

HB 1539 -- HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION FUND

SPONSOR: Coleman

This bill provides that a person who pled guilty to or was found guilty of certain sexual offenses as specified in the bill will be required to pay \$5,000 in restitution payable to the state to be deposited into the newly established "Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation Fund". Upon receipt of money from the Fund, a county must allocate disbursement of the funds according to the requirements in the bill.

This bill establishes the "Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation Fund". The moneys in the Fund will be distributed to the county where the human trafficking offense occurred.

The county will allocate 50% of the moneys to rehabilitation of human trafficking victims and 50% of the moneys to education programs for convicted human trafficking offenders and to increase the number of law enforcement officers to enforce human trafficking laws.

This bill is similar to HB 453 (2023).