

115TH CONGRESS  
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# **S. 1536**

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## **AN ACT**

To designate a human trafficking prevention coordinator and to expand the scope of activities authorized under the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's outreach and education program to include human trafficking prevention activities, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
 2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Combating Human  
 5       Trafficking in Commercial Vehicles Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION COORDINATOR.**

7       The Secretary of Transportation shall designate an  
 8       official within the Department of Transportation who  
 9       shall—

10               (1) coordinate human trafficking prevention ef-  
 11       forts across modal administrations in the Depart-  
 12       ment of Transportation and with other departments  
 13       and agencies of the Federal Government; and

14               (2) in coordinating such efforts, take into ac-  
 15       count the unique challenges of combating human  
 16       trafficking within different transportation modes.

17       **SEC. 3. EXPANSION OF OUTREACH AND EDUCATION PRO-**  
 18       **GRAM.**

19       Section 31110(c)(1) of title 49, United States Code,  
 20       is amended by adding at the end the following: “The pro-  
 21       gram authorized under this subsection may support, in ad-  
 22       dition to funds otherwise available for such purposes, the  
 23       recognition, prevention, and reporting of human traf-  
 24       ficking, while deferring to existing resources, as prac-  
 25       ticable.”.

1 **SEC. 4. EXPANSION OF COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE FI-**  
 2 **NANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

3 Section 31313(a)(3) of title 49, United States Code,  
 4 is amended—

5 (1) in subparagraph (D), by striking “or” at  
 6 the end;

7 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (E) as sub-  
 8 paragraph (F); and

9 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (D) the fol-  
 10 lowing:

11 “(E) support, in addition to funds other-  
 12 wise available for such purposes, the recogni-  
 13 tion, prevention, and reporting of human traf-  
 14 ficking; or”.

15 **SEC. 5. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANS-**  
 16 **PORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON**  
 17 **HUMAN TRAFFICKING.**

18 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish  
 19 an advisory committee on human trafficking.

20 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—

21 (1) COMPOSITION.—The Committee shall be  
 22 composed of not more than 15 external stakeholder  
 23 members whose diverse experience and background  
 24 enable them to provide balanced points of view with  
 25 regard to carrying out the duties of the Committee.

1           (2) SELECTION.—The Secretary shall appoint  
2       the external stakeholder members to the Committee,  
3       including representatives from—

4                   (A) trafficking advocacy organizations;

5                   (B) law enforcement; and

6                   (C) trucking, bus, rail, aviation, maritime,  
7       and port sectors, including industry and labor.

8           (3) PERIODS OF APPOINTMENT.—Members  
9       shall be appointed for the life of the Committee.

10          (4) VACANCIES.—A vacancy in the Committee  
11       shall be filled in the manner in which the original  
12       appointment was made and shall not affect the pow-  
13       ers or duties of the Committee.

14          (5) COMPENSATION.—Committee members shall  
15       serve without compensation.

16       (c) AUTHORITY.—Not later than 9 months after the  
17       date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall establish  
18       and appoint all members of the Committee.

19       (d) DUTIES.—

20               (1) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT  
21       OF TRANSPORTATION.—Not later than 18 months  
22       after the date of enactment of this Act, the Com-  
23       mittee shall make recommendations to the Secretary  
24       on actions the Department can take to help combat

human trafficking, including the development and implementation of—

(A) successful strategies for identifying and reporting instances of human trafficking; and

(B) recommendations for administrative or legislative changes necessary to use programs, properties, or other resources owned, operated, or funded by the Department to combat human trafficking.

(2) BEST PRACTICES AND RECOMMENDATIONS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Committee shall develop recommended best practices for States and State and local transportation stakeholders to follow in combating human trafficking.

(B) DEVELOPMENT.—The best practices shall be based on multidisciplinary research and promising, evidence-based models and programs.

(C) CONTENT.—The best practices shall be user-friendly, incorporate the most up-to-date technology, and include the following:

(i) Sample training materials.

(ii) Strategies to identify victims.

1 (iii) Sample protocols and rec-  
2 ommendations, including—

3 (I) strategies to collect, docu-  
4 ment, and share data across systems  
5 and agencies;

6 (II) strategies to help agencies  
7 better understand the types of traf-  
8 ficking involved, the scope of the prob-  
9 lem, and the degree of victim inter-  
10 action with multiple systems; and

11 (III) strategies to identify effec-  
12 tive pathways for State agencies to  
13 utilize their position in educating crit-  
14 ical stakeholder groups and assisting  
15 victims.

16 (D) INFORMING STATES OF BEST PRAC-  
17 TICES.—The Secretary shall ensure that State  
18 Governors and State departments of transpor-  
19 tation are notified of the best practices and rec-  
20 ommendations.

21 (e) REPORTS.—Not later than 2 years after the date  
22 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall—

23 (1) submit a report on the actions of the Com-  
24 mittee described in subsection (d) to—

1 (A) the Committee on Commerce, Science,  
2 and Transportation of the Senate; and

3 (B) the Committee on Transportation and  
4 Infrastructure of the House of Representatives;  
5 and

6 (2) make the report under paragraph (1) pub-  
7 licly available both physically and online.

8 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 (1) COMMITTEE.—The term “Committee”  
10 means the Department of Transportation Advisory  
11 Committee on Human Trafficking established under  
12 subsection (a).

13 (2) HUMAN TRAFFICKING.—The term “human  
14 trafficking” means an act or practice described in  
15 paragraph (9) or paragraph (10) of section 103 of  
16 the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22  
17 U.S.C. 7102).

18 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
19 the Secretary of Transportation.

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Attest:

*Secretary.*

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