In 2013, the Kentucky General Assembly will consider legislation that would increase protections for victims of human trafficking.

1. Protect Child Victims of Human Trafficking
   - Create a “Safe Harbor” for children forced into commercial sex. Treat them as victims rather than as criminals.
   - Require appropriate Kentucky government agencies to develop a coordinated plan to deliver comprehensive care to serve and protect minor victims of trafficking.
   - Clarify that buying children for sex is a felony crime with an enhanced penalty and fines that ‘johns’ cannot hide.
   - Prevent pimps and other traffickers from hiding that victims are minors by creating penalties for document fraud in cases where they force or obtain a false identification for minor victims.
   - Require that Child Sex Trafficking cases be investigated by Child Sexual Abuse Multidisciplinary Teams (MDTs).
   - Require that Victims of Human Trafficking be advised of their rights.

2. Target the Ill-Gotten Gains of Human Traffickers
   - Create a Human Trafficking Victims Fund from fines and asset forfeiture/seizure provisions to fund programs that serve victims of human trafficking.
   - Extend the Statute of Limitations for civil suits for victims of child sex trafficking to enable them to sue traffickers once they reach adulthood.
   - Allow victims of forced labor or services to sue their traffickers for unpaid wages and receive punitive damages (triple the amount of wages and overtime compensation due) and reasonable attorney’s fees.

3. Provide Law Enforcement Effective Tools to Combat Human Trafficking
   - Attach asset seizure and forfeiture provisions to human trafficking statutes to provide additional funding for law enforcement agencies and prosecutors.
   - Provide training for new law enforcement agents on human trafficking, including trafficking of minors.
   - Designate a specialized unit within Kentucky State Police to provide support on human trafficking investigations statewide.

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Protect Kentucky children who are victims of sex trafficking!
- Up to 300,000 US citizen children are trafficked in the US each year, with 12-14 being the average age of entry into prostitution.
  *Source: Shared Hope International*
- Child victims of human trafficking are more likely to be arrested than are the child sex traffickers or client sex offenders.
  *Source: U.S. Department of Justice*
- In Kentucky, 138 victims of human trafficking have been served by the Rescue & Restore campaign. 53% of those were trafficked as children.
  *Source: Rescue & Restore Coalition*

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