hairstyling courses may be taught using distance learning technology

A-3142/S-1564 (Moen, Moriarty, Benson/Singleton, Corrado) - Authorizes grants to purchase and rehabilitate abandoned homes for homeless veterans

A-3211/S-2302 (Speight, Haider, Swain/Gopal, Ruiz) - Establishes “New Jersey Feminine Hygiene Products for the Homeless Act”

A-3980/S-2706 (Speight, McKnight, Atkins/Zwicker, Turner) - Grants child placed in resource family care and resource family parents the right to be notified when case manager or supervisor is assigned to child; grants child in resource family care right to be notified of certain property and benefits

A-4033wGR/S-2657 (Coughlin, Wimberly/Sarlo, Ruiz) - Extends deadline for completion of school district’s annual audit

A-4049/S-3495 (McKnight, Reynolds-Jackson, Benson/Vitale, Johnson) - Provides for presumptive eligibility for home and community-based services and services provided through program of all-inclusive care for the elderly under Medicaid

A-4105/S-4202 (Lopez, Jimenez, Quijano/Vitale, Turner) - Establishes Interagency Council on Homelessness

A-4183/S-4264 (Haider/Singleton) - Concerns local unit filing requirement for certain shared services agreements

A-4212/S-2762 (Pintor Marin, Reynolds-Jackson, Verrelli/Ruiz, Cunningham) - Establishes Center for Career Relevant Education and Talent Evaluation of New Jersey at Thomas Edison State University

A-4337/S-4156 (Conaway, Atkins, Rooney/Singleton, Pou) - Requires Department of Health to provide information to Statewide 2-1-1 telephone system regarding the location of safe disposal sites for hypodermic syringes and needles and prescription drugs

ACS for A-4496/SCS for S-3247 (Coughlin, Lampitt, Karabinchak, Wimberly/Zwicker, Greenstein) - Revises various provisions of law governing construction of school facilities projects and operations of New Jersey Schools Development Authority; establishes "Charter School and Renaissance School Project Facilities Loan Program" in EDA

A-4522/S-3234 (Moen, McKnight, Quijano/Singer, Singleton) - Requires certain disclosures by sellers of single-family homes with solar panels installed

A-4691/S-1530 (Swain, DeAngelo, Speight/Greenstein, Zwicker) - Requires hazard mitigation plans to include climate change-related threat assessments and hazard prevention and mitigation strategies

A-4723/S-2740 (McKeon, Moriarty, Rooney/Codey, Scutari) - Requires motor vehicle dealer to offer to delete personal information in motor vehicles in certain situations

A-4791/S-3184 (Kennedy, Haider, McKeon/Diegnan, Sarlo) - Establishes "Resiliency and Environmental System Investment Charge Program"

ACS for A-4794/S-3224 (Benson, Mukherji/Singleton, Turner) - Requires request for proposal to establish demonstration projects to develop electric vehicle charging depots serviced by distributed energy resource charging centers for certain electric vehicle use

A-4814/S-1023 (Moen, Wimberly/Singleton, Gopal) - Removes expected family contribution from calculation of financial need under circumstances in which public institutions of higher education may reduce student's institutional financial aid

ACS for A-4821 and 4823wGR/S-3283 (Karabinchak, Conaway, Schaer/Greenstein, Zwicker) - Directs DEP to take certain actions concerning identification and testing of microplastics in drinking water, and requires DEP and BPU to study and promote use of microplastics removal technologies

A-4955/S-3531 (S. Kean, Thomson/Singer, Gopal) - Designates portion of State Highway Route 71 as "John Tarantino Highway"

A-5094/S-3476 (Spearman/Beach, Greenstein) - Concerns licensing of security officer companies

A-5227/S-3662 (Danielsen, Space/Smith, Oroho) - Expands eligibility for "fishing buddy license" fee

A-5285/SCS for S-3708 (Greenwald, Haider, Lopez/Greenstein, A.M. Bucco) - Requires copies of certain law enforcement records to be provided to victims of domestic violence upon request

A-5293/S-3746 (Greenwald, McKnight, Rooney/Gopal, Ruiz) - Concerns New Jersey Civic Information Consortium

A-5311/S-3061 (Verrelli, McKnight, Matsikoudis/Stanfield, Turner) - Enters New Jersey into Counseling Compact

A-5391/S-3765 (DeAngelo/Diegnan, Corrado) - Imposes conditions on drivers approaching disabled vehicles

A-5412/S-3850 (Greenwald, Swain, Jasey/Gopal, Singer) - Establishes nonpublic school transportation program to provide funding to consortiums of nonpublic schools that will assume responsibility for mandated nonpublic school busing

A-5416wGR/S-3883 (Wimberly, Giblin, Haider/Greenstein, Turner) - Requires State Board of Education to authorize alternate route to expedite teacher certification of persons employed as paraprofessionals in school districts

A-5442/S-3793 (Karabinchak, Conaway, McKeon/Smith, Greenstein) - Directs BPU to conduct study to determine feasibility, marketability, and costs of implementing large-scale geothermal heat pump systems in State

A-5462/S-3867 (Coughlin, McKnight, Speight/Vitale, Turner) - Revises law establishing Office of Food Security Advocate, and establishes certain conditions for use of monies appropriated to emergency food organizations

ACS for A-5495/SCS for S-3846 (Danielsen/Scutari, A.M. Bucco) - Clarifies types of firearms allowed to be carried or transported while hunting

A-5516/S-4047 (Reynolds-Jackson, Verrelli, Conaway/Burgess, Turner) - Requires certain health care professionals to undergo bias training

A-5565/S-3971 (S. Kean, Thomson/Gopal) - Provides that 10-year term does not apply to lease of certain municipal properties unless they are waterfront properties or related to waterfront concessions

A-5567/S-3807 (Torrissi, Calabrese/A.M. Bucco, Sarlo) - Extends period of usefulness of fire engines for bonding purposes from 10 to 20 years; eliminates exclusion of passenger cars and station wagons

A-5582/S-3781 (Swain, Simonsen/Lagana, Cryan) - Establishes grant program for NJ YouthBuild programs through DOLWD; makes appropriation

A-5610wGR/S-3954 (Greenwald, Spearman, Chaparro/Beach, A.M. Bucco) - Revises penalties for possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages by underage persons

A-5748/S-4166 (Spearman, Moen, Moriarty/Cruz-Perez, Madden) - Amends definition of "participating county" under County Option Hospital Fee Program

A-5755/S-4183 (Carter, Sumter, Wimberly, Quijano/Scutari, Singleton) - Enhances notice requirements and occupancy restrictions for hotels and multiple dwellings following determination of potentially hazardous condition

A-5799/S-1472 (Moen, Moriarty/Beach, Stack) - Authorizes DOT to establish and administer toll collection and enforcement system on behalf of NJ toll authorities and to enter into reciprocal agreements for enforcement of toll violations with toll authorities from other states

A-5806/S-4165 (Moriarty, Sauickie/Greenstein, Oroho) - Appropriates \$48 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to DEP for State acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes, including Blue Acres projects, and Green Acres Program administrative costs

A-5807/S-4138 (Freiman/Johnson, Schepisi) - Appropriates \$58 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for recreation and conservation purposes to DEP for State capital and park development projects

A-5808/S-4135 (Park, Freiman, Lopez/Beach, Turner) - Appropriates \$15,564,293 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to NJ Historic Trust for grants for certain historic preservation projects and associated administrative expenses

A-5809/S-4097 (Swain, Lopez, Sauickie/Zwicker, Gopal) - Amends lists of projects eligible to receive loans for environmental infrastructure projects from NJ Infrastructure Bank for FY 2024

A-5810/S-4098 (Sampson, Sauickie, Lopez/Greenstein, Stanfield) - Amends lists of environmental infrastructure projects approved for long-term funding by DEP under FY 2024 environmental infrastructure funding program

A-5828/S-4201 (Lopez/Vitale) - Authorizes State Treasurer to sell as surplus certain real property and improvements in Township of Woodbridge in Middlesex County

A-5835/S-4134 (Greenwald, Lampitt/Beach, Turner) - Authorizes regional authority to develop and operate regional rehabilitation and reentry center

A-5836/S-4212 (DeAngelo, Sumter, Wimberly/Gopal, Greenstein) - Makes supplemental appropriation of \$650,000 to New Jersey Division of State Police for trooper recruitment and retention

A-5910/S-4266 (Egan/Codey) - Increases annual salary of certain public employees and officers

AJR-200/SJR-138 (Park, Freiman, Calabrese/Lagana) - Designates November 22 of each year as Kimchi Day

Governor Murphy pocket vetoed the following bills:

S-2989/A-1739 (Pou, Singer/McKeon, Quijano, Flynn) - Makes certain for-profit debt adjusters eligible for licensing to conduct business in State

S-3172/A-4689 (Gopal, Turner/Lampitt, Matsikoudis, McKnight) - Establishes teacher certification route for candidates with Montessori teaching credentials

- S-3287/ACS for A-4852 and 1170 (Turner/Reynolds-Jackson, Jasey, Dunn, Wimberly, Calabrese, Spearman, Verrilli)** - Requires institutions of higher education to maintain supply and develop policy governing use of naloxone hydrochloride nasal spray for opioid overdose emergencies
- A-1476/S-930 (Benson, Dancer/Holzapfel, Diegnan)** - Exempts certain motor vehicles that are owned by certain nutrition programs and certain nonprofit organizations that offer social services from motor vehicle registration fees
- A-3642/S-665 (Wirths, Murphy, Benson, Oroho/Greenstein)** - Requires MVC to place designation on motor vehicle's registration information indicating registrant is deaf
- A-3945/S-1660 (Quijano, Reynolds-Jackson, Carter/Ruiz, Singleton)** - Establishes "Male Teachers of Color Mentorship Pilot Program"; appropriates \$95,000
- A-4177/S-2478 (Mosquera, Swain, McKnight, Tucker, Dunn/Ruiz, Vitale)** - Extends duration of law requiring certain provider subsidy payments for child care services be based on enrollment
- A-4396/S-2927 (Lampitt, Jasey, Caputo/Codey)** - Establishes timelines for review and approval by Commissioner of Education of annual certified audits submitted by approved private schools for students with disabilities
- A-4621/S-3156 (Mosquera, Greenwald, Swain/Madden)** - Requires issuance of report on certain information and data on processing of applications for professional and occupational licenses and mandates review of training and call intake in Division of Consumer Affairs.
- A-4740/S-2970 (Mukherji, DeAngelo, McKnight/Cruz-Perez, Turner)** - Provides employee access to employee's employment records on file with DOLWD
- A-5294/S-1825 (Greenwald, Swain, Rooney/Steinhardt, Sarlo, Doherty)** - Exempts sales of investment metal bullion and investment coins from sales and use tax
- A-5893/S-4228 (Karabinchak, Calabrese, Sauckie/Gopal, Sarlo)** - Extends annual horse racing purse subsidies through State fiscal year 2029