



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 521**

LCO No. 538



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:  
SEN. SAMPSON, 16th Dist.

***AN ACT CONCERNING CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That the general statutes be amended to protect children and youth  
2 from sex trafficking in Connecticut by (1) updating certain criminal  
3 statutes to make them applicable to conduct against minors and include  
4 buyer conduct; (2) developing policy guidance to facilitate appropriate  
5 responses to foreign national child sex trafficking victims; (3) requiring  
6 child welfare and juvenile justice agencies to conduct trauma-informed  
7 commercial sexual exploitation of children screening of children who  
8 are at risk of sex trafficking and require the agencies to provide  
9 specialized services for identified sex-trafficked children; (4) expressly  
10 providing commercial sexual exploitation of children victims ability to  
11 obtain orders of protection against their exploiters; (5) amending  
12 subsection (a) of section 54-86g of the general statutes to allow all  
13 commercial sexual exploitation of children victims to testify by  
14 alternative method, regardless of age; (6) providing commercial sexual  
15 exploitation of children victims with a child sex trafficking-specific  
16 caseworker, and protect their communications as privileged to protect

17 the victim's conversations with the caseworker from being disclosed;  
18 and (7) mandating state-wide training for child welfare and juvenile  
19 justice agencies on identification and response to child sex trafficking.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To protect children and youth from sex trafficking in Connecticut.