Amendment to HB 180

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

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3 1 Interference With Freedom; Trafficking in Persons. Amend RSA 633:7, III-a to read as 4 follows:

5 III-a.(*a*) A person is guilty of a class B felony if the person pays, agrees to pay, or offers to 6 pay to engage in sexual contact, as defined in RSA 632-A:1 or sexual penetration, as defined in RSA 7 632-A:1, V with a person under the age of 18, or to observe a sexually explicit performance involving 8 a person under the age of 18. The payment or offer or agreement to pay may be made to the person 9 under the age of 18 or a third party. Neither the actor's lack of knowledge of the other person's age 10 nor consent of the other person shall constitute a defense to a charge under this paragraph.

(b) A person is guilty of a class A felony if the person pays, agrees to pay, or offers to pay to engage in sexual contact, as defined in RSA 632-A:1 or sexual penetration, as defined in RSA 632-A:1, V with a person who is under the age of 16. The payment or offer or agreement to pay may be made to the person who is under the age of 16 or a third party.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill increases the penalty for a person who pays to engage in sexual contact with another person under the age of 16 who is a victim of human trafficking.