
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
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AB 2720 (Schiavo) - Human trafficking victim support coordinator

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Urgency: No

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Policy Vote: PUB. S. 6 - 0

Mandate: Yes

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Bill Summary: AB 2720 would require law enforcement agencies with more than 25 full time peace officers to designate at least one human trafficking victim support coordinator by January 1, 2028.

Fiscal Impact: Unknown, potentially major state mandate claim costs annually, to reimburse law enforcement agencies for the cost to hire, train and employ a human trafficking victim support coordinator.

Significant costs to the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) and to hire, train and employ a human trafficking victim support coordinator.

Background: The Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) offers a course of instruction for the training of law enforcement officers in the handling of human trafficking complaints and offers guidelines for law enforcement response to human trafficking. The course of instruction stresses the dynamics and manifestations of human trafficking, identifying and communicating with victims, providing documentation that satisfy the law enforcement agency endorsement required by federal law, collaboration with federal law enforcement officials. Completion of the course may be satisfied by telecommunication, video training tape, or other instruction.

Law enforcement officers assigned field or investigative duties complete a minimum of two hours of training in a course of instruction pertaining to the handling of human trafficking complaints within six months of being assigned to that position.

There are 345 local law enforcement agencies with 25 or more full time peace officers. There are 628 such agencies with peace officers statewide.

The need for a human trafficking victim support coordinator will vary by agency. For example, the Mono County Sheriff's Office had 25 full time peace officers but may not encounter enough human trafficking activity to warrant dedicating a full time position. At the same time, if the cost of employing such a position can be reimbursed through the state mandate claims process, and there is sufficient need, a local law enforcement agency may choose to employ a full time position.

Proposed Law: The human trafficking victim support coordinator may be a nonsworn employee.

Upon completion of the training course, the human trafficking victim support coordinator shall serve as a liaison between the law enforcement agency and community based organizations and victims.

DOJ estimates an annual cost of approximately \$170,000 to employ a human trafficking victim support coordinator. CHP will have a similar cost.

Staff Comments: It is unclear if the intent of the bill is for the human trafficking victim support coordinator is to be a new hire after January 1, 2028 (when some larger law enforcement agencies may already employ such persons) or whether designating a current employee who taken, or will take, the POST training would be sufficient.

Recommended Amendments: Staff Recommends allowing local law enforcement agencies to meet the requirements of the bill by designating a current employee who is performing the functions described in the bill as the human trafficking victim support coordinator or amending a duty statement in order to be in compliance. This could significantly reduce potential state mandated cost reimbursement.