

SENATE BILL 1017

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By: **Senator Lee**

Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2017

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – Human Trafficking Advisory Council – Establishment**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Human Trafficking Advisory Council to
4 serve as a nongovernmental advisory body to certain bodies regarding human
5 trafficking in the State and outside the State; providing for the duties of the Council;
6 providing for the composition, chair, staffing, and terms of the membership on the
7 Council; requiring the Council to meet at certain times; requiring the Council to
8 submit a certain report on or before certain dates; prohibiting a member of the
9 Council from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of
10 certain expenses; requiring the Governor to appoint the initial members of the
11 Council within a certain time period; providing for the termination of this Act; and
12 generally relating to the Human Trafficking Advisory Council.

13 BY adding to

14 Article – State Government
15 Section 9–3213
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – State Government**

21 **9–3213.**

22 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
23 INDICATED.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(2) "COUNCIL" MEANS THE MARYLAND HUMAN TRAFFICKING ADVISORY COUNCIL.

(3) "GOCCP" MEANS THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION.

(4) "TASK FORCE" MEANS THE MARYLAND HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE.

(B) (1) THERE IS A MARYLAND HUMAN TRAFFICKING ADVISORY COUNCIL.

(2) THE COUNCIL SHALL PROVIDE ADVICE AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOCCP, THE TASK FORCE, AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

(C) (1) THE COUNCIL CONSISTS OF BETWEEN 8 AND 14 SURVIVORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

(2) (I) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, MEMBERS APPOINTED TO THE COUNCIL SHALL HAVE DIRECT EXPERIENCE WITH ISSUES OF TRAFFICKING IN THE STATE EITHER THROUGH PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OR THROUGH WORKING WITH SURVIVORS IN THE STATE.

(II) MEMBERS APPOINTED TO THE COUNCIL SHALL REFLECT THE GEOGRAPHIC, RACIAL, ETHNIC, CULTURAL, AND GENDER DIVERSITY OF SURVIVORS OF TRAFFICKING IN THE STATE.

(III) MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL SHALL INCLUDE:

- 1. SURVIVORS OF SEX TRAFFICKING;**
- 2. SURVIVORS OF LABOR TRAFFICKING;**
- 3. SURVIVORS WHO WERE TRAFFICKED AS CHILDREN;**
- AND**
- 4. SURVIVORS WHO WERE TRAFFICKED AS ADULTS.**

(3) THE CHAIR OF THE VICTIM SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE TASK FORCE, OR THE CHAIR'S DESIGNEE, SHALL CHAIR THE COUNCIL.

(D) COUNCIL MEMBERS SHALL SERVE FOR TERMS OF 2 YEARS AND MAY BE REAPPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR TO SERVE ADDITIONAL 2-YEAR TERMS.

(E) THE COUNCIL SHALL:

(1) SERVE AS A NONGOVERNMENTAL ADVISORY BODY TO THE GOCCP, THE TASK FORCE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND OTHER STATE, COUNTY, OR LOCAL BODIES AS NEEDED;

(2) MEET AT LEAST ONCE ANNUALLY TO REVIEW STATE GOVERNMENT POLICY AND PROGRAMS INTENDED TO COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING, INCLUDING PROGRAMS RELATED TO THE PROVISIONS OF SERVICES FOR VICTIMS, AS WELL AS TO SERVE AS A POINT OF CONTACT FOR STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES REACHING OUT TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING EXPERTS FOR INPUT ON PROGRAMMING AND POLICIES RELATING TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THE STATE AND OUTSIDE THE STATE;

(3) MEET NO LATER THAN 45 DAYS BEFORE THE LAST MEETING OF THE YEAR OF THE TASK FORCE STEERING COMMITTEE TO PREPARE FORMAL PRESENTATION OF COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE TASK FORCE;

(4) SERVE AS A RESOURCE TO STATE, COUNTY, AND LOCAL ENTITIES FOR VETTING AND PROVIDING INSIGHT ON POLICY OR PROGRAMS RELATED TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING; AND

(5) FORMULATE ASSESSMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENSURE THAT STATE POLICY AND PROGRAMMING EFFORTS CONFORM, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, TO BEST PRACTICES IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION.

(F) ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2017, AND EVERY ODD-NUMBERED YEAR THEREAFTER, THE COUNCIL SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT THAT CONTAINS THE FINDINGS DERIVED FROM ANY REVIEWS CONDUCTED UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION TO THE GOCCP, THE CHAIR OF THE TASK FORCE, AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE THIS ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

(G) A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL:

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

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

1 **(H) (1) THE CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIMS INITIATIVE AT THE**
2 **UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK SHALL PROVIDE STAFF**
3 **SUPPORT FOR THE COUNCIL.**

4 **(2) THE CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIMS INITIATIVE MAY**
5 **REQUEST STAFFING ASSISTANCE FROM THE GOCCP.**

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before 180 days after
7 the enactment of this Act, the Governor shall appoint the initial members of the Council.

8 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
9 1, 2017. It shall remain effective for a period of 6 years and 1 month and, at the end of June
10 30, 2023, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
11 abrogated and of no further force and effect.