

Representative Ryan D. Wilcox proposes the following substitute bill:

HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION PROGRAM

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Ryan D. Wilcox

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates a human trafficking educational program in an institution of higher education.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- directs each institution of higher education to contract with a non-profit organization to provide a human trafficking educational program to first year students;
- describes the required components of the program; and
- requires the institution of higher education to pay the cost of the program.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

53B-16-112, Utah Code Annotated 1953



Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **53B-16-112** is enacted to read:

53B-16-112. Human trafficking educational program or series.

(1) Beginning July 1, 2023, an institution of higher education shall offer to each student in the student's first year of study an educational program regarding the prevention of human trafficking and exploitation.

(2) An institution of higher education shall:

(a) provide a course or program that specializes in outreach and educational programming about human trafficking and exploitation;

(b) offer the course or program at least three times each year in a format chosen by the institution of higher education; and

(c) ensure the course or program is taught by professionals with experience in investigation, prosecution, and victim advocacy related to human trafficking.

(3) As part of the program, the course shall include:

(a) consistent with state law, the definitions of human trafficking, sex trafficking, and labor trafficking;

(b) an explanation of the grooming cycle;

(c) examples of trafficker behavior;

(d) risk factors for becoming a victim of human trafficking;

(e) a demonstration showing that human trafficking can happen to any individual;

(f) steps to protect against becoming a victim of human trafficking; and

(g) how to prevent and report human trafficking.