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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. PAULIN, ZINERMAN, OTIS -- 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:

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

ARTICLE VII-F

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

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

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

19 § 2. This act shall take effect upon the enactment into law by the
20 state of New Jersey of legislation having an identical effect; but if
21 the state of New Jersey shall have already enacted such legislation,
22 then this act shall take effect immediately and provided that the state
23 of New Jersey shall notify the legislative bill drafting commission upon
24 the occurrence of the enactment of the provisions provided for in this

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

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1 act in order that the commission may maintain an accurate and timely
2 effective data base of the official text of the laws of the state of New
3 York in furtherance of effectuating the provisions of section 44 of the
4 legislative law and section 70-b of the public officers law.