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House Committees

Public Health Care & Human Services

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING CHILD ABUSE INVOLVING HUMAN TRAFFICKING OF**
102 **MINORS.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

The bill amends the statutory definition of "child abuse or neglect" to include any case in which a child is subjected to human trafficking for involuntary servitude or human trafficking for sexual servitude.

If a county or district department of human or social services (county department) reasonably believes that a child has been subjected to human trafficking, it shall immediately offer social services to the child

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

and to his or her family, and the county department may file a petition in court on behalf of the child. If immediate removal is necessary to protect the child or other children under the same care from further abuse, the child or children may be placed in protective custody.

The department of human services and each county department shall implement a uniform screening tool that includes questions that are intended to identify children who are victims of human trafficking for involuntary servitude or human trafficking for sexual servitude or who are at risk of being such victims.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-1-103, **add** (1) (a)
3 (VIII) and (23.5) as follows:

4 **19-1-103. Definitions - repeal.** As used in this title or in the
5 specified portion of this title, unless the context otherwise requires:

6 (1) (a) "Abuse" or "child abuse or neglect", as used in part 3 of
7 article 3 of this title, means an act or omission in one of the following
8 categories that threatens the health or welfare of a child:

9 (VIII) ANY CASE IN WHICH A CHILD IS SUBJECTED TO HUMAN
10 TRAFFICKING OF A MINOR FOR ■ ■ SEXUAL SERVITUDE, AS DESCRIBED IN
11 SECTION 18-3-504, C.R.S.

12 (23.5) "COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN"
13 INVOLVES CRIMES OF A SEXUAL NATURE COMMITTED AGAINST JUVENILE
14 VICTIMS FOR FINANCIAL OR OTHER ECONOMIC REASONS.

15 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-3-308, **add** (4) (c)
16 as follows:

17 **19-3-308. Action upon report of intrafamilial, institutional, or**
18 **third-party abuse - investigations - child protection team - rules.**

19 (4) (c) UPON THE RECEIPT OF A REPORT, IF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT
20 ASSESSMENT CONCLUDES THAT A CHILD HAS BEEN A VICTIM OF

1 INTRAFAMILIAL, INSTITUTIONAL, OR THIRD-PARTY ABUSE OR NEGLECT IN
2 WHICH HE OR SHE HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING OF A █
3 █ MINOR FOR SEXUAL SERVITUDE, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 18-3-504,
4 C.R.S.; OR COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD, IT SHALL,
5 WHEN NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE, IMMEDIATELY OFFER SOCIAL
6 SERVICES TO THE CHILD WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF THE REPORT AND TO HIS
7 OR HER FAMILY, AND IT MAY FILE A PETITION IN THE JUVENILE COURT OR
8 THE DISTRICT COURT WITH JUVENILE JURISDICTION ON BEHALF OF SUCH
9 CHILD. IF, AT ANY TIME AFTER THE COMMENCEMENT OF AN
10 INVESTIGATION, THE INVESTIGATOR HAS REASONABLE CAUSE TO SUSPECT
11 THAT THE CHILD OR ANY OTHER CHILD UNDER THE SAME CARE IS A VICTIM
12 OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING, THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT SHALL NOTIFY THE
13 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AS SOON AS IT IS REASONABLY
14 PRACTICABLE TO DO SO. █ IF IMMEDIATE REMOVAL IS NECESSARY TO
15 PROTECT THE CHILD OR OTHER CHILDREN UNDER THE SAME CARE FROM
16 FURTHER ABUSE, THE CHILD OR CHILDREN MAY BE PLACED IN PROTECTIVE
17 CUSTODY IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTIONS 19-3-401 (1) (a) AND 19-3-405.

18 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 19-3-317 as
19 follows:

20 **19-3-317. Screening tool - human trafficking.** ON AND AFTER
21 THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION, PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL
22 "PREVENTING SEX TRAFFICKING AND STRENGTHENING FAMILIES ACT",
23 PUB.L. 113-183, THE DEPARTMENT AND EACH COUNTY DEPARTMENT, AS
24 DEFINED IN SECTION 19-1-103 (32) (a), SHALL IMPLEMENT A UNIFORM
25 SCREENING TOOL THAT INCLUDES QUESTIONS THAT ARE INTENDED TO
26 IDENTIFY CHILDREN WHO ARE VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING OF A █ █
27 MINOR FOR SEXUAL SERVITUDE, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 18-3-504,

1 C.R.S., OR COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD, OR WHO ARE
2 AT RISK OF BEING SUCH VICTIMS.

3 **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
4 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
5 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
6 10, 2016, if adjournment sine die is on May 11, 2016); except that, if a
7 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
8 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
9 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
10 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
11 November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
12 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.