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SUMMARY

- Requires each public school to annually screen each student using the University of Toledo's FOCUS youth screening tool to identify students who may be at risk of or involved in human trafficking and report the results to the University.
- Requires the University to provide the screening tool and training to public schools, create an online portal to track screening results, and compile and publicize, without student names or personally identifiable information, the reported data.
- Appropriates \$5 million in FY 2026 and FY 2027 to the University so it can provide the training at no cost to public schools.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Human trafficking screening in schools

Beginning with the 2027-2028 school year, the bill requires each public school to annually screen each student using the University of Toledo's FOCUS youth screening tool to identify students who may be at risk of or involved in human trafficking.¹ Beginning in 2026, the University of Toledo must provide training to each public school on how to use the tool. The University also must make the tool available to all public schools in a digital and physical form.

¹ See the University of Toledo's "[Focus on Runaways Project](https://utoledo.edu/hhs/focus)" page, which is available on the University's College of Health and Human Services website: utoledo.edu/hhs/.

Reporting

The bill requires each public school to provide the results of the screenings to the University, which must create an online portal to track those results. The University must compile all the data received from schools and make it publicly available through the portal.

Lastly, the bill prohibits the University from disclosing the names or personally identifiable information of any student who completes the screening tool. Under the bill, results associated with the screening tool are not public records.²

HISTORY

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² R.C. 3313.675, 3314.03(A)(11)(d), 3326.11, and 3328.24.