

**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS  
2025 REGULAR SESSION**

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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

*Check all that apply:*

**Original**  **Amendment**  
**Correction**  **Substitute**

**Date Prepared:** 2025-01-21

**Bill No:** HB86

**Sponsor(s)** Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson  
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**Agency Name** CYFD 69000  
**and Code**

**Number:**

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**Analysis:**

**Short** HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
**Title:** CHANGES

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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25		

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25	FY26		

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATION BUDGET (dollars in thousands)**

	<b>FY24</b>	<b>FY25</b>	<b>FY26</b>	<b>3 Year Total Cost</b>	<b>Recurring or Nonrecurring</b>	<b>Fund Affected</b>
<b>Total</b>						

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act:

**SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

**BILL SUMMARY**

HB 86 eliminates the statute of limitations for human trafficking offenses, increases penalties associated with human trafficking, and makes revisions to the definitions and defenses related to human trafficking, all important steps in combatting this pervasive issue. The bill also expands the scope of the Victims of Crime Act to include victims of human trafficking and sexual exploitation of children and amends the age of a child from under the age of "sixteen" to under the age of "eighteen."

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

HB 86 will have no fiscal impact on CYFD.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

None.

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

The proposed legislation is not expected to impact the department's performance measures or operational goals, as it does not introduce new responsibilities or alter existing processes.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

None.

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

None.

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

None.

## **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

CYFD Behavioral Health Services (BHS) is currently developing a program for Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (DMST) survivors through its Safe House program. A safe house delivers trauma responsive, supportive, gender competent services to Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (“DMST”) survivors between the ages of 14 to 18 on a twenty-four hour a day basis in a secure and undisclosed facility location. This includes on-site supervision, individual and group therapeutic treatment, case management, and referrals to appropriate community resources. Following renovations at the identified facility, BHS anticipates implementation of this program to begin in spring of FY25. DMST survivors affected by this bill might be eligible for services through this program.

CYFD BHS also oversees implementation of the Child Sexual Exploitation Identification Tool (CSE-IT). Contracted youth shelter providers must complete the CSE-IT Tool with each child aged 10 years and older and within seven days of admission into services. The CSE-IT is an evidence-based tool used to assist professionals who interact with youth who identify indicators of commercial sexual exploitation. All shelter providers are trained and required to use this tool and follow CSE-IT Response Protocol when assessment findings reflect immediate physical health, behavioral health and safety needs of the child. Early identification of the DMST population through this tool and subsequent referral to necessary behavioral health and physical health care services is related to DMST survivors who may potentially be impacted by the passage of this bill.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

None.

## **WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

Failure to enact the bill could have serious consequences, leaving vulnerable children at greater risk of exploitation and trafficking. Without increased criminal penalties, offenders may face inadequate deterrence, potentially allowing trafficking networks to operate with less fear of prosecution. Enhanced legal tools, such as this bill, will support the collaborative effort of identification of DMST survivors and can provide additional services for survivors.

## **AMENDMENTS**

None.