

## RICHMOND JUSTICE INITIATIVE

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### Anti-Human Trafficking Legislative History

#### 2015

**HB 1964 / SB 1188: Sex Trafficking Stand-Alone Statute.** Establishes sex trafficking as its own crime in Virginia law in order to give law enforcement and prosecutors the tools needed to identify victims and prosecute traffickers. Removes the need to prove force, intimidation, or deception when the victim is a minor. Criminalizes recruitment into sex trafficking, conduct which was not criminalized in Virginia before.

Chief Patrons: *Delegate Tim Hugo and Senator Mark Obenshain*

#### 2014

**HB 235 / SB 454: Sex Offender & Crimes against Minors Registry Act.** Adds those who try to purchase sex from a minor to the Sex Offender Registry. This bill creates a strong deterrent for buyers and will help end the demand that fuels sex trafficking.

Chief Patrons: *Delegate Robert Bell and Senator Mark Obenshain*

**HB 485: Administrative subpoena for electronic communication service or remote computing service records.** Allows for administrative subpoenas in human trafficking investigations. This bill provides law enforcement with more tools to identify and rescue victims of human trafficking quickly.

Chief Patron: *Delegate Tim Hugo*

**HB 660: Asset forfeiture for perpetrators.** Seizes the assets and profits from traffickers accrue in their criminal activity. This bill creates a strong deterrent for traffickers from entering into the human trafficking industry.

Chief Patron: *Delegate Robert Bell*

**SB 654: Model Policy Training for Law Enforcement.** Creates a model policy on human trafficking for law enforcement. This bill will help law enforcement identify victims and investigate human trafficking cases.

Chief Patron: *Senator Mark Obenshain*

#### 2013

**HB 1870: Criminal procedure; functions of multi-jurisdiction grand jury.** Adds the offense of receiving money for procuring a person to the list of offenses that a multi-jurisdiction grand jury can investigate. This allows such a jury to investigate human trafficking activities.

Chief Patron: *Delegate Robert Bell*

**HB 2061: Human trafficking hotline; posted notices.** Requires posted notices of the National Human Trafficking Hotline at truck stops. Failure to do so may result in a \$100 fine,

Chief Patron: *Delegate David Bulova*

**HB 1826: Law-enforcement officers; exceptions to territorial limits.** Provides that whenever the necessity arises for the enforcement of laws related to kidnapping, police officers and other officers, agents, and employees of a locality, Capitol Police officers, and campus police may be sent beyond their territorial limits.

Chief Patron: *Delegate Ronald Villanueva*



**SB 1015: Prostitution; solicitation of a minor.** Provides that, in addition to the current Class 1 misdemeanor punishment for solicitation of prostitution generally, any person who solicits prostitution from a minor (i) 16 years of age or older is guilty of a Class 6 felony or (ii) younger than 16 years of age is guilty of a Class 5 felony. This bill is identical to HB 1606.

Chief Patron: *Senator Janet Howell*

**SB 832: Pornography; mandatory minimum sentence.** Provides that the sentence of a person convicted of certain pornography offenses that carry a five-year mandatory minimum term must serve that term consecutively with any other sentence imposed. The offenses include a second offense involving the reproduction, transmission, or distribution of child pornography or the solicitation of child pornography in order to gain entry into a group engaged in trading or sharing child pornography. This bill is identical to HB 2269.

Chief Patron: *Senator Richard Stuart*

## 2012

**SB 259 / HB 1188: Human trafficking; information for public schools.** Requires the Board of Education, with assistance from the Department of Social Services, to provide awareness and training materials for local school division staff on human trafficking, including strategies for the prevention of trafficking of children.

Chief Patrons: *Senator Adam Ebbin & Delegate Vivian Watts*

**HB 1200: Human Trafficking Hotline; posted notices.** Provides that adult entertainment establishments (e.g. strip clubs) post a notice of the existence of a human trafficking hotline to alert potential victims of human trafficking of the availability of assistance.

Chief Patron: *Delegate David Bulova*

**HB 546: Crimes by gangs.** Includes within the definition of “predicate criminal act” the offenses of the taking or detaining of any person into a place for the purpose of prostitution and the receiving of money from earnings of any person engaged in prostitution.

Chief Patron: *Delegate Barbara Comstock*

## 2011

**HB 1898: Abduction; forced labor or services.** An update to statutes prohibiting “abduction” and “receiving money for procuring person” to include provisions targeting pimps, traffickers, and others in the distribution chain.

Chief Patron: *Delegate Tim Hugo*

**SB 1453: Department of Criminal Justice Services; Human Trafficking.** Provides that the Department of Criminal Justice Services and the Attorney General’s office develop a curriculum and provide training for law enforcement to combat human trafficking.

Chief Patron: *Senator Steve Newman*

**HB 2190: Department of Social Services; plan for the provision of services to victims of human trafficking.** Provides that the Department of Social Services develop a plan for the delivery of services to the victims of human trafficking.

Chief Patron: *Delegate Adam Ebbin (currently Senator Ebbin)*

**HJ 561 Global Human Trafficking Awareness Day.** Designates January 11 as Global Human Trafficking Day for each succeeding year.

Chief Patron: *Delegate Kory*

