

HB 995 -- Task Force on Alternative Confinement for Victims of Human Sex Trafficking

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This bill establishes the Task Force on Alternative Confinement for Victims of Human Sex Trafficking within the Department of Public Safety to develop a statewide plan for alternative confinement programs for individuals younger than 18 years of age who are arrested for prostitution and would be considered, under federal law, to be victims of human sex trafficking. The plan must include, but is not limited to, the establishment and funding of safe houses, alcohol and drug rehabilitation, job training and placement, and public-private partnerships. The task force must meet at least quarterly and submit its recommendations and statewide plan to the Governor, General Assembly, and the department director by December 31, 2012.

The provisions of the bill will expire May 31, 2013.