Services for Survivors of Human Trafficking SB 3558

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Thousands of survivors of human trafficking and prostitution have no access to the specialized services that could help them find a way out.

In fact, Illinois only has 12 beds for women and girls who have been exploited.

Resources such as:
- Safe houses
- Drop-in centers
- Counseling

And other meaningful alternatives could help people survive exploitation and mentor those who need support.

Solution?

SB 3558 proposes funding streams to pay for the creation of specialized services and creates a new fund at IDHS.

Illinois needs community based programs that offer cost effective alternatives to expensive institutional settings.

New funding streams will provide prosecutors with informed training human trafficking.

Pimps, traffickers, and people who buy sex should begin to pay for the harm they cause.

How Does SB 3558 Work?

Proposes fines against pimps, traffickers, and people who buy sex.

Expands forfeiture to those convicted of promoting prostitution.

Creates new fund at IDHS for grants to support specialized services.

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