



#### **AAUW Florida Priority: Human Trafficking**

The American Association of University Women of Florida has over 10,000 members and supporters statewide. We advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

## **Human Trafficking and Proposed Florida Legislation 2021**

### **Human Trafficking**

- **Human trafficking** is modern-day slavery and involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act.
- **Human trafficking** victims are children and adults, both male and female.
- It is estimated that worldwide more than **40 million people are victims of human trafficking**, and domestically, 800,000 of which **80 percent are women and children** (*United Nations*).
- It is estimated that **human trafficking generates \$150 billion dollars of profit per year**, second only to drug trafficking as the most profitable form of transnational crime (*International Labor Organization*),

### **Human Trafficking in Florida**

- **Florida** has taken some great first steps, enacting the **National Trafficking Hotline Posting Laws, Safe Harbor Laws and Vacatur Laws**.
- **More is needed to combat Trafficking.** Florida ranks 3rd in U.S. human trafficking cases reported by states (National Human Trafficking Center).
- **Orlando ranked 3rd, Miami 4th, Tampa 8th, Jacksonville 48th out of the top 100 most populous cities** from 2007 to 2016, according to the most recent reports from the National Human Trafficking Center.
- **Victims Need** emergency housing, legal assistance, specialized healthcare, counseling, immigration relief, job training, education and long-term housing.

### **SUPPORT: Human Trafficking Education in Schools (SB 554/HB 1303)**

**Sponsors: Sen. Perry Thurston, Jr. and Rep. Patricia H. Williams**

- **Revising the required health education** in public schools to include information regarding the dangers and signs of human trafficking; specifying the minimum requirements of human trafficking education.

### **SUPPORT: Human Trafficking Survivors Increased Court Protections (SB 812/HB 523)**

**Sponsors: Sens. Lauren Book, Ana Maria Rodriguez, Reps. Jackie Toledo and Michael Greico**

- **Increased confidentiality** between victim and advocate in certain circumstances. Pathway to possible increased time to prepare for court. Expunction of driving records.

For more information: AAUW's Quick Facts on Human Trafficking

<https://www.aauw.org/app/uploads/2020/03/Quick-Facts-Human-Trafficking-nsa.pdf>