

SENATE BILL NO. 164—SENATORS SCHEIBLE,
D. HARRIS AND OHRENSCHALL

MARCH 2, 2021

JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN NGUYEN; GONZÁLEZ AND WATTS

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Directs the Legislative Commission to appoint a committee to conduct an interim study concerning sex trafficking. (BDR S-57)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to crimes; directing the Legislative Commission to appoint a committee to conduct an interim study concerning sex trafficking in this State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law: (1) sets forth certain acts that constitute the crimes of sex trafficking and facilitating sex trafficking; and (2) imposes various penalties upon a person who is found guilty of such crimes, depending on the age of the victim. (NRS 201.300, 201.301) This bill directs the Legislative Commission to appoint a committee to conduct an interim study concerning issues relating to sex trafficking in this State. This bill requires the committee to examine, research and identify: (1) the existing laws governing sex trafficking and related offenses; (2) alternatives to arrest and immunity from civil liability for victims of sex trafficking; (3) programs which provide resources to such victims; and (4) statistical information concerning sex trafficking.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. 1. The Legislative Commission shall appoint a committee to conduct an interim study concerning issues relating to sex trafficking in this State.



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2. The interim committee must be composed of six Legislators as follows:

(a) Two members appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate;

(b) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly;

(c) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate; and

(d) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the Assembly.

3. The Legislative Commission shall appoint a Chair and Vice Chair from among the members of the interim committee.

4. The interim committee shall examine, research and identify, without limitation:

(a) The existing laws of this State governing sex trafficking and related crimes;

(b) Alternatives to arrest for victims of sex trafficking;

(c) Immunity from civil liability for victims of sex trafficking;

(d) Programs which provide resources and services for victims of sex trafficking;

(e) Statistical information concerning sex trafficking in this State; and

(f) Any other relevant matters pertaining to sex trafficking in this State.

5. Any recommended legislation proposed by the interim committee must be approved by a majority of the members of the Senate and a majority of the members of the Assembly appointed to the interim committee.

6. The Legislative Commission shall submit a report of the results of the study and any recommendations for legislation to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the 82nd Session of the Nevada Legislature.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2021.

