

## National Association of Christian Lawmakers NACL Model 2024-03 STATE Businesses Against Trafficking Program ("S"BAT)

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The following model legislation is from the state of STATE, but this has been implemented in Texas, Iowa, Florida, and Virginia. It is sometimes administered through the Secretary of State, through the Attorney General, or other relevant law enforcement agency.

#### **STATE Businesses Against Trafficking (TBAT)**

- (a) The secretary of state [or relevant law enforcement agency] shall establish and implement a program designated as the STATE Businesses Against Trafficking program to engage participating corporations and other private entities in voluntary efforts to identify, prevent, and combat human trafficking.
- (b) The secretary of state [or relevant law enforcement agency] shall present a certificate of recognition to a participating corporation or private entity to recognize the corporation's or entity's contributions to the efforts of federal, state, and local officials engaged in combatting human trafficking and prosecuting human trafficking crimes.
- (c) A corporation or other private entity that participates in the program shall:
  - (1) Adopt a zero-tolerance policy toward human trafficking;
  - (2) Take measures to ensure that the corporation's or entity's employees comply with rules promulgated by the secretary of state's office related to the program;
  - (3) Participate in training and public awareness and education campaigns;
  - (4) Enhance awareness of and encourage participation in the program; and
  - (5) Share with the secretary of state [or relevant law enforcement agency] best practices that are effective in combatting human trafficking.

#### **HUMAN DIGNITY COMMITTEE**

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(d) The secretary of state [or relevant law enforcement agency] shall work collaboratively with other state agencies and advisory councils to promote the program.

**Rules.** The secretary of state [or relevant law enforcement agency] may promulgate rules as necessary to implement this part. The rules must be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in Title 4, chapter 5.