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This bill amends section 609.5312 pertaining to forfeiture of property associated with designated offenses. In particular, it authorizes forfeiture of money used or intended to be used to facilitate the commission of a prostitution or sex trafficking offense.

Distribution of the proceeds would fall under two statutory distribution formulas in current law.

- For money forfeited under section 609.324 (general prostitution), the proceeds are divided: 70 percent to law enforcement; 20 percent to prosecuting agency, and ten percent to the state general fund.
- For money forfeited under section 609.322 (solicitation of prostitution; sex trafficking), the proceeds are divided: 40 percent to law enforcement; 20 percent to prosecuting agency; and 40 percent for DPS grants to crime victim organization providing services to trafficking victims.