STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

April 26, 2022

Introduced by M. of A. PAULIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

AN ACT to amend chapter 154 of the laws of 1921, relating to the port authority of New York and New Jersey, in relation to the operation of a youth services unit within the port authority police department

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section 1 of chapter 154 of the laws of 1921, relating to the port authority of New York and New Jersey, is amended by adding a new article VII-F to read as follows:

ARTICLE VII-F

1. The port authority police department shall operate a youth services unit at any bus terminal and airport operated by the authority, at all port authority Trans-Hudson stations and at the World Trade Center.

2. Such youth services unit shall be tasked with aiding youths in danger of exploitation, namely those who are runaways and who may be in danger of becoming human and sex trafficking victims through measures including but not limited to intercepting runaway youths; collaborating with undercover plain clothed police officers and social workers; identifying vulnerable youths before they become victimized; identifying and stopping perpetrators; assisting in state and federal prosecution of offenders; reuniting at-risk youths with their families; and providing services referrals to at-risk youths and victims of trafficking.

3. The port authority is hereby authorized to make and enforce such rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this article.

§ 2. This act shall take effect upon the enactment into law by the state of New Jersey of legislation having an identical effect; but if the state of New Jersey shall have already enacted such legislation, then this act shall take effect immediately and provided that the state of New Jersey shall notify the legislative bill drafting commission upon the occurrence of the enactment of the provisions provided for in this act in order that the commission may maintain an accurate and timely effective data base of the official text of the laws of the state of New

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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York in furtherance of effectuating the provisions of section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of the public officers law.