

Second Regular Session  
Seventy-fifth General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO

INTRODUCED

LLS NO. 26-0548.01 Shelby Ross x4510

**HOUSE BILL 26-1082**

**HOUSE SPONSORSHIP**

**Bottoms,**

**SENATE SPONSORSHIP**

**(None),**

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**House Committees**

Judiciary

**Senate Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101     **CONCERNING THE OFFENSE OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING OF A MINOR FOR**  
102         **SEXUAL SERVITUDE, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,**  
103         **CHANGING THE PENALTY FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING OF A MINOR**  
104         **FOR SEXUAL SERVITUDE FROM A CLASS 2 FELONY TO A CLASS 1**  
105         **FELONY.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill adds trading anything of monetary value to buy or sell sexual activity with a minor who the person knows is being trafficked for

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.  
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sexual servitude as an act of human trafficking of a minor for sexual servitude. The bill changes the penalty of human trafficking of a minor for sexual servitude from a class 2 felony to a class 1 felony and requires the court to sentence a person convicted of the felony to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole.

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1       *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2           **SECTION 1. Short title.** The short title of this act is the  
3        "Children Are Not for Sale Act".

4           **SECTION 2. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly  
5        finds and declares that:

6               (a) Residents of Colorado and other states and territories  
7        throughout the United States have seen an alarming increase in human  
8        trafficking, especially human trafficking involving minor children;

9               (b) Current penalties in Colorado law, with parole eligibility in as  
10       little as 8 years, have failed to adequately deter the human trafficking of  
11       minor children; and

12               (c) It is the measure of a fair and compassionate society to ensure  
13       that children are not for sale.

14           **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-3-504, **amend**  
15       (2)(a) and (2)(b); and **add** (5) as follows:

16           **18-3-504. Human trafficking for sexual servitude - human**  
17       **trafficking of a minor for sexual servitude.**

18               (2) (a) A person commits human trafficking of a minor for sexual  
19       servitude if the person:

20               (I) Knowingly sells, recruits, harbors, transports, transfers,  
21       isolates, entices, provides, receives, obtains by any means, maintains, or  
22       makes available a minor for the purpose of commercial sexual activity;

23       **or**

4 (III) TRADES ANYTHING OF MONETARY VALUE TO BUY OR SELL  
5 SEXUAL ACTIVITY WITH A MINOR WHO THE PERSON KNOWS IS BEING  
6 TRAFFICKED FOR SEXUAL SERVITUDE. IN A CRIMINAL PROSECUTION  
7 BROUGHT PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2)(a)(III), IT IS NOT A DEFENSE  
8 THAT THE DEFENDANT DID NOT KNOW THE MINOR'S AGE OR THAT THE  
9 DEFENDANT REASONABLY BELIEVED THE MINOR TO BE EIGHTEEN YEARS  
10 OLD OR OLDER.

17 (5) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT THE GOVERNOR FROM  
18 ISSUING A PARDON OR CLEMENCY OR FROM COMMUTING A SENTENCE.

1      November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
2      official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.