

(2) Policy for Federal law enforcement officers

The Attorney General shall ensure that Federal law enforcement officers are engaged in activities, programs, or operations involving the detection, investigation, and prosecution of covered offenders.

(d) Omitted

(e) Bureau of Justice Statistics report on State enforcement of human trafficking prohibitions

The Director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics shall—

(1) prepare an annual report on—

(A) the number of—

(i) arrests of individuals by State law enforcement officers for a covered offense, noting the number of covered offenders;

(ii) prosecutions (including specific charges) of individuals in State court systems for a covered offense, noting the number of covered offenders; and

(iii) convictions of individuals in State court systems for a covered offense, noting the number of covered offenders; and

(B) sentences imposed on individuals convicted in State court systems for a covered offense; and

(2) submit the annual report prepared under paragraph (1) to—

(A) the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives;

(B) the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate;

(C) the Task Force;

(D) the Senior Policy Operating Group established under section 7103(g) of title 22; and

(E) the Attorney General.

(f) Department of Justice victim screening protocol

(1) In general

Not later than 180 days after December 21, 2018, the Attorney General shall issue a screening protocol for use during all anti-trafficking law enforcement operations in which the Department of Justice is involved.

(2) Requirements

The protocol required to be issued under paragraph (1) shall—

(A) require the individual screening of all adults and children who are suspected of engaging in commercial sex acts or who are subject to labor exploitation that may be in violation of child labor laws to determine whether each individual screened is a victim of human trafficking;

(B) require affirmative measures to avoid arresting, charging, or prosecuting human trafficking victims for any offense that is the direct result of their victimization;

(C) require all Federal law enforcement officers and relevant department personnel who participate in human trafficking investigations to receive training on enforcement of the protocol;

(D) be developed in consultation with State and local law enforcement agencies,

the Department of Health and Human Services, survivors of human trafficking, and nongovernmental organizations that specialize in the identification, prevention, and restoration of victims of human trafficking; and

(E) include—

(i) procedures and practices to ensure that the screening process minimizes trauma or revictimization of the person being screened; and

(ii) guidelines on assisting victims of human trafficking in identifying and receiving victim services.

(Pub. L. 109-164, title II, §209, formerly Pub. L. 114-22, title I, §114, May 29, 2015, 129 Stat. 241; Pub. L. 115-393, title V, §502, Dec. 21, 2018, 132 Stat. 5276; Pub. L. 115-425, title I, §121(b), Jan. 8, 2019, 132 Stat. 5478; renumbered §209 of Pub. L. 109-164, Pub. L. 117-347, title I, §106(b)(1), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6204.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Section is comprised of section 209 of Pub. L. 109-164. Subsec. (d) of section 209 of Pub. L. 109-164 amended section 3583(k) of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure.

Section was formerly classified to section 14044g of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

AMENDMENTS

2019—Subsec. (e)(1)(A). Pub. L. 115-425, §121(b)(1), (2), substituted “number” for “rates” in introductory provisions and inserted “, noting the number of covered offenders” after “covered offense” wherever appearing.

Subsec. (e)(1)(A)(i). Pub. L. 115-425, §121(b)(3), substituted “arrests” for “arrest”.

Subsec. (e)(1)(A)(ii). Pub. L. 115-425, §121(b)(4), substituted “prosecutions” for “prosecution”.

Subsec. (e)(1)(A)(iii). Pub. L. 115-425, §121(b)(5), substituted “convictions” for “conviction”.

2018—Subsec. (c)(1)(A)(iii), (iv). Pub. L. 115-393, §502(1), added cls. (iii) and (iv).

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 115-393, §502(2), added subsec. (f).

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

USING EXISTING TASK FORCES AND COMPONENTS TO TARGET OFFENDERS WHO EXPLOIT CHILDREN

Pub. L. 114-22, title I, §110, May 29, 2015, 129 Stat. 239, provided that: “Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act [May 29, 2015], the Attorney General shall ensure that—

“(1) all task forces and working groups within the Innocence Lost National Initiative engage in activities, programs, or operations to increase the investigative capabilities of State and local law enforcement officers in the detection, investigation, and prosecution of persons who patronize, or solicit children for sex; and

“(2) all components and task forces with jurisdiction to detect, investigate, and prosecute cases of child labor trafficking engage in activities, programs, or operations to increase the capacity of such components to deter and punish child labor trafficking.”

§§ 20709a to 20709c. Transferred

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Section 20709a, Pub. L. 115-392, §7, Dec. 21, 2018, 132 Stat. 5253, which related to holistic training for Federal

law enforcement officers and prosecutors, was redesignated as section 212 of Pub. L. 109-164 and transferred to section 20712 of this title.

Section 20709b, Pub. L. 115-393, title V, §501, Dec. 21, 2018, 132 Stat. 5275, which related to encouraging a victim-centered approach to training of Federal law enforcement personnel, was redesignated as section 213 of Pub. L. 109-164 and transferred to section 20713 of this title.

Section 20709c, Pub. L. 115-393, title V, §504, Dec. 21, 2018, 132 Stat. 5277, which related to training of tribal law enforcement and prosecutorial personnel, was redesignated as section 214 of Pub. L. 109-164 and transferred to section 20714 of this title.

§ 20710. Education and outreach to trafficking survivors

The Attorney General shall make available, on the website of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, a database for trafficking victim advocates, crisis hotline personnel, foster parents, law enforcement personnel, and crime survivors that contains information on—

- (1) counseling and hotline resources;
- (2) housing resources;
- (3) legal assistance; and
- (4) other services for trafficking survivors.

(Pub. L. 109-164, title II, §210, formerly Pub. L. 114-22, title I, §119, May 29, 2015, 129 Stat. 247; renumbered §210 of Pub. L. 109-164, Pub. L. 117-347, title I, §106(b)(1), Jan. 5, 2023, 136 Stat. 6204.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified as a note under section 5611 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

§ 20711. Establishing a national strategy to combat human trafficking

(a) In general

The Attorney General shall implement and maintain a National Strategy for Combating Human Trafficking (referred to in this section as the “National Strategy”) in accordance with this section.

(b) Required contents of National Strategy

The National Strategy shall include the following:

- (1) Integrated Federal, State, local, and tribal efforts to investigate and prosecute human trafficking cases, including—

(A) the development by each United States attorney, in consultation with State, local, and tribal government agencies, of a district-specific strategic plan to coordinate the identification of victims and the investigation and prosecution of human trafficking crimes;

(B) the participation in any Federal, State, local, or tribal human trafficking task force operating in the district of the United States attorney; and

(C) any other efforts intended to enhance the level of coordination and cooperation, as determined by the Attorney General.

- (2) Case coordination within the Department of Justice, including specific integration, co-

ordination, and collaboration, as appropriate, on human trafficking investigations between and among the United States attorneys, the Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit, the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(3) Annual budget priorities and Federal efforts dedicated to preventing and combating human trafficking, including resources dedicated to the Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit, the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and all other entities that receive Federal support that have a goal or mission to combat the exploitation of adults and children.

(4) An ongoing assessment of the future trends, challenges, and opportunities, including new investigative strategies, techniques, and technologies, that will enhance Federal, State, local, and tribal efforts to combat human trafficking.

(5) Encouragement of cooperation, coordination, and mutual support between private sector and other entities and organizations and Federal agencies to combat human trafficking, including the involvement of State, local, and tribal government agencies to the extent Federal programs are involved.

(6) A national strategy to prevent human trafficking and reduce demand for human trafficking victims.

(c) Human Trafficking Justice Coordinators

The Attorney General shall designate in each Federal judicial district not less than 1 assistant United States attorney to serve as the Human Trafficking Coordinator for the district who, in addition to any other responsibilities, works with a human trafficking victim-witness specialist and shall be responsible for—

- (1) implementing the National Strategy with respect to all forms of human trafficking, including labor trafficking and sex trafficking;

- (2) prosecuting, or assisting in the prosecution of, human trafficking cases;

- (3) conducting public outreach and awareness activities relating to human trafficking;

- (4) ensuring the collection of data required to be collected under clause (viii) of section 7103(d)(7)(Q) of title 22, as added by section 17 of the Abolish Human Trafficking Act of 2017,¹ is sought;

- (5) coordinating with other Federal agencies, State, tribal, and local law enforcement agencies, victim service providers, and other relevant non-governmental organizations to build partnerships on activities relating to human trafficking; and

- (6) ensuring the collection of restitution for victims is sought as required to be ordered under section 1593 of title 18 and section 2429 of such title, as added by section 3 of the Abolish Human Trafficking Act of 2017.

(d) Department of Justice Coordinator

Not later than 60 days after December 21, 2018, the Attorney General shall designate an official who shall coordinate human trafficking efforts within the Department of Justice who, in addition to any other responsibilities, shall be responsible for—

¹ See References in Text note below.