

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS26446

Creates a new section under Title 18, Chapter 86, "Safe Harbor Provisions," which provides protections for minor victims of human trafficking from criminal prosecution or juvenile proceedings for nonviolent offenses where committing the offense was a direct result of being a victim of human trafficking. The new section also provides an affirmative defense for identified nonviolent offenses for adult victims of human trafficking where the nonviolent offense was committed as a direct result of being a victim of human trafficking.

FISCAL NOTE

It is possible that previously uncharged conduct could result in an increase in the number of identified victims creating a fiscal impact on the county court systems. Many of these victims are already identified in the system and eligible for services unrelated to their status as a victim, so the overall impact would likely be minimal.

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