

# SENATE BILL No. 596

October 3, 2013, Introduced by Senators ROBERTSON, HANSEN, ANDERSON, GREGORY, WARREN, JANSEN, PROOS, NOFS, JONES, PAPPAGEORGE, ANANICH, HOPGOOD, CASPERSON, MOOLENAAR, BRANDENBURG, MARLEAU, ROCCA, MEEKHOF, CASWELL, BOOHER, COLBECK, YOUNG, HILDENBRAND, KAHN, RICHARDVILLE, BIEDA and EMMONS and referred to the Committee on Families, Seniors and Human Services.

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

3           Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4           (a) "Board" means the human trafficking board created in  
5 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 board is created as an  
9 autonomous entity within the department of state police. The board

1 shall include all of the following members:

2 (a) The governor or his or her designated representative from  
3 within the office of the governor.

4 (b) The state attorney general or his or her designated  
5 representative from within the department of attorney general.

6 (c) The director of the department of state police or his or  
7 her designated representative from within the department of state  
8 police.

9 (d) The director of the department of human services or his or  
10 her designated representative from within the department of human  
11 services.

12 (e) The director of the department of community health or his  
13 or her designated representative from within the department of  
14 community health.

15 (f) The director of the department of licensing and regulatory  
16 affairs or his or her designated representative from within the  
17 department of licensing and regulatory affairs.

18 (g) One individual appointed by the senate majority leader.

19 (h) One individual appointed by the senate minority leader.

20 (i) One individual appointed by the speaker of the house of  
21 representatives.

22 (j) One individual appointed by the minority leader of the  
23 house of representatives.

24 (k) One individual who is a circuit court judge and who is  
25 appointed by the governor.

26 (l) One individual who is a county prosecuting attorney and who  
27 is appointed by the governor.

1 (m) One individual who is a police officer and who is  
2 appointed by the governor.

3 (2) The members first appointed to the board under subsection  
4 (1)(g) to (m) shall be appointed within 90 days after the effective  
5 date of this act.

6 (3) Members of the board appointed under subsection (1)(g) to  
7 (h) shall serve for terms of 4 years or until a successor is  
8 appointed, whichever is later.

9 (4) If a vacancy occurs on the board, the appointing authority  
10 shall make an appointment for the unexpired term in the same manner  
11 as the original appointment.

12 (5) The governor may remove a member of the board for  
13 incompetence, dereliction of duty, malfeasance, misfeasance, or  
14 nonfeasance in office, or any other good cause.

15 (6) The first meeting of the board shall be called by January  
16 1, 2014. At the first meeting, the board shall elect from among its  
17 members a chairperson and other officers as it considers necessary  
18 or appropriate. After the first meeting, the board shall meet at  
19 least quarterly, or more frequently at the call of the chairperson  
20 or if requested by a majority of the members then serving.

21 (7) A majority of the members of the board constitute a quorum  
22 for the transaction of business at a meeting of the board. A  
23 majority of the members present and serving are required for the  
24 official action of the board.

25 (8) The business that the board may perform shall be conducted  
26 at a public meeting of the board held in compliance with the open  
27 meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.

1           (9) A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or  
2 retained by the board in the performance of an official function is  
3 subject to the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231  
4 to 15.246.

5           (10) Members of the board shall serve without compensation.  
6 However, members of the board may be reimbursed for their actual  
7 and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their  
8 official duties as members of the board.

9           Sec. 4. The board shall do all of the following:

10           (a) Collect and analyze information regarding human  
11 trafficking in this state.

12           (b) Identify state and local agencies within this state and  
13 other states, as well as within the federal government, that are  
14 involved with issues relating to human trafficking, and coordinate  
15 the dissemination of information regarding human trafficking in  
16 this state to those agencies.

17           (c) Review the existing services available to assist victims  
18 of human trafficking, including crime victim assistance, health  
19 care, and legal assistance, and establish a program to make those  
20 victims better aware of the services that are available to them.

21           (d) Establish a program to improve public awareness of human  
22 trafficking.

23           (e) Review existing state laws and administrative rules  
24 relating to human trafficking and make recommendations to the  
25 legislature to improve those laws and rules to address human  
26 trafficking violations in this state.

27           (f) File an annual report with the secretary of the senate and

1 the clerk of the house of representatives regarding its activities  
2 under this act. The report shall be filed not later than February 1  
3 of each year.