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NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE EXAMINES IMPACT OF SAFE HARBOR LAWS ON SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIMS

WASHINGTON – The Office of Justice Programs’ National Institute of Justice today published an article discussing the results of a study that showed Kentucky’s safe harbor laws increased protections for sex trafficking victims. Kentucky’s Human Trafficking Victims’ Rights Act, passed in 2013, includes provisions that prevent sex-trafficked youth from being prosecuted for prostitution, and provides them with special services such as safe housing, mental health care and substance abuse treatment.

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