

# SENATE BILL 1018

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By: **Senator Lee**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Human Trafficking Victims – Establishment of Workgroup**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Workgroup to Study Single–Point Entry for Services  
4 and Criminal Immunity for Victims of Human Trafficking; providing for the purpose,  
5 composition, chair, and staffing of the Workgroup; prohibiting a member of the  
6 Workgroup from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement  
7 of certain expenses; requiring the Workgroup to study and make recommendations  
8 regarding certain matters; requiring the Workgroup to submit preliminary reports  
9 on its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on  
10 or before certain dates; requiring the Workgroup to submit a final report on its  
11 findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or  
12 before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating  
13 to resources for human trafficking victims.

14 BY adding to

15 Article – State Government

16 Section 9–3301 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 33. Workgroup to Study  
17 Single–Point Entry for Services and Criminal Immunity for Victims of Human  
18 Trafficking”

19 Annotated Code of Maryland

20 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
22 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

23 **Article – State Government**

24 **SUBTITLE 33. WORKGROUP TO STUDY SINGLE–POINT ENTRY FOR SERVICES AND**  
25 **CRIMINAL IMMUNITY FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **9-3301.**

2 (A) THERE IS A WORKGROUP TO STUDY SINGLE-POINT ENTRY FOR  
3 SERVICES AND CRIMINAL IMMUNITY FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

4 (B) THE PURPOSE OF THE WORKGROUP IS TO STUDY ISSUES RELATING TO  
5 A SINGLE POINT OF ENTRY FOR MINORS WHO ARE VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

6 (C) THE WORKGROUP CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

7 (1) TWO MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY  
8 THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

9 (2) TWO MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY  
10 THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;

11 (3) THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION, OR THE SECRETARY'S  
12 DESIGNEE;

13 (4) THE SECRETARY OF JUVENILE SERVICES, OR THE SECRETARY'S  
14 DESIGNEE;

15 (5) THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, OR THE  
16 SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

17 (6) THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN RESOURCES, OR THE SECRETARY'S  
18 DESIGNEE;

19 (7) THE SECRETARY OF STATE POLICE, OR THE SECRETARY'S  
20 DESIGNEE; AND

21 (8) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR'S  
22 OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION:

23 (I) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
24 CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION;

25 (II) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT  
26 AGENCY;

27 (III) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND JUDICIAL  
28 CONFERENCE;

(IV) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF TURNAROUND INC.;

(V) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF FAIRGIRLS;

(VI) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF COURTNEY'S HOUSE;

(VII) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND  
SAFE CENTER; AND

(VIII) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND  
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK.

(D) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIR OF THE WORKGROUP.

(E) THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION  
SHALL PROVIDE STAFF FOR THE WORKGROUP.

(F) A MEMBER OF THE WORKGROUP:

(1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE  
WORKGROUP; BUT

(2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE  
STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(G) THE WORKGROUP SHALL:

(1) DESIGN A PLAN THAT WILL CREATE A SINGLE POINT OF ENTRY  
FOR MINORS WHO ARE VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING;

(2) STUDY THE POTENTIAL COST OF A PROGRAM PROVIDING A SINGLE  
POINT OF ENTRY FOR MINORS WHO ARE VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING; AND

(3) STUDY THE POTENTIAL FOR PROVIDING IMMUNITY IN  
CONNECTION WITH PARTICIPATION IN SERVICES FOR MINORS WHO ARE THE  
VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH CRIMINAL  
OFFENSES OR DELINQUENT ACTS.

(H) (1) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2017, THE WORKGROUP SHALL  
SUBMIT A FIRST PRELIMINARY REPORT ON ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS  
TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

1           **(2) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2018, THE WORKGROUP SHALL**  
2 **SUBMIT A SECOND PRELIMINARY REPORT ON ITS FINDINGS AND**  
3 **RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF**  
4 **THIS ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

5           **(3) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2019, THE WORKGROUP SHALL**  
6 **SUBMIT A FINAL REPORT ON ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE**  
7 **GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE GENERAL**  
8 **ASSEMBLY.**

9           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
10 1, 2017. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of June 30, 2020,  
11 with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and  
12 of no further force and effect.