
SENATE BILL NO. 488—SENATORS SPEARMAN, CANCELA,
WOODHOUSE, PARKS; DENIS, FARLEY AND FORD

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JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN MILLER, JOINER,
DIAZ; NEAL, SPIEGEL AND THOMPSON

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to sexual offenses.
(BDR 15-1086)

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

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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 sexual offenses; establishing additional acts that constitute the crime of sex trafficking; increasing the number of years required to be served by a person who is guilty of sex trafficking a child less than 14 years of age before the person is eligible for parole; requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a Medicaid service package to assist victims of sexual trauma who are eligible for Medicaid; authorizing the Department to adopt regulations relating to the development of such a Medicaid service package; requiring the Department to hold certain periodic meetings relating to sex trafficking; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law establishes certain specific acts that constitute the crime of sex
2 trafficking and sets forth the penalties imposed upon a person who is found guilty
3 of sex trafficking. Such penalties vary depending on whether the victim of sex
4 trafficking is an adult or a child and, if a child, the age of the child. (NRS 201.300)
5 **Section 1** of this bill provides that a person is also guilty of sex trafficking if he or
6 she: (1) facilitates, arranges, provides or pays for the transportation of a person to
7 or within this State for the purpose of causing that person to engage in unlawful
8 sexual conduct or prostitution or, if that person is a child, certain acts relating to



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9 pornography involving minors; (2) advertises, sells or offers to sell travel services
10 that include or facilitate the travel of another person to this State for the purpose of
11 engaging in sexual conduct with a victim of sex trafficking or certain acts relating
12 to pornography involving minors; or (3) travels, attempts to travel or knowingly
13 causes another person to travel or attempt to travel to or within this State by any
14 means for the purpose of engaging in sexual conduct with a victim of sex
15 trafficking or certain acts relating to pornography involving minors.

16 Existing law provides that a person who is found guilty of sex trafficking a
17 child who is less than 14 years of age at the time of the offense is punished by
18 imprisonment in the state prison for life with the possibility of parole, with
19 eligibility for parole beginning when a minimum of 15 years has been served. (NRS
20 201.300) **Section 1** increases the number of years such a person must serve before
21 he or she is eligible for parole to 20 years.

22 **Section 2** of this bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to
23 develop a Medicaid service package called the Sexual Trauma Services Guide for
24 the purpose of assisting victims of sexual trauma who are eligible for Medicaid.
25 **Section 2** requires the Department to post information relating to the Sexual
26 Trauma Services Guide on the Internet website of the Department and to make such
27 information available to any person upon request at the office of the Department.
28 **Section 2** also authorizes the Department to adopt regulations relating to the
29 development of the Sexual Trauma Services Guide.

30 In 2016, the Governor established by executive order the Nevada Coalition to
31 Prevent the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children. (Executive Order 2016-
32 14 (5-31-2016)) The Coalition is required to prepare a comprehensive statewide
33 strategic plan and recommendations regarding how to address certain provisions of
34 federal law relating to sex trafficking. **Section 3** of this bill requires the Department
35 to hold periodic informational meetings for the purpose of coordinating the efforts
36 of various entities to improve services for victims of sex trafficking and achieve the
37 goals set forth in the statewide strategic plan developed by the Coalition.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 201.300 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 201.300 1. A person who without physical force or the
3 immediate threat of physical force, induces an adult to unlawfully
4 become a prostitute or to continue to engage in prostitution, or to
5 enter any place within this State in which prostitution is practiced,
6 encouraged or allowed for the purpose of sexual conduct or
7 prostitution is guilty of pandering which is a category C felony and
8 shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130. This subsection does
9 not apply to the customer of a prostitute.

10 2. A person:

11 (a) Is guilty of sex trafficking if the person:

12 (1) Induces, causes, recruits, harbors, transports, provides,
13 obtains or maintains a child to engage in prostitution, or to enter any
14 place within this State in which prostitution is practiced, encouraged
15 or allowed for the purpose of sexual conduct or prostitution;



1 (2) Induces, recruits, harbors, transports, provides, obtains or
2 maintains a person by any means, knowing, or in reckless disregard
3 of the fact, that threats, violence, force, intimidation, fraud, duress
4 or coercion will be used to cause the person to engage in
5 prostitution, or to enter any place within this State in which
6 prostitution is practiced, encouraged or allowed for the purpose of
7 sexual conduct or prostitution;

8 (3) By threats, violence, force, intimidation, fraud, duress,
9 coercion, by any device or scheme, or by abuse of any position of
10 confidence or authority, or having legal charge, takes, places,
11 harbors, induces, causes, compels or procures a person to engage in
12 prostitution, or to enter any place within this State in which
13 prostitution is practiced, encouraged or allowed for the purpose of
14 sexual conduct or prostitution; ~~for~~

15 (4) *Facilitates, arranges, provides or pays for the*
16 *transportation of a person to or within this State for the purpose*
17 *of:*

18 (I) *Causing the person to engage in prostitution or to*
19 *enter any place within this State in which prostitution is practiced,*
20 *encouraged or allowed for the purpose of sexual conduct or*
21 *prostitution in violation of subparagraph (1), (2) or (3); or*

22 (II) *If the person is a child, using the person for any act*
23 *that is prohibited by NRS 200.710 or 200.720;*

24 (5) *Advertises, sells or offers to sell travel services that*
25 *include or facilitate the travel of another person to this State for*
26 *the purpose of engaging in:*

27 (I) *Sexual conduct with a person who is caused to*
28 *engage in sexual conduct or prostitution in violation of*
29 *subparagraph (1), (2) or (3); or*

30 (II) *Any act involving a child that is prohibited by NRS*
31 *200.710 or 200.720;*

32 (6) *Travels, attempts to travel or knowingly causes another*
33 *person to travel or attempt to travel to or within this State by any*
34 *means for the purpose of engaging in:*

35 (I) *Sexual conduct with a person who is caused to*
36 *engage in sexual conduct or prostitution in violation of*
37 *subparagraph (1), (2) or (3); or*

38 (II) *Any act involving a child that is prohibited by NRS*
39 *200.710 or 200.720; or*

40 (7) Takes or detains a person with the intent to compel the
41 person by force, violence, threats or duress to marry him or her or
42 any other person.

43 (b) Who is found guilty of sex trafficking:

44 (1) An adult is guilty of a category B felony and shall be
45 punished by imprisonment in the state prison for a minimum term of



1 not less than 3 years and a maximum term of not more than 10
2 years, and may be further punished by a fine of not more than
3 \$10,000.

4 (2) A child:

5 (I) If the child is less than 14 years of age when the
6 offense is committed, is guilty of a category A felony and shall be
7 punished by imprisonment in the state prison for life with the
8 possibility of parole, with eligibility for parole beginning when a
9 minimum of ~~15~~ 20 years has been served, and may be further
10 punished by a fine of not more than \$20,000.

11 (II) If the child is at least 14 years of age but less than 16
12 years of age when the offense is committed, is guilty of a category
13 A felony and shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison
14 for life with the possibility of parole, with eligibility for parole
15 beginning when a minimum of 10 years has been served, and may
16 be further punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000.

17 (III) If the child is at least 16 years of age but less than 18
18 years of age when the offense is committed, is guilty of a category
19 A felony and shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison
20 for life with the possibility of parole, with eligibility for parole
21 beginning when a minimum of 5 years has been served, and may be
22 further punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000.

23 3. A court shall not grant probation to or suspend the sentence
24 of a person convicted of sex trafficking a child pursuant to
25 subsection 2.

26 4. Consent of a victim of pandering or sex trafficking to an act
27 of prostitution is not a defense to a prosecution for any of the acts
28 prohibited by this section.

29 5. In a prosecution for sex trafficking a child pursuant to
30 subsection 2, it is not a defense that the defendant did not have
31 knowledge of the victim's age, nor is reasonable mistake of age a
32 valid defense to a prosecution conducted pursuant to subsection 2.

33 **Sec. 2.** Chapter 422 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
34 thereto a new section to read as follows:

35 *1. To the extent authorized by federal law, the Department*
36 *shall develop a Medicaid service package called the Sexual*
37 *Trauma Services Guide for the purpose of assisting victims of*
38 *sexual trauma who are eligible for Medicaid.*

39 *2. The Department shall post information relating to the*
40 *Sexual Trauma Services Guide, including, without limitation,*
41 *information concerning the available services to which victims of*
42 *sexual trauma are entitled, on the Internet website maintained by*
43 *the Department and shall make such information available to any*
44 *person upon request at the office of the Department.*



1 **3. The Department may adopt any regulations necessary to**
2 **carry out the provisions of this section.**

3 **Sec. 3.** Chapter 439 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
4 thereto a new section to read as follows:

5 *The Department shall periodically hold informational*
6 *meetings, as deemed appropriate by the Director, for the purpose*
7 *of coordinating the efforts of various entities associated with the*
8 *provision of services for victims of sex trafficking to improve such*
9 *services, including, without limitation, to ensure that any*
10 *applicable funding received by such entities is used in the most*
11 *effective and efficient way possible to assist victims of sex*
12 *trafficking and to achieve the goals set forth in the statewide*
13 *strategic plan developed by the Nevada Coalition to Prevent the*
14 *Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children, established by the*
15 *Governor pursuant to Executive Order 2016-14, issued on May 31,*
16 *2016.*

