

 Pennsylvania Human Trafficking Legislation, Last updated September 15, 2026						
Bill Number	Title	Stance	Sponsor	Stage	Date of Last Movement	Summary
House Bill 753	Affirmative Defense for Survivors of Human Trafficking	Support	Shusterman	Committee	3/3/25	Expands affirmative defense so that victims cannot be charged for any offense resulting from their trafficking. This would further apply regardless of whether traffickers or buyers are convicted. Expands vacatur eligible crimes to include theft and contempt charges and streamlines victim relief by no longer requiring the District Attorney to approve a trafficking-based vacatur motion.
House Bill 663	Regulating Massage Businesses to Prevent Human Trafficking	Support	Webster	Committee	2/20/25	Requires a valid facility license, manager's license, and table shower license and imposes license suspension/revocation and fines if the business fraudulently or deceitfully obtains a license. Additionally, the bill grants state inspectors and law enforcement officials increased access to review facilities and enables the Department of Victim Services to improve services for victims.
Senate Bill 143	Enhancing Safe Harbor Laws for Sexually Exploited Children	Support	Laughlin	Committee	1/22/25	Expands the current Safe Harbor Law to cover all criminal offenses related to the sexual exploitation of children, implementing alternative interventions and support mechanisms to remove sexually exploited children from the juvenile justice system and address the underlying factors of their victimization. The bill further enhances county practices for identifying victims and clarifies confidentiality of victims.
House Bill 118	Increasing Penalties for Child Labor Act Violations	Support	Young, Sanchez, et al.	2nd Chamber	3/25/25	Doubles criminal penalties on employers who violate Pennsylvania's Child Labor Act, imposing either \$1,000 or \$3,000 fines, depending upon the offense.
House Bill 805	Protecting Children from Labor Exploitation	Support	M. Mackenzie	Committee	3/4/25	Increases penalties on employers who willfully violate labor protection laws, instructs the Department of Labor and Industry to cross-report to appropriate federal authorities and child welfare authorities such violations, and requires an annual report of violations.
House Bill 210	Increasing Notification of the National Human Trafficking Resource Center	Support	Merski	Committee	1/17/25	Expands access to NHTH information by requiring posting in all restroom stalls, on all mirrors, and by hand dryers and paper towels dispensers.
House Bill 277	Improving Victims' Ability to Sue their Offenders	Support	Kauffman	Floor	1/27/25	Streamlines human trafficking lawsuits by allowing victims to file either where they live or where the violations occurred.
Senate Bill 287	SAFE Trust Fund	Neutral	Briggs	Committee	1/23/25	Establishes the SAFE Housing Trust Fund to increase housing funding for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, human trafficking, and stalking.
House Bill 538	Preventing Human Trafficking in Higher Education	Neutral	Leadbeter	2nd Chamber	2/3/26	Directs Pennsylvania public universities to offer students an in-depth prevention and education series on trafficking and exploitation. The programs, provided in partnership with nonprofit organizations, will be provided at no cost to the universities and students.
House Bill 1839	Enhancing Reporting of Crimes Against Children	Neutral	Brown	Committee	9/9/25	Requires Department of Health records inspections to ensure health centers notify child protective services or law enforcement if providing contraceptive, STD, pregnancy, or abortion services to children. The reform further outlines forensic evidence procedures, civil cause of action for parents, and penalties for inspection violations to incentivize identification of child victimization.
House Bill 940	Updating the Child Protective Services Law to Include Sexual Exploitation	Support	Delozier	Floor	5/14/25	Amends the definition of "sexual abuse or exploitation" in the Child Protective Services Law to include the offenses of trafficking in minors and involuntary sexual servitude.
House Bill 1286 (Act 31 of 2026)	Human Trafficking Awareness Training	Support	Young, Leadbeter	Enacted	6/20/26	Requires hotels, motels, and third-party listing platforms to train each employee and rental operator about human trafficking, including how to identify and respond to suspected trafficking.
Senate Bill 1140	Human Trafficking Awareness Training	Support	Schwank, Williams	Committee	1/20/26	Requires hotels, motels, and third-party listing platforms to train each employee and rental operator about human trafficking, including how to identify and respond to suspected trafficking.
House Bill 1186	Creating a Supplemental Prosecutorial Unit for Counties	Support	Delozier	Committee	4/9/25	Creates a prosecutorial unit within the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General to supplement and enhance county district attorney offices across Pennsylvania, including support to handle human trafficking cases.
House Bill 1352	Updating the Definition of Unlawful Contact with a Minor	Support	Scialabba	Committee	4/30/25	Amends the Crimes Code to add Incest, Endangering the Welfare of Children, Corruption of Minors and Human Trafficking to the crime of unlawful contact with a minor.
House Bill 910	Increase Penalties for Trafficking in Infants	Support	Scheuren	Floor	5/2/26	Increases the crime of trafficking of infants from a first-degree misdemeanor to a first-degree felony.
House Bill 975	The Undocumented Immigrant Trafficking Prevention Act	Support	Gaydos	Committee	3/19/25	Classifies the offense of trafficking undocumented immigrants as a second-degree felony.
House Bill 1307	Giving Homeless Minors the Chance to Contract for Services	Support	Fleming, Krajewski	Committee	4/28/25	Allows 16- and 17-year-olds to apply to high school or post-secondary schools, contract for services such as shelter and housing, employment, loans, and bank accounts, and provides immunity to providers who cannot locate caregivers or believe returning the minor would cause harm.
House Bill 1616	Sentencing Considerations for Child Victim Offenders	Support	Donahue	2nd Chamber	6/16/26	Grants judicial discretion to depart from mandatory minimum sentence, suspend all/a portion of the sentence, or refer the child back to the juvenile or family court for more age-appropriate adjudication when the underlying crime was committed against the person who had abused or trafficked the child defendant.
House Bill 1632	Required Human Trafficking Awareness & Prevention Training for Teachers	Support	Pugh	Committee	6/23/25	Requires teacher's continuing education Act 48 programming to include human trafficking awareness training. Currently, teachers may choose to, but are not required to, complete human trafficking awareness and prevention as part of their Act 48 hours.
Senate Bill 44	Driver's License Restoration for Victims of Human Trafficking	Support	Dush	Floor	2/2/26	Creates a framework through which an individual who was issued a victim determination statement of human trafficking at the time of the offense can petition PennDOT for relief from a suspension or revocation of their driving privileges.
House Bill 2257	Screening Youth for Signs of Commercial Sexual Exploitation - Bill 1	Support	Webster	Committee	3/3/26	Requires the Department of Human Services to develop a trauma-informed screening program to assist county agencies in screening youth in their care to determine if they are a victim of, or at risk for becoming a victim of sex trafficking.
House Bill 2258	Screening Youth for Signs of Commercial Sexual Exploitation - Bill 2	Support	Webster	Committee	3/3/26	Requires the Department of Human Services and the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission Services to develop a trauma-informed screening program to assist juvenile probation officers in screening youth to determine if they are a victim of, or at risk for becoming, a victim of sex trafficking.
Senate Bill 1369	Human Trafficking Screening of Delinquent Children	Support	Gebhard	Committee	6/10/26	Requires the Department of Human Services, the Office of Attorney General, the State Police, and county children and youth agencies to develop a comprehensive screening program to determine if children in their care are victims of, or at risk for becoming a victim of, human trafficking.
Senate Bill 45 (Act 41 of 2026)	Prostitution Penalty Enhancement Legislation	Support	Dush, Collett	Enacted	6/20/26	Moves prostitution related offenses to the Human Trafficking section of Title 18 (Crimes Code) and increases the penalties on traffickers and buyers rather than victims.
House Bill 2243	Preventing Unnecessary Prosecution of Trafficked Children	Support	Webster	2nd Chamber	6/22/26	Expands the state Safe Harbor law to ensure minors cannot be charged with any crime, except second or subsequent violent crime felonies, committed as a result of sexual exploitation.
House Bill 2252	Prohibiting the Nonconsensual Distribution of Intimate Images	Support	Kinthead	2nd Chamber	6/10/26	Expands the definition of image-based sexual abuse by removing the relationship and intent to harass or annoy requirements and by establishing a progressive penalty structure ranging from nonconsensual distribution without intent to harm to distribution done with malicious intent to cause harm.
House Bill 2368	Healthcare Human Trafficking Screening and Prevention Act	Support	Burgos	Committee	4/9/26	Requires the Department of Health to implement a standardized, evidence-based screening tool, trauma-informed trainings, and direct pathways to victim service providers and requires facilities to provide private environments for patient interviews.
House Bill 2474	Mandatory Reporting Means Mandatory: Closing Reporting Gaps in Title 23	Neutral	Rivera	2nd Chamber	5/7/26	Requires mandatory reporting of AI-generated child sexual abuse material.
Senate Bill 1335	Alicia's Law: Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program Enhancement	Neutral	Robinson	Floor	6/9/26	Establishes state and local task forces to supplement federally supported Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Programs with additional funding and tools for investigating and prosecuting technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation and internet crimes.

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Senate Bill 1379	Alternative Sentences for Victims of Domestic & Sexual Violence	Support	Cappelletti	Committee	10/17/25	Requires consideration of domestic violence, human trafficking, and sexual abuse in criminal sentencing, allowing alternative or reduced sentences for survivors whose victimization contributed to their offense. It would also allow resentencing for qualified individuals.
House Bill 2752	Strengthening Pennsylvania's Response to Human Trafficking	Support	Burgos, Young	Committee	8/27/26	Amends Title 18 victim restitution processes by requiring the court, upon a finding of human trafficking, to order forfeiture of all property involved in criminal activit and for all seized assets to satisfy and prioritize victim restitution orders.