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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; creating a statewide sex trafficking investigation
1.3 coordinator; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 299A.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. [299A.783] STATEWIDE SEX TRAFFICKING INVESTIGATION
1.6 COORDINATION.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Sex trafficking investigation coordinator. The commissioner of public
1.8 safety must appoint a statewide sex trafficking investigation coordinator who shall work in
1.9 the Office of Justice Programs. The coordinator must be a current or former law enforcement
1.10 officer or prosecutor with experience investigating or prosecuting trafficking-related offenses.
1.11 The coordinator must also have knowledge of services available to victims of sex trafficking
1.12 and Minnesota's child protection system. The coordinator serves at the pleasure of the
1.13 commissioner in the unclassified service.

1.14 Subd. 2. Coordinator's responsibilities. The coordinator shall have the following duties:

1.15 (1) develop, coordinate, and facilitate training for law enforcement officers, prosecutors,
1.16 courts, child protection workers, social service providers, medical providers, and other
1.17 community members;

1.18 (2) establish standards for approved training and review compliance with those standards;

1.19 (3) coordinate and monitor multijurisdictional sex trafficking task forces;

1.20 (4) review, develop, promote, and monitor compliance with investigative protocols to
1.21 assure that law enforcement officers and prosecutors engage in best practices;

2.1 (5) provide technical assistance and advice related to the investigation and prosecution
2.2 of trafficking offenses and the treatment of victims;

2.3 (6) promote the efficient use of resources by addressing issues of deconfliction, providing
2.4 advice regarding questions of jurisdiction, and promoting the sharing of data between entities
2.5 investigating and prosecuting trafficking offenses;

2.6 (7) assist in the appropriate distribution of grants; and

2.7 (8) perform other duties necessary to ensure effective and efficient investigation and
2.8 prosecution of trafficking-related offenses.

2.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2021.