

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: Chris H. Wilson

LONG TITLE

General Description:

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

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ directs the Office of the Attorney General to create an educational program regarding human trafficking;
- ▶ directs each institution of higher education to provide the 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:

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

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

(1) The Office of the Attorney General shall create an educational program regarding human trafficking and exploitation and ensure the educational program:

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

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

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

(b) includes the following components:

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

(ii) an explanation of the grooming cycle;

(iii) examples of trafficker behavior;

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

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

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

(vii) how to prevent and report human trafficking; and

(c) is available in a flexible format including a virtual pre-recording.

(2) Beginning July 1, 2023, an institution of higher education shall offer to each student in the student's first year of study the educational program described in Subsection (1).