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Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
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Yeas:	Barton, Cameron, Garrett, Krieger, Olson, Tomei, Williamson, Barker
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Meeting Dates:	5/23, 5/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Modifies the crime of patronizing a prostitute when the prostitute is a minor. Provides first conviction of patronizing a prostitute who is a minor carries mandatory penalty of 30 days jail and gives judge discretion to make offender register as sex offender, requires \$10,000 fine, requires attendance at “John’s school.” Provides second and subsequent convictions are a Class C felony and are accompanied by \$20,000 fines and require sex offender registration. Makes prior convictions for prostitution count as one half of person crimes when calculating criminal history score. Modifies crime of trafficking in persons by creating different felony classifications for benefiting financially from trafficking and knowing that another person will be subjected to involuntary servitude – Class B felony; and knowing that a person will be coerced into commercial sex acts by force or fraud and disregarding the fact that trafficked person is a minor – Class A felony. Includes these crimes under the “rape shield” laws for evidentiary purposes. Allows application by prosecuting attorney for use of technology to intercept wire, oral, or electronic communication investigation of these crimes. Allows victims of these crimes to apply to court for restitution awards within 90 days of the sentencing, and to criminal victims compensation fund for covering of certain related expenses. Includes these crimes under definition of crimes covered by racketeering statute. Includes these crimes in definition of sex crimes, making these offenses for which registration is required. Adds these crimes to definition of sexual exploitation. Gives Department of Public Safety Standards and Training the ability to require advanced training in sex trafficking. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Trafficking of young women is a serious problem

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Creates additional requirement of “John’s school” for the first time conviction of patronizing a prostitute who is a minor. The second and subsequent convictions are changed to unclassified class c felonies and require that the offender register as a sex offender. Resolves a conflict with House Bill 3277, which would give victims 90 days to have the prosecuting attorney seek restitution on their behalf after conviction rather than 60 days as it is written in Senate Bill 673 A.

BACKGROUND: Minor victims of trafficking crimes need greater protection. The various changes proposed in Senate Bill 673 B will strengthen the prosecutor’s ability to investigate and prosecute these crimes, and will create greater punishment for those engaged in the trafficking of other human beings, especially minors. Oftentimes offenders of this type of crime are very worried about anyone finding out that they engage in this type of behavior. Making these crimes sex offenses for which registration is required will provide added deterrence for those considering patronizing a minor prostitute.