



HB 200 RECAP

Improves the Lives of Trafficking Victims by:

- HB 200 recognizes that victims of forced sexual servitude should not be treated as criminals and provides an affirmative defense to such victims for sexual crimes.
- HB 200 will allow human trafficking victims to receive Crime Victims Compensation Funds to reimburse them for medical bills and counseling expenses.
- HB 200 requires training for law enforcement on addressing human trafficking, appropriate detention for victims, and assistance available to victims.

Improves Accountability for Traffickers by:

- Increasing penalties for trafficking, including 10-20 years in prison where the victim is over 18 years old and 25-50 years or life in prison in cases involving victims under 18 years of age. A fine up to \$100,00 may also be imposed in all trafficking cases
- Allowing the property of traffickers to be forfeited under Georgia's RICO statute
- Changing penalties for pimping, pandering, and keeping a place of prostitution if the victim is a minor. For cases involving a 16 or 17 year old, the crime is a felony punishable by 5-10 years in prison and a fine of \$2,500 to \$10,000. If the victim is under 16, the crime is a felony punishable by 10-30 years in prison and a fine of up to \$100,000
- Striking a balance between the need to treat victims of human trafficking as victims, rather than criminals, and the criminal justice system's need to maintain a tool to address prostitution.