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Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS COUNCIL.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a
2 Trafficking in Persons Council that shall be within the Permanent
3 Commission on the Status of Women for administrative purposes only.

4 (b) The council shall consist of the following members: The Attorney
5 General, the Chief State's Attorney, the Chief Public Defender, the
6 Commissioner of Public Safety, the Labor Commissioner, the
7 Commissioner of Social Services, the Commissioner of Public Health,
8 the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, the
9 Commissioner of Children and Families, the Child Advocate, the
10 Victim Advocate, the chairperson of the Commission on Children, the
11 chairperson of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women,
12 the chairperson of the Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission,
13 the chairperson of the African-American Affairs Commission, three
14 representatives of the Judicial Branch appointed by the Chief Court
15 Administrator, one of whom shall represent the Office of Victim
16 Services and one of whom shall represent the Court Support Services
17 Division, and a municipal police chief appointed by the Connecticut

18 Police Chiefs Association, or a representative of any such member who
19 has been designated in writing by such member to serve as such
20 member's representative, and seven public members appointed as
21 follows: The Governor shall appoint one member who shall represent
22 Connecticut Sexual Assault Crisis Services, Inc., the president pro
23 tempore of the Senate shall appoint one member who shall represent
24 an organization that provides civil legal services to low-income
25 individuals, the speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint
26 one member who shall represent the Connecticut Coalition Against
27 Domestic Violence, the majority leader of the Senate shall appoint one
28 member who shall represent an organization that deals with
29 behavioral health needs of women and children, the majority leader of
30 the House of Representatives shall appoint one member who shall
31 represent an organization that advocates on social justice and human
32 rights issues, the minority leader of the Senate shall appoint one
33 member who shall represent the Connecticut Immigrant and Refugee
34 Coalition, and the minority leader of the House of Representatives
35 shall appoint one member who shall represent the Asian-American
36 community.

37 (c) The chairperson of the Permanent Commission on the Status of
38 Women shall serve as chairperson of the council. The members of the
39 council shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for
40 necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

41 (d) The council shall: (1) Hold meetings to provide updates and
42 progress reports, (2) identify criteria for providing services to adult
43 trafficking victims, (3) identify criteria for providing services to
44 children of trafficking victims, and (4) consult with governmental and
45 nongovernmental organizations in developing recommendations to
46 strengthen state and local efforts to prevent trafficking, protect and
47 assist victims of trafficking and prosecute traffickers. The council shall
48 meet at least three times per year.

49 (e) The council may request data and other information from state
50 and local agencies to carry out its duties under this section.

51 (f) Not later than January 1, 2008, and annually thereafter, the
52 council shall submit a report of its activities, including any
53 recommendations for legislation, to the General Assembly in
54 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes.

55 (g) For the purposes of this section, "trafficking" means all acts
56 involved in the recruitment, abduction, transport, harboring, transfer,
57 sale or receipt of persons, within national or across international
58 borders, through force, coercion, fraud or deception, to place persons
59 in situations of slavery or slavery-like conditions, forced labor or
60 services, such as forced prostitution or sexual services, domestic
61 servitude, bonded sweatshop labor or other debt bondage.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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