

BILL SUMMARY

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Bill No.:	HB1886
Version:	POLREC
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Impact:	OBN: Unknown (expected to be significant cost) DPS: Cost-saving (minor)

Research Analysis

The policy recommendation to HB 1886 modifies the penalty for those convicted of human trafficking a person under the age of 18. The measure modifies the minimum punishment to not less than 10 years and increases the maximum to up to life without parole. The bill requires persons convicted of human trafficking to be ordered by the court to pay for a psychological evaluation and any necessary psychological counseling deemed necessary to rehabilitate the victim. The measure creates the Human Trafficking Awareness and Education Program within the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control as a tool to promote and coordinate a public awareness program to be used by law enforcement agencies, communities, and schools. The measure requires human trafficking victims to be treated with fairness and respect for the safety, dignity, and privacy of the victim; be informed of financial assistance and other social services; and be informed in writing of all constitutional and statutory rights. The measure exempts victims of human trafficking who were under the age of 18 at the time of the offense from having to pay tuition at any career technology district or institution of higher education in Oklahoma. The waiver is limited to 5 years.

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Fiscal Analysis

The POLREC to HB1886 sets forth that the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs (OBN) shall develop, promote, and coordinate a public awareness program related to Human Trafficking Awareness and Education. Officials with OBN have provided the following information:

The fiscal impact to OBN could be significant, however an exact cost estimate is not available at this time. The expected costs include additional personnel and resources that would be needed to create and implement this program.

The POLREC to HB1886 modifies the minimum length of sentencing for human trafficking from 25 years to 10 years. This would create a potential cost savings to DOC as a result of shorter sentence lengths in these cases, however it is not expected to have a material impact on state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.

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