

HOUSE BILL 115

By Moody

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38,
Chapter 1, relative to human trafficking prevention.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 1, is amended by adding the following as a new part:

38-8-101. Tennessee Businesses Against Trafficking.

(a) The secretary of state shall establish and implement a program designated as the Tennessee Businesses Against Trafficking program to engage participating corporations and other private entities in voluntary efforts to identify, prevent, and combat human trafficking.

(b) The secretary of state shall present a certificate of recognition to a participating corporation or private entity to recognize the corporation's or entity's contributions to the efforts of federal, state, and local officials engaged in combatting human trafficking and prosecuting human trafficking crimes.

(c) A corporation or other private entity that participates in the program shall:

(1) Adopt a zero-tolerance policy toward human trafficking;

(2) Take measures to ensure that the corporation's or entity's employees comply with rules promulgated by the secretary of state's office related to the program;

(3) Participate in training and public awareness and education campaigns;

(4) Enhance awareness of and encourage participation in the program;

and

(5) Share with the secretary of state best practices that are effective in combatting human trafficking.

(d) The secretary of state shall work collaboratively with other state agencies and advisory councils to promote the program.

38-8-102. Promulgation of Rules.

The secretary of state may promulgate rules as necessary to implement this part. The rules must be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 2. The headings in this act are for reference purposes only and do not constitute a part of the law enacted by this act. However, the Tennessee Code Commission is requested to include the headings in any compilation or publication containing this act.

SECTION 3. For purposes of promulgating rules, this act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.