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Act No. 140 (H.603). Crimes and criminal procedure; domestic relations; human trafficking

An act relating to human trafficking

This act: 1) Broadens the scope of marriages that can be annulled to include those where consent was obtained by the threat of force or other forms of coercion or deception; 2) removes the restriction that marriages shall not be annulled if the parties voluntarily cohabited prior to the commencement of the annulment action; 3) when making a parental rights and responsibilities order, allows the court to deny parent-child contact when one parent was convicted of human trafficking and the other parent was the trafficked victim or if it finds by clear and convincing evidence that the parent was trafficked and the order is in the best interests of the child; and 4) under the Adoption Act, provides that the court can order termination of a parental relationship if the parent committed a sexual assault resulting in the conception of the child.

Effective May 21, 2018.