

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1731

Introduced by Assembly Member Atkins

January 28, 2016

An act to add Section 236.13 to the Penal Code, relating to human trafficking.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1731, as introduced, Atkins. Human trafficking: Statewide Interagency Human Trafficking Task Force.

Under existing law, anyone who deprives or violates the personal liberty of another with the intent to obtain forced labor or services, or with the intent to effect a violation of specified sex crimes is guilty of human trafficking. Under existing law, any person who causes a minor to engage in a commercial sex act, with the intent to violate specified sex crimes, is guilty of human trafficking.

This bill would create the Statewide Interagency Human Trafficking Task Force, as provided, and would require the task force to gather statewide data on sex and labor traffickers, sex buyers, and human trafficking victims, to recommend interagency protocols and best practices for training and outreach to law enforcement, victim service providers, and other state and private sector employees likely to encounter sex trafficking, and to evaluate and implement approaches to increase public awareness about human trafficking.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 236.13 is added to the Penal Code, to
2 read:
3 236.13. (a) The Statewide Interagency Human Trafficking
4 Task Force is hereby created, consisting of representatives from
5 all of the following agencies:
6 (1) The Department of Justice.
7 (2) The State Department of Social Services.
8 (3) The Children and Family Services Division of the State
9 Department of Social Services.
10 (4) The Labor and Workforce Development Agency.
11 (5) The State Department of Public Health.
12 (6) The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.
13 (7) The State Department of Education.
14 (8) The Judicial Council.
15 (b) The task force shall do all of the following:
16 (1) Gather statewide data on sex and labor traffickers, sex
17 buyers, and human trafficking victims, including statistics on
18 prosecution of offenders as well as services provided to victims,
19 including commercially sexually exploited children.
20 (2) Recommend interagency protocols and best practices for
21 training and outreach to the law enforcement community, victim
22 service providers, and other state or private sector employees likely
23 to encounter sex trafficking, such as educators and hotel workers.
24 (3) Evaluate and implement approaches to increase public
25 awareness about human trafficking and make new
26 recommendations on these approaches.

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