

**HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 596**

A bill to create the human trafficking health advisory board act; to provide for an interdepartmental human trafficking health advisory board; to prescribe the membership of the human trafficking health advisory board; and to prescribe the duties and responsibilities of the human trafficking health advisory board.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "human
2 trafficking health advisory board act".

3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Board" means the human trafficking health advisory board
5 created in section 3.

6 (b) "Human trafficking" means a violation of chapter LXVIIA of
7 the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.462a to 750.462j.

1 Sec. 3. (1) The human trafficking health advisory board is
2 created as an autonomous entity within the department of community
3 health. The board shall include all of the following members:

4 (a) The director of the department of human services or his or
5 her designated representative from within the department of human
6 services.

7 (b) The director of the department of community health or his
8 or her designated representative from within the department of
9 community health.

10 (c) One individual appointed by the governor from a list of 3
11 individuals submitted by the senate majority leader.

12 (d) One individual appointed by the governor from a list of 3
13 individuals submitted by the speaker of the house of
14 representatives.

15 (e) One individual who has experience and expertise in the
16 field of intervention or prevention of human trafficking or
17 treatment of human trafficking survivors.

18 (f) Two individuals who are human trafficking survivors and
19 who are appointed by the governor.

20 (2) The members first appointed to the board under subsection
21 (1)(c) to (f) shall be appointed within 90 days after the effective
22 date of this act.

23 (3) Of the members initially appointed under this act, 1
24 member shall be appointed for a term that expires on December 31,
25 2015, 1 member shall be appointed for a term that expires on
26 December 31, 2016, 1 member shall be appointed for a term that
27 expires on December 31, 2017, and 2 members shall be appointed for

1 terms that expire on December 31, 2018. At the expiration of an
2 initial appointment, a member shall be appointed for a term of 4
3 years.

4 (4) A member who attends less than 66 percent of the scheduled
5 meetings of the board in any calendar year shall be considered to
6 have vacated his or her appointment. Upon notification of a vacancy
7 under this subsection or any other vacancy, the governor shall fill
8 the vacancy in the same manner as the original appointment.

9 (5) The governor may remove a member of the board for
10 incompetence, dereliction of duty, malfeasance, misfeasance, or
11 nonfeasance in office, or any other good cause.

12 (6) The first meeting of the board shall be called not more
13 than 180 days after the effective date of this act. Before this
14 first meeting, the governor shall appoint the chairperson of the
15 board from among the members listed in subsection (1). At the first
16 meeting, the board shall elect from among its members a vice-
17 chairperson and other officers as it considers necessary or
18 appropriate who shall serve 1-year terms and who may be reelected.
19 After the first meeting, the board shall meet at least quarterly,
20 or more frequently at the call of the chairperson or if requested
21 by a majority of the members then serving.

22 (7) A majority of the members of the board constitute a quorum
23 for the transaction of business at a meeting of the board. A
24 majority of the members present and serving are required for the
25 official action of the board.

26 (8) The business that the board may perform shall be conducted
27 at a public meeting of the board held in compliance with the open

1 meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.

2 (9) A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or
3 retained by the board in the performance of an official function is
4 subject to the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231
5 to 15.246.

6 (10) Members of the board shall serve without compensation.
7 However, members of the board may be reimbursed for their actual
8 and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their
9 official duties as members of the board.

10 Sec. 4. The board shall do all of the following:

11 (a) Collect and analyze information concerning medical and
12 mental health services available to survivors of human trafficking
13 in this state.

14 (b) Identify state and local agencies within this state and
15 other states, as well as within the federal government, that are
16 involved with issues relating to human trafficking, and coordinate
17 the dissemination of information concerning medical and mental
18 health services available to survivors of human trafficking in this
19 state.

20 (c) Meet annually with local health agencies to review the
21 existing services available to assist survivors of human
22 trafficking, including crime victim assistance, health care, and
23 legal assistance, and establish a program to make those survivors
24 better aware of the services that are available to them.

25 (d) Establish a program to improve public awareness of medical
26 and mental health services available to survivors of human
27 trafficking in this state.

1 (e) Review existing state laws and administrative rules
2 relating to health policies affecting survivors of human
3 trafficking and make recommendations to the legislature and state
4 agencies to improve those laws and rules to address medical and
5 mental health services available to survivors of human trafficking
6 in this state.

7 (f) File an annual report with the chairs of the committees
8 concerned with health policy of the senate and the house of
9 representatives regarding its activities under this act. The report
10 shall be filed not later than February 1 of each year.

11 (g) File an annual report with the Michigan domestic violence
12 and treatment board concerning the human trafficking health
13 advisory board's activities under this act no later than February 1
14 of each year.

15 Sec. 5. The board shall coordinate its efforts with those of
16 the human trafficking commission established under section 3 of the
17 human trafficking commission act, 2014 PA 325, MCL 752.973.

18 Enacting section 1. This act takes effect January 14, 2015.