



COUNCIL POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Remove Sec. 53a-83a. Patronizing a prostitute from a motor vehicle: Class A misdemeanor. from State Statutes.
 - Antiquated and unnecessary;
 - Helps frame this issue in the new context of online buying.
2. Remove Sec. 53a-86. Promoting prostitution in the first degree: Class B felony.
 - Unnecessary, as it is included under Connecticut's Trafficking in Persons charge, Sec. 53a-192a.
3. Expand Sec. 53a-192a. Trafficking in persons: Class B felony. to include recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act.
 - Aligns Connecticut definitions with federal definition;
 - Adopts best practice of making the felony charge for patronizing a trafficked person the same as trafficking in persons;
 - Helps bring attention to the issue of buying.
4. If Sec. 53a-192a. is expanded to include patronizing, remove 53a-83(c), patronizing a prostitute under the age of 18.
 - Unnecessary, as it will be included under Trafficking in Persons charge;
 - Helps frame victims under 18 as victims and not prostitutes;
 - Adopts best practice of making the felony charge for patronizing a trafficked person the same as trafficking in persons.
5. Include Sec. 53a-192a. Trafficking in persons as a registerable offense on the Sex Offender Registry.
 - Adopts best practice;
 - Reflects the severity of the crime.
6. Ensure privileged communication between a victim of human trafficking and a human trafficking counselor
 - As we continue to work toward more state-based prosecutions, this protection will become increasingly important and necessary.
7. Include the addition of a representative from the Department of Education to the Trafficking in Persons Council
 - Engage State Department of Education in anti-trafficking prevention efforts.