

1 AN ACT concerning human rights.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Human  
5 Trafficking Task Force Act.

6 Section 2. Findings. The General Assembly finds the  
7 following:

8 (1) A 2014 study by the Urban Institute found that  
9 sexual predators believed that if they were caught  
10 trafficking women and girls of color, they would get less  
11 jail time. According to the Chicago Children's Advocacy  
12 Center, 40.4% of victims of sex trafficking are black  
13 women, yet black women only make up 13.1% of the United  
14 States population.

15 (2) Black women are 7% of the national population but  
16 constitute 10% of missing persons cases. Their  
17 disappearances are less likely to be reported in the media  
18 and less likely to be solved by police. Missing children  
19 cases among the country's black population are also dated  
20 cases that are more often left open, compared with white  
21 children during the same time spans. Many missing persons  
22 cases that involve black women and girls are classified as  
23 "runaways", a classification that may not reflect the fact

1           they are victims.

2           Section 5. Human Trafficking Task Force created.

3           (a) There is created the Human Trafficking Task Force to  
4 address the growing problem of human trafficking across this  
5 State. The Human Trafficking Task Force shall consist of the  
6 following persons:

7           (1) three members of the House of Representatives,  
8 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

9           (2) three members of the House of Representatives,  
10 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of  
11 Representatives;

12           (3) three members of the Senate, appointed by the  
13 President of the Senate;

14           (4) three members of the Senate, appointed by the  
15 Minority Leader of the Senate;

16           (5) one representative of the Cook County Human  
17 Trafficking Task Force, appointed by the Governor; and

18           (6) one representative of the Central Illinois Human  
19 Trafficking Task Force, appointed by the Governor.

20           (b) The Task Force shall include the following ex officio  
21 members:

22           (1) the Director of the Illinois State Police, or his  
23 or her designee;

24           (2) the Director of the Department of Children and  
25 Family Services, or his or her designee;

1           (3) the Secretary of the Department of Human Services,  
2           or his or her designee; and

3           (4) the Director of the Department of Healthcare and  
4           Family Services, or his or her designee.

5           (c) Members of the Human Trafficking Task Force shall  
6           serve without compensation.

7           Section 10. Administrative support. The Department of  
8           Children and Family Services shall provide administrative and  
9           other support to the Human Trafficking Task Force.

10          Section 15. Duties of Human Trafficking Task Force. The  
11          Human Trafficking Task Force shall conduct a study on the  
12          human trafficking problem in this State and shall hold  
13          hearings in furtherance of:

14               (1) developing a State plan to address human  
15               trafficking;

16               (2) implementing a system for the sharing of human  
17               trafficking data between governmental agencies in a manner  
18               that ensures that the privacy of victims of human  
19               trafficking is protected and that data collection respects  
20               the privacy of victims of human trafficking;

21               (3) establishing policies to enable State government  
22               to work with nongovernmental organizations and other  
23               elements of the private sector to prevent human  
24               trafficking and provide assistance to victims of human

1 trafficking who are United States citizens or foreign  
2 nationals;

3 (4) evaluating various approaches used by state and  
4 local governments to increase public awareness of human  
5 trafficking, including trafficking of United States  
6 citizens and foreign national victims;

7 (5) developing methods for protecting the rights of  
8 victims of human trafficking, taking into account the need  
9 to consider the human rights and special needs of women  
10 and minors;

11 (6) evaluating the necessity of treating victims of  
12 human trafficking as crime victims rather than criminals;

13 (7) developing methods for promoting the safety of  
14 victims of human trafficking;

15 (8) evaluating human trafficking training and  
16 education for professionals who may interact with victims  
17 of human trafficking;

18 (9) distributing human trafficking training and  
19 education models for professionals who may interact with  
20 victims of human trafficking;

21 (10) reviewing research into the disparity between the  
22 clearance rate on white missing persons compared to black  
23 missing persons;

24 (11) reviewing comprehensive, nationwide data  
25 collection on missing persons, including data  
26 disaggregated by race, geography, and socioeconomic

1 status;

2 (12) reviewing better assessments and analysis on how  
3 law enforcement agencies address implicit bias during  
4 investigation of these cases;

5 (13) reviewing research to identify factors that  
6 contribute to the disparity in outcomes in missing women  
7 cases;

8 (14) reviewing research to identify best practices and  
9 effective solutions for State government to help black  
10 women and girls who are missing right now;

11 (15) reviewing research to identify effective  
12 long-term implementations that will address problems going  
13 forward; and

14 (16) producing an annual report detailing the Task  
15 Force's finding based upon its review of research  
16 conducted under this Section, including specific  
17 recommendations, if any, and other information the Task  
18 Force may deem proper in furthermore of its duties under  
19 this Act.

20 Section 20. Report. On or before June 30, 2024, the Human  
21 Trafficking Task Force shall report its findings and  
22 recommendations to the General Assembly, by filing copies of  
23 its report as provided in Section 3.1 of the General Assembly  
24 Organization Act, and to the Governor.

1           Section 25. Task force abolished; Act repealed. The Human  
2           Trafficking Task Force is abolished and this Act is repealed  
3           on July 1, 2024.

4           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
5           becoming law.