Human Trafficking—Reporting Requirements, Diversion, Previous Convictions, Staff Secure Facilities: HB 2501

HB 2501 amends law related to human trafficking.

The bill amends municipal court reporting requirements to add the crimes of buying sexual relations and selling sexual relations to the list of cases required to be reported (including electronic reporting after July 1, 2014) to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) Central Repository.

For diversion agreements in municipal or district proceedings involving the crime of buying sexual relations, the bill requires that such agreements include the payment of the fine imposed for a conviction of this crime. The bill allows any such agreement to include a requirement that the defendant enter into and complete a suitable educational or treatment program regarding commercial sexual exploitation. A person is limited to one diversion agreement for this crime within the person's lifetime.

The bill specifies that, in determining whether a conviction of the crime of buying sexual relations is a first, second, or subsequent conviction, previous convictions under the statute or a violation of an ordinance prohibiting the same conduct shall be counted, as well as any diversion agreement.

The bill directs the KBI to adopt rules and regulations by July 1, 2014, requiring district courts to electronically report filings and dispositions in cases involving the crimes of human trafficking, aggravated human trafficking, selling sexual relations, promoting the sale of sexual relations, buying sexual relations, or commercial sexual exploitation of a child to the KBI Central Repository.

The bill eliminates specific requirements related to law enforcement observation of staff secure facility entrances and exits.