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## INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The State Office, Agency or Organization Designated by the Governor to Apply for a Child Abuse and Neglect State Grant

**SUBJECT:** NEW LEGISLATION- Public Law 114-22, the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015

**LEGAL AND RELATED REFERENCES:** Title I of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, as amended by Public Law 114-22, enacted May 29, 2015 (42 U.S.C. 5101 et seq.)

**PURPOSE:** To inform states of the enactment of the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015 and provide basic information on the resulting changes in the CAPTA grants to states for child abuse or neglect prevention and treatment programs, including changes to the definition of child abuse and neglect.

**INFORMATION:** The President signed Public Law (P.L.) 114-22, the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015, into law on May 29, 2015. The law amends the CAPTA state grant program to add new state plan requirements and modifies the definition of child abuse and neglect, in addition to making amendments to other statutes.

Specifically, the amendments to CAPTA:

- 1) Require states to assure and describe in their CAPTA state plan that they have:
  - provisions and procedures regarding identifying and assessing all reports involving known or suspected child sex trafficking victims (as defined in section 103(10) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA) (22 U.S.C. 7102));
  - provisions and procedures for training CPS workers about identifying, assessing and providing comprehensive services to children who are sex trafficking victims, including efforts to coordinate with state law enforcement, juvenile justice, and social service agencies such as runaway and homeless youth shelters.
- 2) Require states to collect and report, to the maximum extent practicable, the number of children who are victims of sex trafficking as part of the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS).

- 3) Require states to consider any child who is identified by a state as a victim of sex trafficking or severe forms of trafficking (as defined in sections 103(9)(A) and (10) of the TVPA) as a victim of “child abuse and neglect” and “sexual abuse.” A state may, at state option, apply the trafficking portion of the definition to a person who has not attained age 24.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The law is effective two years after enactment (May 29, 2017).

**INQUIRIES TO:** Children’s Bureau Regional Program Managers

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Attachments:

A – [Public Law 114-22](#)

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