

SENATE BILL 1018

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By: **Senator Lee**

Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2017

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Human Trafficking Victims – Establishment of Workgroup**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Workgroup to Study Single–Point Entry for Services
4 and Criminal Immunity for Victims of Human Trafficking; providing for the purpose,
5 composition, chair, and staffing of the Workgroup; prohibiting a member of the
6 Workgroup from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement
7 of certain expenses; requiring the Workgroup to study and make recommendations
8 regarding certain matters; requiring the Workgroup to submit preliminary reports
9 on its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on
10 or before certain dates; requiring the Workgroup to submit a final report on its
11 findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or
12 before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating
13 to resources for human trafficking victims.

14 BY adding to

15 Article – State Government

16 Section 9–3301 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 33. Workgroup to Study
17 Single–Point Entry for Services and Criminal Immunity for Victims of Human
18 Trafficking”

19 Annotated Code of Maryland

20 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
22 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

23 **Article – State Government**

24 **SUBTITLE 33. WORKGROUP TO STUDY SINGLE–POINT ENTRY FOR SERVICES AND**
25 **CRIMINAL IMMUNITY FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **9-3301.**

2 (A) THERE IS A WORKGROUP TO STUDY SINGLE-POINT ENTRY FOR
3 SERVICES AND CRIMINAL IMMUNITY FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

4 (B) THE PURPOSE OF THE WORKGROUP IS TO STUDY ISSUES RELATING TO
5 A SINGLE POINT OF ENTRY FOR MINORS WHO ARE VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

6 (C) THE WORKGROUP CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

7 (1) TWO MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY
8 THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

9 (2) TWO MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY
10 THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;

11 (3) THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION, OR THE SECRETARY'S
12 DESIGNEE;

13 (4) THE SECRETARY OF JUVENILE SERVICES, OR THE SECRETARY'S
14 DESIGNEE;

15 (5) THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, OR THE
16 SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

17 (6) THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN RESOURCES, OR THE SECRETARY'S
18 DESIGNEE;

19 (7) THE SECRETARY OF STATE POLICE, OR THE SECRETARY'S
20 DESIGNEE; AND

21 (8) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR'S
22 OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION:

23 (I) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
24 CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION;

25 (II) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
26 AGENCY;

27 (III) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND JUDICIAL
28 CONFERENCE;

1 (IV) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF TURNAROUND INC.;

2 (V) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF FAIRGIRLS;

3 (VI) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF COURTNEY'S HOUSE;

4 (VII) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
5 SAFE CENTER; AND

6 (VIII) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
7 SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK.

8 (D) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIR OF THE WORKGROUP.

9 (E) THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION
10 SHALL PROVIDE STAFF FOR THE WORKGROUP.

11 (F) A MEMBER OF THE WORKGROUP:

12 (1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE
13 WORKGROUP; BUT

14 (2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE
15 STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

16 (G) THE WORKGROUP SHALL:

17 (1) DESIGN A PLAN THAT WILL CREATE A SINGLE POINT OF ENTRY
18 FOR MINORS WHO ARE VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING;

19 (2) STUDY THE POTENTIAL COST OF A PROGRAM PROVIDING A SINGLE
20 POINT OF ENTRY FOR MINORS WHO ARE VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING; AND

21 (3) STUDY THE POTENTIAL FOR PROVIDING IMMUNITY IN
22 CONNECTION WITH PARTICIPATION IN SERVICES FOR MINORS WHO ARE THE
23 VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH CRIMINAL
24 OFFENSES OR DELINQUENT ACTS.

25 (H) (1) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2017, THE WORKGROUP SHALL
26 SUBMIT A FIRST PRELIMINARY REPORT ON ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
27 TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE
28 GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

1 **(2) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2018, THE WORKGROUP SHALL**
2 **SUBMIT A SECOND PRELIMINARY REPORT ON ITS FINDINGS AND**
3 **RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF**
4 **THIS ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

5 **(3) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2019, THE WORKGROUP SHALL**
6 **SUBMIT A FINAL REPORT ON ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE**
7 **GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE GENERAL**
8 **ASSEMBLY.**

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
10 1, 2017. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of June 30, 2020,
11 with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and
12 of no further force and effect.