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Committee: Judiciary

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the human trafficking task force; to amend
- 2 section 81-1430, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to
- 3 require placement of human trafficking informational posters in
- 4 casinos; and to repeal the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 81-1430, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2 2020, is amended to read:

3 81-1430 (1) A task force is hereby established within the Nebraska
4 Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice for the purposes of
5 investigating and studying human trafficking, the methods for advertising
6 human trafficking services, and the victimization of individuals coerced
7 to participate in human trafficking.

8 (2) The task force shall examine the extent to which human
9 trafficking is prevalent in this state, the scope of efforts being taken
10 to prevent human trafficking from occurring, and the services available
11 to victims of human trafficking in this state. The task force shall
12 utilize information and research available from the Innocence Lost
13 National Initiative. The task force shall research and recommend a model
14 of rehabilitative services for victims of human trafficking that includes
15 input from the areas of law enforcement, social services, the legal
16 profession, the judiciary, mental health, and immigration. The task force
17 shall also investigate the limitations upon victims who wish to come
18 forward and seek medical attention; investigate the potential to stop
19 human trafficking; and investigate the potential to promote recovery, to
20 protect families and children who may be profoundly impacted by such
21 abuse, and to save lives.

22 (3)(a) The Department of Labor shall work with the task force to
23 develop or select informational posters for placement around the state.
24 The posters shall be in English, Spanish, and any other language deemed
25 appropriate by the task force. The posters shall include a toll-free
26 telephone number a person may call for assistance, preferably the
27 National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline (888)373-7888.

28 (b) Posters shall be placed in rest stops, ~~and strip clubs,~~ and
29 casinos. The task force shall work with local businesses and nonprofit
30 entities associated with the prevention of human trafficking to
31 voluntarily place additional signs in high schools, postsecondary

1 educational institutions, gas stations, hotels, hospitals, health care
2 clinics, urgent care centers, airports, train stations, bus stations, and
3 other locations around the state deemed appropriate by the task force.

4 (4) The task force shall consist of the following members:

5 (a) The Attorney General or his or her designee;

6 (b) The executive director of the Nebraska Commission on Law
7 Enforcement and Criminal Justice;

8 (c) The Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety or his
9 or her designee;

10 (d) The Director of Correctional Services or his or her designee;

11 (e) The chief of police or director of public safety of a city of
12 two hundred thousand inhabitants or more as determined by the most recent
13 federal decennial census or the most recent revised certified count by
14 the United States Bureau of the Census;

15 (f) The chief of police or director of public safety of a city of
16 less than two hundred thousand inhabitants as determined by the most
17 recent federal decennial census or the most recent revised certified
18 count by the United States Bureau of the Census;

19 (g) A county sheriff;

20 (h) A county attorney;

21 (i) A county commissioner;

22 (j) A mayor or city manager;

23 (k) A person involved with the control or prevention of juvenile
24 delinquency;

25 (l) A person involved with the control or prevention of child abuse;

26 (m) The Commissioner of Education or his or her designee;

27 (n) The director of the Commission on Latino-Americans or his or her
28 designee; and

29 (o) Six members, at least three of whom shall be women, from the
30 public at large.

31 (5) The Governor shall appoint the members of the task force listed

1 in subdivisions (4)(e) through (l) and (o) of this section for terms as
2 provided in subsection (6) of this section. The membership of the task
3 force shall represent varying geographic areas and large and small
4 political subdivisions. One member from the public at large shall be a
5 professional representing child welfare, and one member of the public at
6 large shall represent juvenile pretrial diversion programs.

7 (6) The members of the task force appointed by the Governor shall
8 serve six-year terms, except that of the members first appointed, four
9 shall serve initial two-year terms, four shall serve initial four-year
10 terms, and six shall serve initial six-year terms from January 1 next
11 succeeding their appointments. Thereafter, all members shall serve six-
12 year terms. A member may be reappointed at the expiration of his or her
13 term. Any vacancy occurring otherwise than by expiration of a term shall
14 be filled for the balance of the unexpired term in the same manner as the
15 original appointment.

16 (7) No member shall serve beyond the time when he or she holds the
17 office, employment, or status by reason of which he or she was initially
18 eligible for appointment. Any member of the task force appointed by the
19 Governor may be removed from the task force for cause upon notice and an
20 opportunity to be heard at a public hearing. One of the causes for
21 removal shall be absence from three regularly scheduled meetings of the
22 task force during any six-month period when the member has failed to
23 advise the task force in advance of such meeting that he or she will be
24 absent and stating a reason therefor.

25 (8) The chairperson of the task force shall be designated by the
26 Governor to serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The chairperson shall
27 be the chief executive officer of the task force but may delegate such of
28 his or her duties to other members of the task force as may be authorized
29 by the task force.

30 (9) Notwithstanding any provision of law, ordinance, or charter
31 provision to the contrary, membership on the task force shall not

1 disqualify any member from holding any other public office or employment
2 or cause the forfeiture thereof.

3 (10) The members of the task force shall serve on the task force
4 without compensation, but they shall be entitled to receive reimbursement
5 for expenses incurred incident to such service as provided in sections
6 81-1174 to 81-1177.

7 (11) Eleven members of the task force shall constitute a quorum for
8 the transaction of any business or the exercise of any power of the task
9 force. The task force shall have the power to act by a majority of the
10 members present at any meeting at which a quorum is in attendance.

11 (12) Every July 1 and December 1, the task force shall report
12 electronically to the Clerk of the Legislature the results of its
13 investigation and study and its recommendations, if any, together with
14 drafts of legislation necessary to carry its recommendations into effect
15 by filing the report with the clerk.

16 Sec. 2. Original section 81-1430, Revised Statutes Cumulative
17 Supplement, 2020, is repealed.