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HOUSE BILL 24-1345

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A BILL FOR AN ACT CONCERNING THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING COUNCIL, AND, IN CONNECTION THE REWITH, IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED IN THE 2023 SUNSET REPORT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES, IMPLEMENTING CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING COUNCIL, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at http://leg.colorado.gov/.)

Sunset Process - House Judiciary Committee. The bill

implements the recommendation of the department of regulatory agencies in its sunset review of the human trafficking council by continuing the council indefinitely.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

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2	SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-1203, repeal
3	(15)(a)(VIII); and add (22)(a)(VI) as follows:
4	2-3-1203. Sunset review of advisory committees - legislative
5	declaration - definition - repeal. (15) (a) The following statutory
6	authorizations for the designated advisory committees are scheduled for
7	repeal on September 1, 2024:
8	(VIII) The Colorado human trafficking council created in section
9	18-3-505;
10	(22) (a) The following statutory authorizations for the designated
11	advisory committees will repeal on September 1, 2031:
12	(VI) THE COLORADO HUMAN TRAFFICKING COUNCIL CREATED IN
13	SECTION 18-3-505.
14	SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-3-505, amend (6)
15	as follows:
16	18-3-505. Human trafficking council - created - duties - repeal.
17	(6) This section is repealed, effective September 1, 2024 SEPTEMBER 1,
18	2031. Before repeal, the department of regulatory agencies shall review
19	the council pursuant to section 2-3-1203.
20	SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-3-505, amend
21	(3)(a) as follows:
22	18-3-505. Human trafficking council - created - duties - repeal.
23	(3) (a) Except as provided by subsection (3)(b) of this section, each
24	council member must serve at the pleasure of his or her appointing

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1	authority for a term of four years. The appointing authority may reappoint
2	the council member for an additional term or terms. Council members
3	must serve without compensation but WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE
4	APPOINTED SURVIVOR COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO MUST RECEIVE AN HOURLY
5	RATE FOR THE TIME FOR EACH COUNCIL MEETING ATTENDED, NOT TO
6	EXCEED EIGHT HOURS PER MEETING AT THE CURRENT APPLICABLE EXPERT
7	RATE AS STATED IN CHIEF JUSTICE DIRECTIVE 12-03. ALL COUNCIL
8	MEMBERS may be reimbursed for actual travel expenses incurred in the
9	performance of their duties.
10	SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-30-2102, amend
11	(1) and (1.5) as follows:
12	24-30-2102. Legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly
13	finds and declares that a person attempting to escape from actual or
14	threatened domestic violence, a sexual offense, HUMAN TRAFFICKING, or
15	stalking frequently moves to a new address in order to prevent an
16	assailant or potential assailant from finding the victim. This new address,
17	however, is only useful if an assailant or potential assailant does not
18	discover it. Additionally, people involved in the provision of reproductive
19	health care are at a heightened risk of actual or threatened violence,
20	stalking, or other social harms.
21	(1.5) Therefore, in order to help victims of domestic violence, a
22	sexual offense, HUMAN TRAFFICKING, or stalking, and to assist and protect
23	individuals involved in the provision of reproductive health care, it is the
24	intent of the general assembly to establish an address confidentiality
25	program, whereby the confidentiality of a victim's or an individual
26	involved in the provision of reproductive health care's address may be
27	maintained through, among other things, the use of a substitute address

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1	for purposes of public records and confidential mail forwarding.
2	SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-30-2103, amend
3	(2); and add (7.5) as follows:
4	24-30-2103. Definitions. As used in this part 21, unless the
5	context otherwise requires:
6	(2) "Address confidentiality program" or "program" means the
7	program created under this part 21 in the department to protect the
8	confidentiality of the actual address of a relocated protected health-care
9	worker or a relocated victim of domestic violence, a sexual offense,
10	HUMAN TRAFFICKING, or stalking.
11	(7.5) "Human trafficking" means an act described in
12	SECTION 18-3-503 OR 18-3-504.
13	SECTION 6. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-30-2104, amend
14	(1) introductory portion and (4)(a) as follows:
15	24-30-2104. Address confidentiality program - creation -
16	substitute address - uses - service by mail - application assistance
17	centers. (1) There is created the address confidentiality program in the
18	department to protect the confidentiality of the actual address of a
19	relocated protected health-care worker or a relocated victim of domestic
20	violence, a sexual offense, HUMAN TRAFFICKING, or stalking and to
21	prevent the victim's assailants or potential assailants from finding the
22	victim through public records. Under the program, the executive director
23	or the executive director's designee shall:
24	(4) The executive director or the executive director's designee may
25	designate as an application assistant any person who:
26	(a) Provides counseling, referral, or other services to victims of
27	domestic violence, a sexual offense, HUMAN TRAFFICKING, or stalking, if

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1	applicable;
2	SECTION 7. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-30-2105, amend
3	(3)(b), (3)(c) introductory portion, (3)(c)(IV), and (3)(h) as follows:
4	24-30-2105. Filing and certification of applications
5	authorization card. (3) The application must be on a form prescribed by
6	the executive director or the executive director's designee and mus
7	contain the following:
8	(b) A statement by the applicant that the applicant is a victim of
9	domestic violence, a sexual offense, HUMAN TRAFFICKING, or stalking and
10	that the applicant fears for the applicant's safety, if applicable;
11	(c) Evidence that the applicant is a victim of domestic violence
12	a sexual offense, HUMAN TRAFFICKING, or stalking, if applicable. This
13	evidence may include any of the following:
14	(IV) Documentation from a religious, medical, or other
15	professional from whom the applicant has sought assistance in dealing
16	with the alleged domestic violence, sexual offense, HUMAN TRAFFICKING
17	or stalking.
18	(h) The actual address that the applicant requests not to be
19	disclosed by the executive director or the executive director's designed
20	that directly relates to the increased risk of domestic violence, a sexua
21	offense, HUMAN TRAFFICKING, or stalking, or increased risk of actual or
22	threatened violence, stalking, HUMAN TRAFFICKING, or other social harms
23	due to the provision of a legally protected health-care activity, as defined
24	in section 12-30-121 (1)(d);
25	SECTION 8. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-30-2112, ameno
26	(2) as follows:
27	24-30-2112. Participation in the program - orders relating to

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1	allocation of parental responsibilities or parenting time. (2) Program
2	participation does not constitute evidence of domestic violence, a sexual
3	offense, HUMAN TRAFFICKING, or stalking and shall not be considered for
4	purposes of making an order allocating parental responsibilities or
5	parenting time; except that a court may consider practical measures to
6	keep a program participant's actual address confidential when making an
7	order allocating parental responsibilities or parenting time.
8	SECTION 9. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-30-2114, amend
9	(2)(c); and add (2)(a.5) and (2)(a.6) as follows:
10	24-30-2114. Surcharge - collection and distribution - address
11	confidentiality program surcharge fund - creation - definitions.
12	(2) The following crimes shall be subject to the surcharge set forth in
13	subsection (1) of this section:
14	(a.5) HUMAN TRAFFICKING FOR INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE OR
15	HUMAN TRAFFICKING OF A MINOR FOR INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE IN
16	VIOLATION OF SECTION 18-3-503;
17	(a.6) Human trafficking for sexual servitude or human
18	TRAFFICKING OF A MINOR FOR SEXUAL SERVITUDE IN VIOLATION OF
19	SECTION 18-3-504;
20	(c) Criminal attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation to commit the
21	crimes set forth in paragraphs (a) and (b) SUBSECTIONS (2)(a), (2)(a.5),
22	(2)(a.6), AND (2)(b) of this subsection (2) SECTION.
23	SECTION 10. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 18-1-410.7 as
24	follows:
25	18-1-410.7. Vacating certain criminal convictions for victims
26	of human trafficking. (1) (a) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY FILE A MOTION WITH
27	THE COURT WHERE A CONVICTION WAS OBTAINED AGAINST THE

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1	INDIVIDUAL REQUESTING THAT THE CONVICTION BE VACATED IF THE
2	UNDERLYING OFFENSE RESULTING IN THE CONVICTION WAS COMMITTED AS
3	A RESULT OF THE INDIVIDUAL BEING A VICTIM OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING.
4	THE INDIVIDUAL SHALL SERVE A COPY OF THE MOTION ON THE DISTRICT
5	ATTORNEY'S OFFICE OR MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY'S OFFICE THAT OBTAINED
6	THE CONVICTION.
7	(b) This section applies to all state and municipal
8	CONVICTIONS FOR CRIMES EXCEPT FOR CRIMES DEFINED IN SECTION
9	24-4.1-302 (1).
10	(c) This section does not apply to a conviction if the
11	INDIVIDUAL RAISED AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE DESCRIBED IN SECTION
12	18-7-201.3 or $18-3-504$ (2.5) at trial and was still convicted after
13	RAISING THE DEFENSE.
14	(d) Official documentation is not required for an
15	INDIVIDUAL TO SEEK OR BE GRANTED RELIEF PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION,
16	BUT IF THE INDIVIDUAL PROVIDES OFFICIAL DOCUMENTATION FROM A
17	FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, OR TRIBAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY INDICATING
18	THAT THE INDIVIDUAL WAS A VICTIM OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AT THE TIME
19	OF THE OFFENSE, THE DOCUMENTATION CREATES A REBUTTABLE
20	PRESUMPTION THAT THE INDIVIDUAL WAS A VICTIM OF HUMAN
21	TRAFFICKING AT THE TIME OF THE OFFENSE AND IS ELIGIBLE FOR RELIEF
22	PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.
23	(2) THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE OR MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY'S
24	OFFICE THAT OBTAINED THE CONVICTION MUST FILE A RESPONSE WITHIN
25	THIRTY-FIVE DAYS FROM RECEIVING A COPY OF THE MOTION. IF THE
26	DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE OR MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY'S OFFICE OPPOSES
27	THE MOTION OF THE COURT DETERMINES A HEADING IS NECESSARY. THE

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1	COURT SHALL SET THE MOTION FOR HEARING.
2	(3) (a) If the court determines by clear and convincing
3	EVIDENCE THAT THE OFFENSE WAS COMMITTED AS RESULT OF THE
4	INDIVIDUAL BEING A VICTIM OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AT THE TIME OF THE
5	OFFENSE, THE COURT SHALL VACATE THE CONVICTION.
6	(b) A CONVICTION VACATED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF
7	THIS SECTION IS DEEMED VACATED DUE TO A SUBSTANTIVE DEFECT IN THE
8	UNDERLYING CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS.
9	(4) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION PREVENTS THE INDIVIDUAL FROM
10	APPLYING FOR ANY OTHER RELIEF ALLOWED BY LAW.
11	(5) (a) If the court issues an order vacating the conviction
12	THE COURT SHALL SEND THE ORDER TO THE COLORADO BUREAU OF
13	INVESTIGATION AND THE BUREAU SHALL REMOVE THE CONVICTION FROM
14	THE INDIVIDUAL'S RECORD.
15	(b) If the court issues an order vacating the conviction
16	PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, THE INDIVIDUAL MAY PETITION TO HAVE THE
17	OTHER RELATED RECORDS SEALED PURSUANT TO THE PROCEDURE IN
18	SECTION 24-72-707.
19	SECTION 11. Appropriation. For the 2024-25 state fiscal year,
20	\$266,826 is appropriated to the department of public safety for use by the
21	division of criminal justice. This appropriation is from the general fund
22	and is based on an assumption that the division will require an additional
23	1.8 FTE. To implement this act, the division may use this appropriation
24	for DCJ administrative services.
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26	SECTION 12. Safety clause. The general assembly finds,
27	determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate

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- 1 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
- 2 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
- 3 institutions.

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