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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number: S. 0183 As signed by the Governor on June 8, 2015
 Author: Hayes
 Requestor: Senate Judiciary
 Date: July 16, 2015
 Subject: Human Trafficking
 RFA Analyst(s): Gardner

Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17
State Expenditure		
General Fund	Minimal	N/A
Other and Federal	\$0	N/A
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	N/A	N/A
Other and Federal	N/A	N/A
Local Expenditure	N/A	N/A
Local Revenue	N/A	N/A

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill will have minimal expenditure impact on the General Fund, with affected agencies able to absorb any additional costs within their current level of funding. The bill will have no expenditure impact on Federal Funds or Other Funds.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

State Expenditure

This bill amends existing statutes related to human trafficking to provide that persons who give or offer an item of value to a trafficking victim for the purposes of engaging in commercial sexual activity shall be considered traffickers. A trafficking victim convicted of a violation of trafficking in persons or prostitution may motion the court to vacate the conviction. Trafficking victims who are minors may not be subject to prosecution under certain circumstances for trafficking in persons or prostitution. For businesses involved in trafficking, a court may consider disgorgement of profit or disbarment from government contracts. A court may order restitution for trafficking victims in an amount representing the value of the victim's labor or services and include attorney's fees. The task force on trafficking in persons may make grants or contracts to develop or expand victims' service programs to the extent that funds are appropriated.

Judicial Department. The Judicial Department reports that the implementation of this bill may result in an increase in hearings related to human trafficking. However, minimal expenditure impact is expected, and any increased expenditures would likely be absorbed within the agency's current level of General Fund appropriations.

Attorney General's Office. The Attorney General's Office indicates this act will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

State Revenue

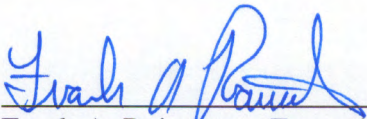
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Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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