



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 834**

LCO No. 2827



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:  
(PS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS COUNCIL.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 46a-170 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) There is established a Trafficking in Persons Council that shall be  
4 within the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women for  
5 administrative purposes only.

6 (b) The council shall consist of the following members: The Attorney  
7 General, the Chief State's Attorney, the Chief Public Defender, the  
8 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, the Labor  
9 Commissioner, the Commissioner of Social Services, the Commissioner  
10 of Public Health, the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction  
11 Services, the Commissioner of Children and Families, the Child  
12 Advocate, the Victim Advocate, the chairperson of the Commission on  
13 Children, the chairperson of the Permanent Commission on the Status  
14 of Women, the chairperson of the Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs  
15 Commission, the chairperson of the African-American Affairs

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

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

43 (d) The council shall: (1) Hold meetings to provide updates and  
44 progress reports, (2) identify criteria for providing services to adult  
45 trafficking victims, (3) identify criteria for providing services to  
46 children of trafficking victims, and (4) consult with governmental and  
47 nongovernmental organizations in developing recommendations to  
48 strengthen state and local efforts to prevent trafficking, protect and

49 assist victims of trafficking and prosecute traffickers. [The council shall  
50 meet at least three times per year.]

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

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

57 (g) For the purposes of this section, "trafficking" means all acts  
58 involved in the recruitment, abduction, transport, harboring, transfer,  
59 sale or receipt of persons, within national or across international  
60 borders, through force, coercion, fraud or deception, to place persons  
61 in situations of slavery or slavery-like conditions, forced labor or  
62 services, such as forced prostitution or sexual services, domestic  
63 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>	46a-170

**PS**      *Joint Favorable*