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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6613
BILL NUMBER: SB 291

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 23, 2014
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Human Trafficking Investigations.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Waterman
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that "law enforcement agency", for purposes of receiving information concerning a violation of the human trafficking statute, includes the Attorney General and an agency whose principal function is the apprehension of criminal offenders. The bill specifies that the Attorney General has the same authority as a law enforcement agency to access and maintain information regarding a violation of the human trafficking statute. It also permits the Attorney General to assist with the investigation and prosecution of a violation of the human trafficking statute.

Effective Date: July 1, 2014.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Summary-* The bill allows the Attorney General to receive, access, and maintain information regarding a violation of the human trafficking statute and to assist with the investigation and prosecution of such a violation. To the extent that the Attorney General receives information regarding a violation of the human trafficking statute and decides to assist with an investigation, the Attorney General's workload could increase. The bill's provisions should be able to be implemented with no additional appropriations, assuming near customary agency staffing and resource levels.

Additional Information- The number of human trafficking investigations that law enforcement agencies conduct is currently not known. There is one offender in a Department of Correction facility for violation of the human trafficking statute. Data is not currently available regarding the number of people serving probation or parole for this violation.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Attorney General.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Department of Correction.

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