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1 AN ACT Relating to services for victims of trafficking of humans;
2 adding a new section to chapter 7.68 RCW; and creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The state intends to improve the response of
5 state, local, and private entities to incidents of trafficking of
6 humans in order to provide better investigations and prosecutions of
7 such acts and to establish a coordinated and humane system of
8 identifying the needs of persons who are victimized by human
9 trafficking in order to deliver appropriate services in a way that
10 promotes safety and dignity. The legislature recognizes there are many
11 state agencies and private organizations that might be called on to
12 provide services to victims of trafficking of humans and that such
13 victims would be better served if protocols are developed for training
14 of service delivery agencies staff and the delivery of services.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 7.68 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 (1) By July 1, 2004, the director of the department of community,
18 trade, and economic development, or the director's designee, shall

1 within existing resources convene and chair a work group to develop
2 written protocols for delivery of services to victims of trafficking of
3 humans. The director shall invite appropriate federal agencies to
4 consult with the work group for the purpose of developing protocols
5 that, to the extent possible, are in concert with federal statutes,
6 regulations, and policies. In addition to the director of the
7 department of community, trade, and economic development, the following
8 shall be members of the work group: The secretary of the department of
9 health, the secretary of the department of social and health services,
10 the attorney general, the director of the department of labor and
11 industries, the commissioner of the employment security department, a
12 representative of the Washington association of prosecuting attorneys,
13 the chief of the Washington state patrol, two members selected by the
14 Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs, and five members,
15 selected by the director of the department of community, trade, and
16 economic development from a list submitted by public and private sector
17 organizations that provide assistance to persons who are victims of
18 trafficking. The attorney general, the chief of the Washington state
19 patrol, and the secretaries or directors may designate a person to
20 serve in their place.

21 Members of the work group shall serve without compensation.

22 (2) The protocols must meet all of the following minimum standards:

23 (a) The protocols must apply to the following state agencies: The
24 department of community, trade, and economic development, the
25 department of health, the department of social and health services, the
26 attorney general's office, the Washington state patrol, the department
27 of labor and industries, and the employment security department;

28 (b) The protocols must provide policies and procedures for
29 interagency coordinated operations and cooperation with government
30 agencies and nongovernmental organizations, agencies, and
31 jurisdictions, including law enforcement agencies and prosecuting
32 attorneys;

33 (c) The protocols must include the establishment of a data base
34 electronically available to all affected agencies which contains the
35 name, address, and telephone numbers of agencies that provide services
36 to victims of human trafficking; and

37 (d) The protocols must provide guidelines for providing for the

1 social service needs of victims of trafficking of humans, including
2 housing, health care, and employment.

3 (3) By January 1, 2005, the work group shall finalize the written
4 protocols and submit them with a report to the legislature and the
5 governor.

6 (4) The protocols shall be reviewed on a biennial basis by the work
7 group to determine whether revisions are appropriate. The director of
8 the department of community, trade, and economic development, or the
9 director's designee, shall within existing resources reconvene and
10 chair the work group for this purpose.

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