



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 153**

February Session, 2006

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE ON  
TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Special act 04-8 is amended to read as follows (*Effective*  
2 *from passage*):

3 (a) There is established an interagency task force on trafficking in  
4 persons. For the purposes of this section, "trafficking" means all acts  
5 involved in the recruitment, abduction, transport, harboring, transfer,  
6 sale or receipt of persons, within national or across international  
7 borders, through force, coercion, fraud or deception, to place persons  
8 in situations of slavery or slavery-like conditions, forced labor or  
9 services, such as forced prostitution or sexual services, domestic  
10 servitude, bonded sweatshop labor or other debt bondage.

11 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members or their  
12 designees:

13 (1) The Attorney General;

14 (2) The Chief State's Attorney;

15 (3) The Chief Public Defender;

16 (4) The Commissioner of Public Safety;

- 17 (5) The Labor Commissioner;
- 18 (6) The Commissioner of Social Services;
- 19 (7) The Commissioner of Public Health;
- 20 (8) The Commissioner of Children and Families;
- 21 (9) The Child Advocate;
- 22 (10) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing  
23 committee of the General Assembly on the judiciary;
- 24 (11) The chairperson of the Commission on Children;
- 25 (12) The chairperson of the Permanent Commission on the Status of  
26 Women;
- 27 (13) The chairperson of the Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs  
28 Commission;
- 29 (14) The chairperson of the African-American Affairs Commission;
- 30 (15) A municipal police chief appointed by the Connecticut Police  
31 Chiefs Association; [and]
- 32 (16) Three representatives of the Judicial Branch appointed by the  
33 Chief Court Administrator, one of whom shall be a representative of  
34 the Office of Victim Services and one of whom shall be a representative  
35 of the Court Support Services Division;
- 36 (17) The Victim Advocate; and
- 37 [(16)] (18) Seven public members appointed as follows: The  
38 Governor shall appoint one member who shall represent Connecticut  
39 Sexual Assault Crisis Services, Inc.; the president pro tempore of the  
40 Senate shall appoint one member who shall represent an organization  
41 that provides civil legal services to low-income individuals; the  
42 speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member

43 who shall represent the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic  
44 Violence; the majority leader of the Senate shall appoint one member  
45 who shall represent an organization that deals with behavioral health  
46 needs of women and children; the majority leader of the House of  
47 Representatives shall appoint one member who shall represent an  
48 organization that advocates on social justice and human rights issues;  
49 the minority leader of the Senate shall appoint one member who shall  
50 represent the Connecticut Immigrant and Refugee Coalition; and the  
51 minority leader of the House of Representatives shall appoint one  
52 member who shall represent the Asian-American community.

53 (c) The chairperson of the Permanent Commission on the Status of  
54 Women or the chairperson's designee shall schedule the first meeting  
55 of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the  
56 effective date of this section. The task force shall select a chairperson  
57 from among its membership. The Permanent Commission on the  
58 Status of Women shall provide any necessary support staff or services  
59 for the task force.

60 (d) The task force shall:

61 (1) Collect and organize data on the nature and extent of trafficking  
62 in persons in the state;

63 (2) Investigate collaborative models for protecting victims of  
64 trafficking;

65 (3) Measure and evaluate the progress of the state in (A) preventing  
66 trafficking, (B) protecting and providing assistance to victims of  
67 trafficking, and (C) prosecuting persons engaged in trafficking;

68 (4) Identify available federal, state and local programs that provide  
69 services to victims of trafficking that include, but are not limited to,  
70 health care, human services, housing, education, legal assistance, job  
71 training or preparation, interpreting services, English as a second  
72 language classes, voluntary repatriation and victim's compensation;

73 (5) Evaluate approaches to increase public awareness of trafficking,  
74 and implement such approaches;

75 (6) Analyze existing state criminal statutes for their adequacy in  
76 addressing trafficking and, if such analysis determines that those  
77 statutes are inadequate, recommend revisions to those statutes or the  
78 enactment of new statutes that specifically define and address  
79 trafficking; [and]

80 (7) Consult with governmental and nongovernmental organizations  
81 in developing recommendations to strengthen state and local efforts to  
82 prevent trafficking, protect and assist victims of trafficking and  
83 prosecute traffickers;

84 (8) Address access to rights, benefits and services for victims of  
85 trafficking including, but not limited to:

86 (A) Medical and related professional services;

87 (B) Legal services and protections;

88 (C) Safe housing and shelter;

89 (D) Voluntary repatriation;

90 (E) Victim's compensation; and

91 (F) Protection while in custody; and

92 (9) Identify criteria for providing victim services.

93 (e) All state and local agencies shall cooperate with the task force  
94 and provide such data and other information as the task force may  
95 require in carrying out its duties under this section.

96 (f) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations to  
97 the General Assembly in accordance with section 11-4a of the general  
98 statutes not later than January 1, [2006] 2007.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	SA 04-8
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