Fact Sheet for: Senate Bill 12

Short Title: LIMIT RELATIONS WITH CERTAIN NATIONS

Summary:
- Amends the state procurement code to develop provisions that create the authority to restrict financial relationships with organizations that are headquartered in, or conduct business in, countries that allow a permissive climate for human trafficking for labor and sex purposes.

Benefits:
- Focuses attention on the international plague of trafficking.
- Influences organizations and countries to actively fight against trafficking.

Background:
- Trafficking is modern-day slavery. As many as 4 million people, mostly women and children, are trafficked for sexual or labor purposes each year, with as many as 1 million trafficked across national borders. Many are kidnapped or sold into bondage, and many others are tricked with false promises. This international plague is a $7 billion industry, mainly interwoven in organized crime. The federal government’s aggressive campaign to combat trafficking in persons includes economic sanctions against the most egregious countries.