



2016 Legislative Summary:

Human Trafficking

HEA1028 Human Trafficking and Common Nuisances (Truitt R) – Certain human trafficking crimes including knowingly **visiting** or **maintaining** a property, vehicle, etc. used for promotion of human trafficking are **Class A misdemeanors** and **Level 6 felonies**, respectively.

HEA1199 Human Trafficking (McNamara W) Adds the crime of **promotion of human trafficking** of a minor to the definitions of “**sex offender**” and “**sex or violent offender**.”

SEA14 Various Criminal Law Matters (Head R) Increases penalties for **creation or possession of child pornography** in cases where the children are depicted in acts of bestiality, are mentally disabled, participating in sexual conduct by use of force, physically or verbally resisting the participation, receives bodily injury while participating, or is less than 12 years of age.

SEA305 Department of Child Services Matters (HEAD R)

- Adds the following to the list of offenses under which a child victim may be designated a **Child in Need of Services (CHINS)**:
 - Human or sexual trafficking offenses
 - Sexual battery against a child
 - Vicarious sexual gratification offenses
 - Child solicitation
 - Patronizing a prostitute
 - Promoting prostitution
- Expands the statutory definition of “**human trafficking**” and “**sex trafficking**” to include the federal definitions and definitions from other jurisdictions.
- Adds a **CHINS designation** for a child who lives in a household with an adult charged with human trafficking.
- Permits a juvenile court to find that **reasonable efforts for reunification are not necessary** if a child is a CHINS as a result of parent, guardian or custodian involvement in **human trafficking** of child or others.
- **Removes requirement** that a delinquent child **be removed from home** in order to enter an **informal adjustment**.
- Provides that DCS may share **assessment reports** with the **National Center for Missing and Exploited Children**.

SR8 Internet Crimes Against Children Funding (Merritt) A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the legislative council to assign to the appropriate study committee the topic of creating **permanent funding of child rescue programs** and **funding investigations of Internet crimes against children** known as Alicia's Law.