



General Assembly

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE TO
TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) (a) The Office of Victim
2 Services in the Judicial Department shall contract with
3 nongovernmental organizations to develop a coordinated response
4 system to assist victims of the offense of trafficking in persons.

5 (b) Such contracts shall be entered into for the following purposes,
6 including, but not limited to:

7 (1) Developing a uniform curriculum to address rights and services
8 for victims;

9 (2) Developing information and materials on available resources
10 and services for victims of trafficking in persons;

11 (3) Actively seeking out quality training and other educational
12 opportunities regarding the identification and assistance of victims of
13 trafficking in persons that take into consideration such victims' cultural
14 context and needs; and

15 (4) Promoting and disseminating information on training and other
16 educational opportunities concerning the assistance of victims of
17 trafficking in persons to emergency medical services, faith-based

18 communities, sexual assault service providers, domestic violence
19 service providers and state and local governmental agencies.

20 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a
21 Trafficking in Persons Council consisting of (1) the Attorney General,
22 (2) the Chief State's Attorney, (3) the Victim Advocate, (4) the Chief
23 Public Defender, (5) the Commissioners of Public Safety, Social
24 Services, Public Health, Mental Health and Addiction Services,
25 Children and Families and the Labor Commissioner, (6) the Child
26 Advocate, (7) the chairpersons of the Commission on Children,
27 Permanent Commission on the Status of Women, Latino and Puerto
28 Rican Affairs Commission and the African-American Affairs
29 Commission, (8) a municipal chief appointed by the Connecticut Police
30 Chiefs Association, (9) three representatives of the judicial branch
31 appointed by the Chief Court Administrator, one of whom shall be a
32 representative of the Office of Victim Services, and one of whom shall
33 be a representative of the Court Support Services Division, and (10)
34 seven public members (A) one of whom shall be a representative of the
35 Connecticut Sexual Assault Crisis Services, Inc. appointed by the
36 Governor, (B) one of whom shall be a representative of an organization
37 that provides civil legal services to low-income individuals appointed
38 by the president pro tempore of the Senate, (C) one of whom shall be a
39 representative of the Connecticut Coalition against Domestic Violence
40 appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, (D) one of
41 whom shall be a representative of an organization that deals with the
42 behavioral health needs of women and children appointed by the
43 majority leader of the Senate, (E) one of whom shall be a representative
44 of an organization that advocates social justice and human rights
45 issues appointed by the majority leader of the House of
46 Representatives, (F) one of whom shall be a representative of the
47 Connecticut Immigrant and Refugee Coalition appointed by the
48 minority leader of the Senate, and (G) one of whom shall be a
49 representative of the Asian American community, appointed by the
50 minority leader of the House of Representatives.

51 (b) The council shall (1) identify criteria for providing services to

