

## PCSAO LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARY

**Bill No.** H.B. 262

**Committee Assignment:**

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**Date Assigned:** 6/20/11

**Date Review Due:** 7/18/11

**Date Discussed in Legislative Committee:** To be discussed 7/18/11

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### **BILL SUMMARY:**

Three primary purposes:

- 1) Establishes new requirements on administrative agencies to respond to minors who are the victims of human trafficking:
  - a) Department of Job and Family Services must develop procedures for reuniting the victim with family members in his/her country of origin
  - b) Departments of Health and Mental Health must develop procedures for providing specialized physical and mental health care tailored to the child victim's needs.
- 2) Requires the development and display of posters:
  - a) Requires the Department of Commerce to develop posters which provide information regarding the national human trafficking resource center hotline
  - b) Requires the owners of the below establishments to conspicuously display these posters:
    - i) Highway truck stop
    - ii) Hotel
    - iii) Adult entertainment establishment (as defined by 3731.01)

- iv) Any establishment which has a liquor permit except for those who also have a retail food service license
  - v) Agricultural labor camp
  - vi) Hospital or urgent care facility
  - vii) Any public or chartered nonpublic school offering grades nine through twelve
  - viii) Any establishment operating as a massage parlor, massage spa, alternative health clinic or similar entity
  - ix) A fair.
- c) Requires the Department of Transportation to display posters at each rest area
- 3) Clarifies that a minor is not guilty of solicitation under 2907.24 if the minor is forced to solicit another to engage in sexual activity for hire while under duress or coercion

**Comments/Concerns/Recommended Changes or Direction**

- Child welfare agencies will need to allocate resources to the development / implementation of responding to minors who are human trafficking victims.
- There are potential challenges in working with those victims / families who are from other countries related to the mandate to develop procedures for reunification. This could include the need for interpreter / translation services, time / expense to locate service providers. Could pose challenges related to working with foreign agencies, governments. They may be related costs that local agencies will have to absorb (e.g. could we have to pay for transportation costs related to reunification, staff resources, specialized services, etc.)
- This bill specifically requires the Departments of Health and Mental Health to develop procedures for specialized physical and mental health care which are tailored to the child victim's needs. Could the costs related to these specialized services potentially be passed on to child welfare agencies? Lucas County Children Services has received custody of minors who have been the victims of human trafficking (presume other agencies may have as well.)
- Believe that it is a positive that this legislation provides that the minor is not guilty of a criminal offense if they have been forced or coerced into sexual activity.