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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5933**

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**By** Senate Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators O'Ban, Kohl-Welles, Miloscia, Fraser, Fain, Padden, Hasegawa, Litzow, Dammeier, Chase, and Conway)

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a statewide training program on  
2 human trafficking laws for criminal justice personnel; adding a new  
3 section to chapter 43.280 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that in order to  
6 reduce instances of human trafficking in our state there needs to be  
7 a cohesive and concerted statewide training program provided to those  
8 in the law enforcement and legal community. This training is intended  
9 to help promote the use of existing laws to initiate sustainable and  
10 viable investigations, prosecutions, and adjudications in all  
11 jurisdictions across the state.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.280  
13 RCW to read as follows:

14 (1) The office of crime victims advocacy shall establish a  
15 statewide training program on Washington's human trafficking laws for  
16 criminal justice personnel.

17 (2) The training shall be provided where possible by an entity  
18 that has experience in developing coalitions, training, programs, and  
19 policy on human trafficking in Washington.

1       (3) The entity will provide or coordinate training for law  
2 enforcement personnel, prosecutors, and court personnel covering  
3 Washington's state antitrafficking laws, the investigation of sex  
4 trafficking cases, and the adjudication of sex trafficking cases. The  
5 training shall encourage interdisciplinary coordination among  
6 criminal justice personnel, build cultural competency, and develop  
7 understanding of diverse victim populations including children,  
8 youth, and adults.

9       (4) The office shall provide a biennial report to the appropriate  
10 policy committees of the legislature on the statewide training  
11 program, with a focus on the effectiveness of the training.

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