

**Representative Ryan D. Wilcox** proposes the following substitute bill:

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION PROGRAM**

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Ryan D. Wilcox**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill creates a human trafficking educational program in an institution of higher education.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ directs each institution of higher education or the Utah System of Higher Education to provide a human trafficking educational program to first year students;
- ▶ requires the program be taught by individuals with certain expertise; and
- ▶ describes the required components of the program.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**53B-16-112**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*



26 Section 1. Section 53B-16-112 is enacted to read:

27 **53B-16-112. Human trafficking educational program.**

28 (1) Beginning July 1, 2023, an institution of higher education or the Utah System of  
29 Higher Education shall offer to each student in the student's first year of study an educational  
30 program regarding the prevention of human trafficking and exploitation.

31 (2) An institution of higher education or the Utah System of Higher Education shall  
32 ensure the program:

33 (a) is taught by one or more professionals who:

34 (i) have experience in investigation, prosecution, and victim advocacy related to human  
35 trafficking and exploitation; and

36 (ii) specialize in outreach and educational programming about human trafficking and  
37 exploitation; and

38 (b) includes the following components:

39 (i) consistent with state law, the definitions of human trafficking, sex trafficking, and  
40 labor trafficking;

41 (ii) an explanation of the grooming cycle;

42 (iii) examples of trafficker behavior;

43 (iv) risk factors for becoming a victim of human trafficking;

44 (v) a demonstration showing that human trafficking can happen to any individual;

45 (vi) steps to protect against becoming a victim of human trafficking; and

46 (vii) how to prevent and report human trafficking.

47 (3) An institution of higher education shall offer the program at least three times each  
48 year in a format chosen by the institution of higher education including:

49 (a) in-person; or

50 (b) a virtual pre-recording.

51 (4) An institution of higher education or the Utah System of Higher Education may  
52 satisfy the requirements of this section by offering a program created by a law enforcement  
53 organization or an organization of prosecutors including:

54 (a) a task force created by the Attorney General related to human trafficking and  
55 exploitation; or

56 (b) the Office of the Attorney General.

