

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2019 SESSION

## CHAPTER 486

*An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 9.1 a section numbered 9.1-116.4, relating to Sex Trafficking Response Coordinator; duties; report.*

[H 2576]

Approved March 18, 2019

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 9.1 a section numbered 9.1-116.4 as follows:**

***§ 9.1-116.4. Sex Trafficking Response Coordinator; duties; report.***

*A. There is established within the Department a Sex Trafficking Response Coordinator (the Coordinator). The Coordinator shall:*

*1. Create a statewide plan for local and state agencies to identify and respond to victims of sex trafficking;*

*2. Coordinate the development of standards and guidelines for treatment programs for victims of sex trafficking;*

*3. Maintain a list of programs that provide treatment or specialized services to victims of sex trafficking and make such list available to law-enforcement agencies, attorneys for the Commonwealth, crime victim and witness assistance programs, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Social Services, the Department of Education, and school divisions;*

*4. Oversee the development of a curriculum to be completed by persons convicted of solicitation of prostitution under subsection B of § 18.2-346; and*

*5. Promote strategies for the education, training, and awareness of sex trafficking and for the reduction of demand for commercial sex.*

*B. The Coordinator may request and shall receive from every department, division, board, bureau, commission, authority, or other agency created by the Commonwealth, or to which the Commonwealth is a party or any political subdivision thereof, cooperation and assistance in the performance of its duties. The Coordinator may also consult and exchange information with local government agencies and interested stakeholders.*

*C. The Coordinator shall report annually on or before October 1 to the Governor and the General Assembly. The report shall include a summary of activities for the year and any recommendations to address sex trafficking within the Commonwealth. The Department shall ensure that such report is available to the public.*