

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 4224
Version:	Committee Substitute
Request Number:	10902
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Impact:	Potential savings

Research Analysis

The committee substitute to HB 4224 provides that it is an affirmative defense to prosecution of a youthful offender, or delinquent offense that the alleged youthful offender or delinquent was a victim of human trafficking. The measure provides that a minor who has committed prostitution offenses or other nonviolent felony offenses as a result of being a victim of human trafficking shall not be subject to child-in-need-of-supervision proceedings. The measure clarifies that no child who is a victim of human trafficking shall be subject to juvenile delinquency or criminal proceedings for prostitution related offenses.

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Fiscal Analysis

The committee substitute to the measure would modify statutes relating to victims of human trafficking.

Upon review, no direct fiscal impact to the state is anticipated from passage of the measure. By excluding human trafficking victims from prosecution from certain crimes, the state may see a potential savings in incarceration costs.

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Other Considerations

None.