

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2020-0074

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Members Cumber and Hazouri; Co-sponsors Council Members White and Morgan

Date of Introduction: January 28, 2020

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, R

Date of Analysis: January 129, 2020

Type of Action: *Ordinance Code* amendment

Bill Summary: This bill amends *Ordinance Code*:

- Chapter 150 (Adult Entertainment and Services Code), Part 2 (Administration), to require a performer work identification card for all performers in adult entertainment establishments to prohibit adult entertainment performers under age twenty-one;
- Chapter 151 (Dancing Entertainment Establishment Code), Part 4 (Enforcement), to require a work identification card;
- Chapter 250 (Miscellaneous Business Regulations), to create a new Subsection 250.125 (Public Lodging Establishment Human Trafficking Public and Employee Awareness) to require the posting of public awareness signs inside all guest rooms of public lodging establishments and to establish an employee education component for same; and
- creates a new Chapter 96 (Sex Trafficking Survivors Leadership Council) to establish an advisory board comprised of sex trafficking survivors to develop, evaluate, and report on the status of sex trafficking prevention measures in Jacksonville.

Background Information: Florida is third in the nation with the reported cases of human trafficking abuses. Studies show that victims of sex trafficking are frequently recruited to work as performers or employees in adult entertainment facilities. Also, these victims are more likely to be trafficked by someone from within his or her community. The average age of a victim entering the world of sex trafficking is seventeen. Significant efforts have been implemented to reduce and eliminate human trafficking in Florida. As of September 30, 2019, Florida became the first state in the country to require child trafficking prevention education for all public education students in grades K-12.

This legislation regulates certain businesses and occupations to reduce or prevent human and sex trafficking. The regulations are specific to addressing the unintended consequences of adult entertainment and dancing entertainment establishments. The establishment of the Sex Trafficking Survivors Leadership Council will provide the City Council an advisory body to assist in developing strategies to prevent sex trafficking; enhance public awareness on problems associated with sex trafficking and recognizing characteristics of the sex trafficking trade, and advise the Council on potential policies and programs to further the City's goal of eliminating the sex trafficking trade in the City.

Policy Impact Area: Human and Sex Trafficking

Fiscal Impact: None

Analyst: Mitchell