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Title: Human Trafficking Education

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Referred to: Reaffirmation Calendar

House Action: **REAFFIRM**

Whereas, human trafficking affects approximately 300,000 minors per year in the United States, and

Whereas, Michigan has the second highest incidence of human trafficking in the U.S. (after Nevada), with Grand Rapids being second only to Detroit (with an average of 2,400 minors sold per day for illegal purposes in West Michigan), and

Whereas, little attention is being drawn to the grievous plight of these innocent young women and men, and

Whereas, physicians may notice subtle findings during an office visit or physical exam that might indicate abuse from human trafficking, and

Whereas, such suffering of fellow human beings should not be tolerated or ignored; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS work with the Michigan Human Trafficking Commission, the Office of the Attorney General, the State Police Department, and related agencies to educate physicians about human trafficking, potential office visit or physical exam findings, and reporting requirements.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE