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"AN ACT CONCERNING OVERSIGHT OF EFFORTS TO PREVENT HUMAN TRAFFICKING."

1 Strike lines 1 to 7, inclusive, in their entirety, and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2026) (a) As used in this section,
4 "human trafficking" has the same meaning as "trafficking", as defined in
5 section 46a-170 of the general statutes, as amended by this act. There is
6 established, within the Office of Policy and Management, a Human
7 Trafficking Prevention Coordinator. The Secretary of the Office of Policy
8 and Management shall designate an existing employee of the office who
9 has experience in working with victims of human trafficking as the
10 coordinator. The coordinator shall coordinate the efforts among
11 executive branch state agencies and law enforcement to prevent human
12 trafficking in the state."

13 In line 9, after "trafficking" insert "of minor children and adults"

14 In line 14, after "activities" insert "to combat human trafficking in the

15 state"

16 In line 28, after "children" insert "and adults"

17 In line 35, strike "The coordinator shall" and insert "Not later than July
18 1, 2028, the coordinator shall, within available appropriations," in lieu
19 thereof

20 In line 183, after "department" insert ", except such training shall not
21 be required for employees or providers who do not have regular contact
22 with children while in the course of employment or while providing
23 such services. Such training may consist of a recorded training"

24 In line 203, after "children" insert "and adults"

25 In line 212, after "act" insert "or a recorded training"

26 Strike section 6 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
27 thereof:

28 "Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) As used in this section, (1)
29 "child care facility" or "facility" has the same meaning as provided in
30 section 17a-93 of the general statutes, (2) "operator" means the person
31 responsible for the total operation of the child care facility, and (3)
32 "department" means the Department of Children and Families.

33 (b) Any operator of a child care facility shall:

34 (1) Maintain policies covering its plans, program and services which
35 shall be clearly stated in writing and reviewed for necessary updates not
36 less than annually and, upon request, submit evidence of such annual
37 review to the Department of Children and Families, in a manner
38 prescribed by the department;

39 (2) Maintain personnel policies for the training and education of
40 employees, temporary workers, volunteers and interns that include, but
41 are not limited to, (A) introductory orientation; (B) ongoing training and
42 development; (C) supervision; and (D) annual evaluations;

43 (3) Develop a plan for ongoing training which includes a written
44 curriculum and a minimum number of hours of annual training, review
45 such plan not less than once every two years, update such plan as
46 necessary for consistency with best practices and document the
47 implementation of such training in a manner prescribed by the
48 department;

49 (4) Submit to the department not less than once every two years a
50 written quality assurance plan that describes how the operator intends
51 to monitor the quality of the facility services, the extent to which the
52 facility complies with its stated purpose, program objectives, security
53 requirements and any other requirements of the department, including
54 any documentation of the implementation of the quality assurance plan,
55 with findings and, if applicable, an improvement plan, and make
56 immediately available any revision of the quality assurance plan to staff
57 of the facility and the department;

58 (5) Provide internal and external security measures necessary to
59 ensure the safety of residents of the facility; and

60 (6) Provide supervisory staff capable of ensuring (A) the health and
61 safety of each child; (B) the security and well-being of each child; and
62 (C) appropriate security of the facility while maintaining a home-like
63 atmosphere."

64 Strike lines 293 to 303, inclusive, in their entirety, and substitute the
65 following in lieu thereof:

66 "Sec. 8. (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) There is established a temporary task
67 force to be known as the Human Trafficking Prevention and Response
68 Task Force, which shall (1) be made up of the existing membership of
69 the Statewide Steering Committee of the Regionalized Human
70 Trafficking Recovery Taskforce established by the Division of Criminal
71 Justice, including state-wide and regional representation from relevant
72 state agencies, law enforcement, prosecutors, providers that specialize
73 in providing services to minor and adult trafficking victims, child

74 advocacy centers and multidisciplinary teams, survivor-informed
75 representatives, survivors of trafficking, the Human Trafficking
76 Prevention Coordinator, and other members appointed by the
77 Regionalized Human Trafficking Recovery Taskforce as necessary to
78 carry out the purposes of this section, and (2)"

79 In line 311, after "providers" insert ", to assist both minor children and
80 adult victims of trafficking, as defined in section 46a-170 of the general
81 statutes, as amended by this act,"

82 Strike lines 377 to 385, inclusive, in their entirety, and substitute the
83 following in lieu thereof:

84 "(b) The Commissioner of Children and Families [may] shall, within
85 available appropriations and in collaboration with the Human
86 Trafficking Prevention Coordinator, provide assistance to the Police
87 Officer Standards and Training Council in developing training [to] for
88 law enforcement [officials] officers regarding the trafficking of minor
89 children [. The training shall include, but not be limited to, (1) awareness
90 and compliance with the laws and protocols concerning trafficking of
91 minor children, (2) identification of, access to and provision of services
92 for minor children who are victims of trafficking, and (3) any other
93 services the department deems necessary to carry out the provisions of
94 this section and section 17a-106a] and adults, as described in section 501
95 of this act."

96 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
97 internal references accordingly:

98 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) Each police basic or review
99 training program conducted or administered by the Police Officer
100 Standards and Training Council established under section 7-294b of the
101 general statutes or a municipal police department in the state shall
102 include training on the trafficking of minor children and adults,
103 developed pursuant to section 17a-106f of the general statutes, as
104 amended by this act. The training shall include, but not be limited to, (1)

105 awareness and compliance with the laws and protocols concerning
 106 trafficking of minor children and adults, (2) identification of, access to
 107 and provision of services for minor children and adults who are victims
 108 of trafficking, and (3) any other services the council deems necessary to
 109 carry out the provisions of sections 17a-106a and 17a-106f of the general
 110 statutes, as amended by this act.

111 Sec. 502. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) Not later than January 1,
 112 2027, the Department of Correction shall, using available federal or
 113 other funds, enter into a contract with a provider to establish and
 114 maintain a confidential crisis hotline for correction officers and persons
 115 who are incarcerated in a correctional institution to call to report
 116 incidents of sexual violence. Not later than October 1, 2026, the
 117 department shall issue a request for proposals for purposes of selecting
 118 a provider outside of the department for such hotline. The department
 119 shall ensure that persons who are incarcerated can access such hotline
 120 at no charge, with no time limit, and confidentially without the
 121 supervision of, or permission from, any employee of the Department of
 122 Correction.

123 (b) Upon establishing such hotline, the department shall inform all
 124 existing correction officers of such hotline and thereafter shall inform
 125 any correction officers upon hiring of such hotline. The department shall
 126 post posters in each correctional institution to inform persons who are
 127 incarcerated how to access such hotline."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 501	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 502	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section