

HOUSE BILL 397

By Moody

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9, Chapter 4, Part 2; Section 39-13-314 and Title 39, Chapter 11, Part 7, relative to the establishment of a victims of human trafficking fund.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) There is created a fund within the state treasury, to be known as the "victims of human trafficking fund." The fund shall consist of proceeds from assets seized pursuant to § 39-11-703, grants, appropriations by the general assembly, and any federal funds, to the extent permitted by federal law and regulation. Moneys deposited in the fund shall be invested for the benefit for the fund pursuant to § 9-4-603. Moneys in the fund shall not revert to the general fund, but shall remain available to be used by the department of finance and administration's office of criminal justice programs exclusively for the purpose specified in subsection (b).

(b) The purpose of the victims of human trafficking fund is to provide comprehensive treatment and support services to the victims of human trafficking offenses, as defined in § 39-13-314. Comprehensive treatment and support services for victims of human trafficking include, but are not limited to, medical care, mental health and substance abuse care, nutritional counseling, safe housing, job training, transportation, and other basic human needs. The department of finance and administration's office of criminal justice programs shall distribute moneys in the fund in the form of grants to the single point of entry agencies in this state recognized by the Tennessee bureau of investigation and the department of children's services.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.