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S.1733 - Stop Exploitation Through Trafficking Act of 2013 (Klobuchar)

Section 1. Short Title.

Section 2. Safe Harbor Incentives. Amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796dd) to permit the Attorney General to give preferential treatment to COPS applications from a state that has a law in effect that:

- o treats minors as victims of human trafficking in commercial sex act cases;
- o discourages treatment of victims as criminals;
- o directs affected minors to child service providers.

Section 3. Report on Restitution Paid in Connection with Certain Trafficking Offenses. Requires the Attorney General to include certain information such as the number of people ordered to pay restitution in trafficking cases, the amount, the age, gender, race, country of origin, country of citizenship, and description of the role in the offense of individuals convicted under each offense in an annual report to the appropriate congressional committees.

Section 4. National Human Trafficking Hotline. Establishes a national human trafficking hotline beginning in FY 2017. Authorizes the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to award grants for a national communication system to assist victims of severe forms of trafficking in communicating with service providers. Preference shall be given to applicants with experience in providing telephone services to trafficking victims.

Section 5. Job Corps Eligibility. Amends the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2884(3)) to make trafficking victims eligible for the job corps.

Section 6. Clarification of Authority of the United States Marshals Service. Amends 28 U.S.C. 5569(e)(1) to permit the U.S. Marshals Service to assist federal, state and local law enforcement agencies with the locating of missing children.

Section 7. Establishing a National Strategy to Combat Human Trafficking. Requires that the Attorney General create a National Strategy for Combating Human Trafficking, This would include integrating Federal, State, local, and tribal efforts in investigation and prosecution. No less than one assistant US attorney dedicated to human trafficking cases would be appointed in

each district. Cases are to be coordinated with the Department of Justice (DOJ). Interagency coordination is required in all stages of countering human trafficking.

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