



FLORIDA

Fight to End Human Trafficking

HOUSE BILLS 2025



HB 895 & SB 1660 - *Prostitution & Trafficking Demand Reduction*

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PURPOSE

- Prohibits adults from engaging in or soliciting prostitution.
- Strengthens penalties for operating, maintaining, or renting property used for commercial sex activities.
- Requires convicted individuals to:
- Attend educational programs on human trafficking awareness.
- Pay civil penalties and perform community service in programs assisting trafficking victims.
- Undergo sexually transmitted disease testing to prevent further exploitation-related health risks.

IMPACT

- A demand-focused approach to trafficking by criminalizing those who purchase commercial sex services.
- Empowers law enforcement to shut down trafficking hubs operating under the guise of illicit businesses.
- Redirects offenders toward education and rehabilitation programs rather than just incarceration.

SB 444 & HB 1237 - *Human Trafficking Awareness*

- Empowers schools by requiring human trafficking awareness training for teachers and staff.
- Ensures educators know how to recognize and report trafficking before it's too late.
- Mandates electronic record-keeping for accountability and oversight.

Why It Matters: Florida ranks #3 in human trafficking cases nationwide. Schools must be equipped to identify and intervene before children fall victim.

HB 1283 & SB 1804 - *Capital Sex Trafficking*

- Strengthens penalties by making the trafficking of children and mentally impaired individuals eligible for the death penalty.
- Ensures traffickers face the highest consequences for their crimes.
- Creates a separate sentencing process to ensure justice for victims.

Why It Matters: Traffickers prey on the most vulnerable in our communities. Florida must send a strong message—if you destroy lives, you will face the harshest punishment.

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IT'S A FELONY TO HARM FLORIDA'S NATURAL TREASURES

- Florida's laws impose harsh penalties for damaging state-endangered wildlife, such as sea turtles, manatees, Florida panthers, bald eagles/ birds of prey, key deer, sharks, dolphins, whales, eastern indigo snakes, and American crocodiles.
- Offenses like disturbing protected habitats or harming these species can result in felony charges with significant prison terms and heavy fines.

IT'S A FELONY TO BUY DRUGS IN FLORIDA

- Purchasing or selling controlled substances like heroin, cocaine, or methamphetamine is treated as a felony in Florida, often resulting in lengthy prison sentences and substantial fines.
- Drug crimes near schools or parks incur even harsher penalties.

BUT TO BUY A HUMAN? IT'S JUST A MISDEMEANOR

- Shockingly, under current Florida law, purchasing a human being for sex—an act that drives human trafficking—is treated as a misdemeanor.
- This glaring inconsistency undermines efforts to combat human trafficking, as it fails to hold buyers accountable for fueling this exploitative market.

FLORIDA MUST SEND A CLEAR MESSAGE

We value human life above all else.

By addressing this legislative gap, we can protect the vulnerable, disrupt trafficking networks, and realign our priorities to honor the dignity of every human being.



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