

**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.

8 Sec. 3. (1) The human trafficking health advisory board is

1 created as an autonomous entity within the department of community
2 health. The board shall include all of the following members:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 (3) Members of the board appointed under subsection (1)(c) to
23 (f) shall serve for terms of 4 years or until a successor is
24 appointed, whichever is later.

25 (4) If a vacancy occurs on the board, the appointing authority
26 shall make an appointment for the unexpired term in the same manner
27 as the original appointment.

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

4 (6) The first meeting of the board shall be called within 180
5 days after the effective date of this act. Before this first
6 meeting, the governor shall appoint the chairperson of the board
7 from among the members listed in subsection (1). At the first
8 meeting, the board shall elect from among its members a vice-
9 chairperson and other officers as it considers necessary or
10 appropriate who shall serve 1-year terms and who may be reelected.
11 After the first meeting, the board shall meet at least quarterly,
12 or more frequently at the call of the chairperson or if requested
13 by a majority of the members then serving.

14 (7) A majority of the members of the board constitute a quorum
15 for the transaction of business at a meeting of the board. A
16 majority of the members present and serving are required for the
17 official action of the board.

18 (8) The business that the board may perform shall be conducted
19 at a public meeting of the board held in compliance with the open
20 meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.

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

25 (10) Members of the board shall serve without compensation.
26 However, members of the board may be reimbursed for their actual
27 and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their

1 official duties as members of the board.

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

3 (a) Collect and analyze information regarding human
4 trafficking in this state.

5 (b) Identify state and local agencies within this state and
6 other states, as well as within the federal government, that are
7 involved with issues relating to human trafficking, and coordinate
8 the dissemination of information concerning medical and mental
9 health services available to survivors of human trafficking in this
10 state.

11 (c) Meet annually with local health agencies to review the
12 existing services available to assist survivors of human
13 trafficking, including crime victim assistance, health care, and
14 legal assistance, and establish a program to make those survivors
15 better aware of the services that are available to them.

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

19 (e) Review existing state laws and administrative rules
20 relating to health policies affecting survivors of human
21 trafficking and make recommendations to the legislature and state
22 agencies to improve those laws and rules to address medical and
23 mental health services available to survivors of human trafficking
24 in this state.

25 (f) File an annual report with the chairs of the committees
26 concerned with health policy of the senate and the house of
27 representatives regarding its activities under this act. The report

1 shall be filed not later than February 1 of each year.

2 Enacting section 1. This act does not take effect unless House
3 Bill No. 5158 of the 97th Legislature is enacted into law.