
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
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SB 1027 (Strickland) - California Street Prostitution Issues and Options Task Force

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Policy Vote: PUB. S. 6 - 0

Mandate: No

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Bill Summary: SB 1027 would create the California Street Prostitution Issues and Options Task Force (CSPIOTF).

Fiscal Impact: Unknown, minimum one to two full time positions (\$150,000 - \$300,000) to staff the task force through January 1, 2030, costs could be greater (General Fund).

Proposed Law: This bill would create the CSPIOTF to take specific actions related to street prostitution and human trafficking including collecting and organizing data related to prostitution and sex trafficking, examining models and strategies for enforcing existing law, law and supporting survivors of human trafficking, analyzing state law for its adequacy in addressing street prostitution, and recommending revisions to state law to address street prostitution and human trafficking.

This bill would prescribe the composition of the task force and appointing authority. The bill would require the task force to hold its first meeting no later than July 1, 2027, and would require the task force to meet at least once every 2 months until February 1, 2028.

This bill would require the task force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the Attorney General, and the Legislature by July 1, 2028, January 1, 2029, as specified, and would repeal these provisions on January 1, 2030.

The 24 member task force would include one representative from an organization that serves victims of sex trafficking in northern California, appointed by the Senate Rules Committee and two survivors of sex trafficking, appointed by the Senate Rules Committee.

All members would serve at the pleasure of the respective appointing authority. Reimbursement of necessary expenses may be provided at the discretion of the respective appointing authority.

The Department of Justice would provide staff and support to the task force, to the extent resources are available.

Related Legislation: SB 180 (Keuhl), Chapter 239/2005 and AB 22 (Lieber) Chapter 240/2005 established the California Alliance to Combat Trafficking and Slavery (California ACTS) Task Force. The California ACTS Task Force was charged with collecting and organizing data regarding human trafficking, measuring and evaluating the state's approach to human trafficking, identifying programs that assist survivors of

human trafficking, analyzing existing criminal statutes for their adequacy in addressing human trafficking, facilitating collaboration between government and NGOs, and developing recommendations for improving the state's approach to human trafficking.

The final report of the California ACTS Task Force was published in October of 2007. The report broke its findings and recommendations into four categories: Identifying the scope of human trafficking, protecting and assisting victims of human trafficking, investigating and prosecuting human traffickers, and preventing human trafficking.

In 2019, the Legislature passed SB 35 (Chang) to reestablish the California ACTS Task Force. Governor Newsom vetoed SB 35, noting in his veto message that the task force should be considered through the budget process, not stand-alone legislation. SB 35 would have required the second California ACTS Task Force to be comprised of 15 members, including representatives from the Attorney General; state public health, labor, welfare, and emergency services agencies; the state judiciary; district attorneys; public defenders; law enforcement; NGOs; direct service organizations; and survivors of human trafficking.