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1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 12.1-41 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the implementation of operational guidelines and training for law
3 enforcement officers and state's attorneys addressing the crimes of human trafficking,
4 prostitution, and the commercial exploitation of children.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 12.1-41 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
7 and enacted as follows:

8 **Law enforcement guidelines - Training - Prevention.**

- 9 1. Each law enforcement agency shall develop and implement specific operational
10 guidelines for handling a crime involving human trafficking, prostitution, or commercial
11 exploitation of children.
- 12 a. The guidelines must include procedures for:
- 13 (1) Conducting a criminal investigation;
- 14 (2) Arresting a suspect;
- 15 (3) Assisting a victim;
- 16 (4) Connecting a victim with services; and
- 17 (5) Any additional procedures necessary to carry out this chapter.
- 18 b. The attorney general shall assist a law enforcement agency in the development
19 and implementation of procedures.
- 20 2. The peace officer standards and training board shall establish a training and education
21 program for law enforcement officers and state's attorneys on detecting, responding
22 to, and investigating a crime involving human trafficking, prostitution, or commercial
23 exploitation of children.
- 24 a. The training must include information on community resources for a victim.

- 1 b. The training must be:
- 2 (1) Trauma-informed and victim-centered in approach;
- 3 (2) Developed in conjunction with state's attorneys;
- 4 (3) Implemented as a ten-hour requirement for the law enforcement academy
- 5 initial officer training; and
- 6 (4) Included as a five-hour continuing education requirement during the life of a
- 7 peace officer license.