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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 373

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Judiciary

Brief*

SB 373 would replace references to “sexual relations” with “a sex act” in various statutes. Specifically, the crimes of selling sexual relations, promoting sexual relations, and buying sexual relations would be renamed selling a sex act, promoting a sex act, and buying a sex act. The bill would amend other statutes to update the references to the names of these crimes.

The bill also would make technical amendments to ensure consistency in statutory references and phrasing.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Judiciary at the request of the Office of the Attorney General (OAG). In the Senate Committee hearing, representatives of the Human Trafficking Advisory Board within the OAG and Veronica’s Voice testified in support of the bill, stating the need to more accurately reflect the non-consensual nature of crimes involving sexual relations. No neutral or opponent testimony was provided.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Office of Judicial Administration (OJA) indicates enactment of the bill could result in pretrial motions to dismiss and other additional hearings that could increase expenditures. During Senate Committee action on

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the bill, a Committee member stated OJA had indicated that it had made an error in the fiscal note and enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect. (*Note: As of the time of this document's publication, a revised fiscal note had not been issued.*)

Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2021 Governor's Budget Report*.