

1                                    A bill to be entitled  
 2                    An act relating to trust funds; creating s. 787.0611,  
 3                    F.S.; creating within the Department of Legal Affairs  
 4                    the Florida Compensation Trust Fund for Survivors of  
 5                    Human Trafficking; providing for the purposes and  
 6                    sources of funds of the trust fund; providing for  
 7                    administration of the fund by the Statewide Council on  
 8                    Human Trafficking; requiring the fund to develop  
 9                    certain guidelines and plans; requiring an annual  
 10                    report; requiring that applications for compensation  
 11                    be made available in English and Spanish; providing  
 12                    for future review and termination or re-creation of  
 13                    the trust fund; providing a contingent effective date.

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 15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 17                    Section 1.    Section 787.0611, Florida Statutes, is created  
 18 to read:

19                    787.0611 The Florida Compensation Trust Fund for Survivors  
 20 of Human Trafficking.-

21                    (1) There is created a trust fund within the Department of  
 22 Legal Affairs to be known as the Florida Compensation Trust Fund  
 23 for Survivors of Human Trafficking.

24                    (2) The purpose of the fund is to receive and administer  
 25 funds from civil actions brought on behalf of the fund under s.

26 | 787.061, including money from seizures of personal and real  
 27 | property, penalties imposed by the courts, or received from any  
 28 | other public or private sources or from the Legislature; to  
 29 | administer claims for compensation by survivors of human  
 30 | trafficking; and to create a public-private partnership by  
 31 | establishing a 501(c)(3) foundation for receipt of charitable  
 32 | contributions to carry out the foundation's purposes, including  
 33 | but not limited to:

34 |       (a) Educating the public about the recruitment,  
 35 | trafficking, and exploitation of persons through human  
 36 | trafficking.

37 |       (b) Assisting in the prevention of recruitment in Florida  
 38 | schools of minors for exploitation.

39 |       (c) Establishment of a survivors' resource center for  
 40 | legal services, social services, safe harbors, safe houses, and  
 41 | language services that are available to survivors of  
 42 | trafficking.

43 |       (d) Advertising the National Human Trafficking Resource  
 44 | Center (NHTRC) hotline number and the Be Free Text Line in  
 45 | diverse venues.

46 |       (e) Assisting in the coordination between law enforcement  
 47 | and service providers.

48 |       (f) Assisting in vacating the convictions of minors who  
 49 | were victims of trafficking.

50 |       (3) The fund shall be administered by the Statewide

51 Council on Human Trafficking, as created by s. 16.617, Florida  
 52 Statutes, to fairly evaluate and pay compensation claims based  
 53 upon a victim's circumstances and the availability of current  
 54 funds or funds to be received.

55 (4) The council shall establish rules, guidelines, and an  
 56 implementation plan and file a copy with the Department of Legal  
 57 Affairs and subsequent changes or amendments thereto shall  
 58 likewise be filed when adopted.

59 (5) The council shall issue an annual report no later than  
 60 October 1 of each year to the President of the Senate and the  
 61 Speaker of the House of Representatives detailing the fund's  
 62 compliance with its duties during the prior fiscal year.

63 (6) The council shall make applications for compensation  
 64 available in English and in Spanish.

65 (7) In accordance with s. 19(f)(2), Art. III of the State  
 66 Constitution, the trust fund shall, unless terminated sooner, be  
 67 terminated on July 1, 2021. Before its scheduled termination,  
 68 the trust fund shall be reviewed as provided in s. 215.3206(1)  
 69 and (2).

70 Section 2. This act shall take effect on the same date  
 71 that HB 1165 or similar legislation takes effect, if such  
 72 legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an  
 73 extension thereof and becomes a law, and only if this act is  
 74 enacted by a three-fifths vote of the membership of each house  
 75 of the Legislature.