



February 2025

PATH EDUCATION

SEXTORTION BILL PASSES THE SENATE UNANIMOUSLY

Our thanks to Senator Julie Raque Adams for bringing this legislation back for the current legislative session. Senate Bill (SB)73 passed the senate unanimously on 2/12/25 with a vote of 38-0.

SB73 went to the House Judiciary committee on 2/28/2025. The session is halfway over so let's do what we can to get this out of House committee and to a full house vote and then on to Gov. Andy Beshear for signature.

Please call or email ALL House Representatives and tell them to vote yes on SB73. We have to keep SB73 in front of legislators. If you are short on time then please focus on the Judiciary Committee representatives so that this bill moves through committee quickly and to a full house vote. See the list below.

Legislative Members

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You can call the offices to speak to staff of HOUSE legislators: 502 564-8100 or call **800-372-7181** to leave a message for House legislators or find your representative's email at this [link](#).

Please take action today!

As a reminder, below is the brief on SB73 and the Senate amendment:

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 531 to establish the crime of sexual extortion as a felony; provide for enhancements to penalties; create a new section of KRS Chapter 411 to establish a civil cause of action for sexual extortion; amend KRS 17.500 to include sexual extortion in the definition of "sex crime"; create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to require superintendents of local school districts to notify students in grades four and above and parents and guardians of all students of the crime of sexual extortion; create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to require local school boards to display posters in schools with the definition of sexual extortion and contact information for entities offering assistance to victims; amend KRS 164.2518 to require postsecondary institutions to display posters with the definition of sexual extortion and contact information for entities offering assistance to victims in residential facilities and buildings containing instructional spaces, student services, or academic support services.

Amendment 1:

Retain original provisions, except to limit sexual extortion to sexual demands when the threat is of a non-sexual nature; classify sexual extortion as a Class A misdemeanor; provide for enhancements to penalty; provide that where the victim has attempted or committed suicide within 90 days of the offense, a prosecution for criminal homicide under KRS Chapter 507 or assault under KRS Chapter 508 may be commenced; provide that written notice of sexual extortion by principals to students in grades 4 and above must be age appropriate; limit display of posters in public school buildings to those containing instructional spaces for students in grades 6 through 12.



PATH IN THE FIELD

In January's newsletter we told you about the Kentucky Secretary of State's anti trafficking initiative called Kentucky Businesses Against Trafficking (KBAT). PATH is pleased to be one of the official training partners for those businesses who want to learn more. In conjunction with Refuge for Women, we look forward to providing educational opportunities to those businesses who are joining this vital program.

And we aren't stopping there. PATH is also pleased to be an official partner of the Face It Movement to end Child Abuse through KY Youth Advocates. This partnership came about because of our involvement in the SB73 Sextortion legislation.

[Check out all the Face It Partners Here](#)

And last but not least, PATH will be presenting three breakout sessions on March 22 at the Fighting For Freedom event being held in Alexandria, KY

(Greater Cincinnati Metro Area). Registration is open until March 14.

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FOR
FREEDOM**

**CALL TO ACTION:
COME BE A PART
OF THE COMMUNITY
ADDRESSING
HUMAN
TRAFFICKING**

LOCATED IN ALEXANDRIA, KY

Main Street Church

**Saturday, March 22nd
9-4:30**

REGISTER BY 3/14/25

\$10 registration
fee to cover
light breakfast
and lunch

SCAN ME

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BY EMAILING
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**CHECK IN
BEGINS AT 8:15**

PATH IN THE BOARDROOM

The PATH board met for its' monthly meeting on February 15, 2025. A motion was made and approved to retain the current slate of officers for another year term. Officers include:

Sr Jacquie Aceto, SCN - Chair

Dr. Theresa Hayden, MSW - Vice Chair

Sr Maryann Tarquinio, OP - Secretary

Sr Carol Curtis, OSU - Treasurer

We thank this group of talented women for their leadership and for being willing to continue on in leadership roles for another year.



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