

FIFTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION, 2013

HB 304/a

March 13, 2013

Mr. President:

Your **JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**, to whom has been referred

**HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL 304**

has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it **DO PASS**, amended as follows:

1. On page 1, line 19, after "jurisdiction", insert "against an alleged human trafficker".

2. On page 4, line 18, strike "legal assistance" and insert in lieu thereof "advocacy services".

3. On page 5, line 2, after "identification", insert "by law enforcement".

4. On page 5, between lines 3 and 4, insert the following new subsection:

"C. Before providing benefits and services pursuant to Subsection A of this section, law enforcement shall certify to the human services department and the children, youth and families department that a person is:

(1) a victim of human trafficking; and

(2) cooperating in the investigation or prosecution of the person charged with the crime of human trafficking.".

5. Reletter the succeeding subsections accordingly.

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6. On page 5, line 6, after the period, insert:

"The victim is not required to cooperate if the court determines that the victim is unable to cooperate due to physical or psychological trauma."

7. On page 6, line 12, strike "through a", strike line 13 in its entirety and strike line 14 up to the period.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard C. Martinez, Chairman

Adopted _____ Not Adopted _____
(Chief Clerk) (Chief Clerk)

Date _____

The roll call vote was 7 For 1 Against

Yes: 7

No: Ryan

Excused: Griggs, Sanchez, M.

Absent: None

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