SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 596

A bill to create the human trafficking health advisory board act; to provide for an interdepartmental human trafficking health advisory board; to prescribe the membership of the human trafficking health advisory board; and to prescribe the duties and responsibilities of the human trafficking health advisory board.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "human
- 2 trafficking health advisory board act".
- 3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:
- 4 (a) "Board" means the human trafficking health advisory board
- 5 created in section 3.
- 6 (b) "Human trafficking" means a violation of chapter LXVIIA of
- 7 the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.462a to 750.462j.
- 8 Sec. 3. (1) The human trafficking health advisory board is

- 1 created as an autonomous entity within the department of community
- 2 health. The board shall include all of the following members:
- 3 (a) The director of the department of human services or his or
- 4 her designated representative from within the department of human
- 5 services.
- 6 (b) The director of the department of community health or his
- 7 or her designated representative from within the department of
- 8 community health.
- 9 (c) One individual appointed by the governor from a list of 3
- 10 individuals submitted by the senate majority leader.
- 11 (d) One individual appointed by the governor from a list of 3
- 12 individuals submitted by the speaker of the house of
- 13 representatives.
- 14 (e) One individual who has experience and expertise in the
- 15 field of intervention or prevention of human trafficking or
- 16 treatment of human trafficking survivors.
- 17 (f) Two individuals who are human trafficking survivors and
- 18 who are appointed by the governor.
- 19 (2) The members first appointed to the board under subsection
- 20 (1)(c) to (f) shall be appointed within 90 days after the effective
- 21 date of this act.
- 22 (3) Members of the board appointed under subsection (1)(c) to
- 23 (f) shall serve for terms of 4 years or until a successor is
- 24 appointed, whichever is later.
- 25 (4) If a vacancy occurs on the board, the appointing authority
- 26 shall make an appointment for the unexpired term in the same manner
- 27 as the original appointment.

- 1 (5) The governor may remove a member of the board for
- 2 incompetence, dereliction of duty, malfeasance, misfeasance, or
- 3 nonfeasance in office, or any other good cause.
- 4 (6) The first meeting of the board shall be called within 180
- 5 days after the effective date of this act. Before this first
- 6 meeting, the governor shall appoint the chairperson of the board
- 7 from among the members listed in subsection (1). At the first
- 8 meeting, the board shall elect from among its members a vice-
- 9 chairperson and other officers as it considers necessary or
- 10 appropriate who shall serve 1-year terms and who may be reelected.
- 11 After the first meeting, the board shall meet at least quarterly,
- 12 or more frequently at the call of the chairperson or if requested
- 13 by a majority of the members then serving.
- 14 (7) A majority of the members of the board constitute a quorum
- 15 for the transaction of business at a meeting of the board. A
- 16 majority of the members present and serving are required for the
- 17 official action of the board.
- 18 (8) The business that the board may perform shall be conducted
- 19 at a public meeting of the board held in compliance with the open
- 20 meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.
- 21 (9) A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or
- 22 retained by the board in the performance of an official function is
- 23 subject to the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231
- 24 to 15.246.
- 25 (10) Members of the board shall serve without compensation.
- 26 However, members of the board may be reimbursed for their actual
- 27 and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their

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- 1 official duties as members of the board.
- 2 Sec. 4. The board shall do all of the following:
- 3 (a) Collect and analyze information regarding human
- 4 trafficking in this state.
- 5 (b) Identify state and local agencies within this state and
- 6 other states, as well as within the federal government, that are
- 7 involved with issues relating to human trafficking, and coordinate
- 8 the dissemination of information concerning medical and mental
- 9 health services available to survivors of human trafficking in this
- 10 state.
- 11 (c) Meet annually with local health agencies to review the
- 12 existing services available to assist survivors of human
- 13 trafficking, including crime victim assistance, health care, and
- 14 legal assistance, and establish a program to make those survivors
- 15 better aware of the services that are available to them.
- 16 (d) Establish a program to improve public awareness of medical
- 17 and mental health services available to survivors of human
- 18 trafficking in this state.
- 19 (e) Review existing state laws and administrative rules
- 20 relating to health policies affecting survivors of human
- 21 trafficking and make recommendations to the legislature and state
- 22 agencies to improve those laws and rules to address medical and
- 23 mental health services available to survivors of human trafficking
- 24 in this state.
- 25 (f) File an annual report with the chairs of the committees
- 26 concerned with health policy of the senate and the house of
- 27 representatives regarding its activities under this act. The report

- 1 shall be filed not later than February 1 of each year.
- 2 Enacting section 1. This act does not take effect unless House
- 3 Bill No. 5158 of the 97th Legislature is enacted into law.