

# Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2017 (S.1312)

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#### **Preventing Human Trafficking**

- Promotes the availability of training, under the COPS program, for school resource officers to better identify and respond to human trafficking victims.
- Extends a grant program, currently authorized under the *Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013*, for training school personnel on how to recognize and respond to human trafficking.

### Promoting Justice for Trafficking Survivors

- Equips federal prosecutors at the Department of Justice (DOJ) with a new tool to enjoin conduct that may violate federal human trafficking statutes.
- Authorizes the U.S. Secret Service to offer investigative and forensic assistance to other law enforcement agencies for purposes of combating human trafficking.

### **Promoting Services to Trafficking Victims**

- Extends the authorization for expiring grant programs that were established by the *Trafficking Victims Protection Act* (TVPA).
- Encourages DOJ to disseminate information about screening and identifying trafficking victims to certain TVPA grant recipients.

#### **Promoting Federal Coordination**

- Calls for the FBI to report to Congress on the status of the Innocence Lost Initiative.
- Encourages federal agencies to promptly report data on human trafficking offenses to the FBI.
- Requires Department of Homeland Security to submit an annual assessment on trends from human trafficking investigations.

## Promoting Training on Human Trafficking

- Improves training of federal and tribal law enforcement personnel by promoting a victim-centered approach to combatting human trafficking.
- Makes it permissible to use grants authorized under the *Victims of Child Abuse Act* for the training of judges on human trafficking.