

SENATE BILL 1017

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By: Senator Lee

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – Human Trafficking Advisory Council – Establishment**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Human Trafficking Advisory Council to
4 serve as a nongovernmental advisory body to certain bodies regarding human
5 trafficking in the State and outside the State; providing for the duties of the Council;
6 providing for the composition, chair, staffing, and terms of the membership on the
7 Council; requiring the Council to meet at certain times; requiring the Council to
8 submit a certain report on or before certain dates; prohibiting a member of the
9 Council from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of
10 certain expenses; requiring the Governor to appoint the initial members of the
11 Council within a certain time period; providing for the termination of this Act; and
12 generally relating to the Human Trafficking Advisory Council.

13 BY adding to

14 Article – State Government

15 Section 9–3213

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – State Government**

21 **9–3213.**

22 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
23 **INDICATED.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(2) "COUNCIL" MEANS THE MARYLAND HUMAN TRAFFICKING ADVISORY COUNCIL.

5 (4) "TASK FORCE" MEANS THE MARYLAND HUMAN TRAFFICKING
6 TASK FORCE.

7 (B) (1) THERE IS A MARYLAND HUMAN TRAFFICKING ADVISORY
8 COUNCIL.

11 (c) (1) THE COUNCIL CONSISTS OF BETWEEN 8 AND 14 SURVIVORS OF
12 HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

20 (III) MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL SHALL INCLUDE:

21 1. SURVIVORS OF SEX TRAFFICKING;

2. SURVIVORS OF LABOR TRAFFICKING:

26 (3) THE CHAIR OF THE VICTIM SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE TASK
27 FORCE, OR THE CHAIR'S DESIGNEE, SHALL CHAIR THE COUNCIL.

28 (D) COUNCIL MEMBERS SHALL SERVE FOR TERMS OF 2 YEARS AND MAY BE
29 REAPPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR TO SERVE ADDITIONAL 2-YEAR TERMS.

1 (E) THE COUNCIL SHALL:

2 (1) SERVE AS A NONGOVERNMENTAL ADVISORY BODY TO THE
3 GOCCP, THE TASK FORCE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND OTHER STATE, COUNTY,
4 OR LOCAL BODIES AS NEEDED;5 (2) MEET AT LEAST ONCE ANNUALLY TO REVIEW STATE
6 GOVERNMENT POLICY AND PROGRAMS INTENDED TO COMBAT HUMAN
7 TRAFFICKING, INCLUDING PROGRAMS RELATED TO THE PROVISIONS OF SERVICES
8 FOR VICTIMS, AS WELL AS TO SERVE AS A POINT OF CONTACT FOR STATE AND LOCAL
9 AGENCIES REACHING OUT TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING EXPERTS FOR INPUT ON
10 PROGRAMMING AND POLICIES RELATING TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THE STATE
11 AND OUTSIDE THE STATE;12 (3) MEET NO LATER THAN 45 DAYS BEFORE THE LAST MEETING OF
13 THE YEAR OF THE TASK FORCE STEERING COMMITTEE TO PREPARE FORMAL
14 PRESENTATION OF COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE TASK FORCE;15 (4) SERVE AS A RESOURCE TO STATE, COUNTY, AND LOCAL ENTITIES
16 FOR VETTING AND PROVIDING INSIGHT ON POLICY OR PROGRAMS RELATED TO
17 HUMAN TRAFFICKING; AND18 (5) FORMULATE ASSESSMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENSURE
19 THAT STATE POLICY AND PROGRAMMING EFFORTS CONFORM, TO THE EXTENT
20 PRACTICABLE, TO BEST PRACTICES IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING
21 PREVENTION.22 (F) ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2017, AND EVERY ODD-NUMBERED YEAR
23 THEREAFTER, THE COUNCIL SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT THAT CONTAINS THE
24 FINDINGS DERIVED FROM ANY REVIEWS CONDUCTED UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF
25 THIS SECTION TO THE GOCCP, THE CHAIR OF THE TASK FORCE, AND, IN
26 ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE THIS ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

27 (G) A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL:

28 (1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE
29 COUNCIL; BUT30 (2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE
31 STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

1 **(H) (1) THE CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIMS INITIATIVE AT THE**
2 **UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK SHALL PROVIDE STAFF**
3 **SUPPORT FOR THE COUNCIL.**

4 **(2) THE CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIMS INITIATIVE MAY**
5 **REQUEST STAFFING ASSISTANCE FROM THE GOCCP.**

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before 180 days after
7 the enactment of this Act, the Governor shall appoint the initial members of the Council.

8 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
9 1, 2017. It shall remain effective for a period of 6 years and 1 month and, at the end of June
10 30, 2023, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
11 abrogated and of no further force and effect.