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3Strands Global Supports AB 1227: Human Trafficking Prevention Education Legislation

AB 1227 focuses on human trafficking prevention education and training for teachers and students

SACRAMENTO, CA (Feb. 17, 2017) – As the bill was presented on California’s assembly floor today, 3Strands Global announced its support of AB1227, The Human Trafficking Prevention Education and Training Act. The bill, authored by Democratic Assemblymember Rob Bonta and joint authored by Assemblymember Evan Low, mandates prevention education for teachers and students in California on labor trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation.

“The heinous and widespread nature of labor trafficking and sexual exploitation is robbing our children of their youth,” said Ashlie Bryant, President and Co-Founder of 3Strands Global Foundation, a worldwide organization based in El Dorado Hills, Calif. 3Strands Global mobilizes communities to combat human trafficking through prevention education and reintegration programs. “This legislation will reduce the vulnerability of all children in California to human trafficking. It is the next logical step to eradicating labor trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation in our state,” Bryant said.

California has the highest number of human trafficking incidents reported by the National Trafficking Hotline. Since 2011, 3Strands Global has provided prevention education in the classroom and has educated over 22,000 students in California. In 2015, along with Frederick Douglass Family Initiatives, Love Never Fails, the California



Department of Education and the Office of the California Attorney General, 3Strands Global created PROTECT (PREvention Organized To Educate Children on Trafficking), a program being rolled out in California schools this year. The PROTECT program includes training for county leadership, educators and students.

"Human trafficking is modern-day slavery and it must be stopped. This is a top priority for me. I have consistently fought to protect survivors and punish the exploiters and buyers who are destroying young lives," Bonta said. "Now, AB 1227 will address the vital aspect of prevention by educating our young people to identify the dangers and avoid becoming exploited themselves."

About PROTECT

The [PROTECT](#) program was developed by three anti-human trafficking organizations : [3Strands Global \(PROTECT fiscal sponsor\)](#), [Love Never Fails](#) and [Frederick Douglass Family Initiatives](#). Collectively, PROTECT's founders have educated more than 100,000 students in 20 California counties and three states (GA, NY and HI) over the last 10 years. As the leading prevention education program in the nation, PROTECT has partnered with the Office of the California Attorney General and the California Department of Education to provide a scalable and systematic prevention education program. PROTECT has also partnered with [CISCO systems](#) for the core Learning Management System technology, [TIP NOW](#) for its anonymous reporting mobile app and [The Institute for Social Research](#) at California State University, Sacramento, to provide program metrics and analytics.

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