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H.B. No. 1930

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the membership and duties of the Human Trafficking
3 Prevention Task Force.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Sections 402.035(c) and (d), Government Code,
6 are amended to read as follows:

7 (c) The task force is composed of the following:

8 (1) the governor or the governor's designee;

9 (2) the attorney general or the attorney general's
10 designee;

11 (3) the executive commissioner of the Health and Human
12 Services Commission or the executive commissioner's designee;

13 (4) the commissioner of the Department of Family and
14 Protective Services or the commissioner's designee;

15 (5) the commissioner of the Department of State Health
16 Services or the commissioner's designee;

17 (6) the public safety director of the Department of
18 Public Safety or the director's designee;

19 (7) [~~(6)~~] one representative from each of the
20 following state agencies, appointed by the chief administrative
21 officer of the respective agency:

22 (A) the Texas Workforce Commission;

23 (B) the Texas Department of Criminal Justice;

24 (C) the Texas Youth Commission;

1 (D) the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission; and
2 (E) the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission; and
3 (8) [~~(7)~~] as appointed by the attorney general:

4 (A) a public defender, as defined by Article
5 26.044, Code of Criminal Procedure;

6 (B) an attorney representing the state;

7 (C) a representative of:

8 (i) a hotel and motel association;

9 (ii) a district and county attorneys
10 association; and

11 (iii) a state police association;

12 (D) representatives of sheriff's departments;

13 (E) representatives of local law enforcement
14 agencies affected by human trafficking; and

15 (F) representatives of nongovernmental entities
16 making comprehensive efforts to combat human trafficking by:

17 (i) identifying human trafficking victims;

18 (ii) providing legal or other services to
19 human trafficking victims;

20 (iii) participating in community outreach
21 or public awareness efforts regarding human trafficking;

22 (iv) providing or developing training
23 regarding the prevention of human trafficking; or

24 (v) engaging in other activities designed
25 to prevent human trafficking.

26 (d) The task force shall:

27 (1) collaborate, as needed to fulfill the duties of

1 the task force, with:

2 (A) United States attorneys for the districts of
3 Texas; and

4 (B) special agents or customs and border
5 protection officers and border patrol agents of:

6 (i) the Federal Bureau of Investigation;

7 (ii) the United States Drug Enforcement
8 Administration;

9 (iii) the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,
10 Firearms and Explosives;

11 (iv) the United States Immigration and
12 Customs Enforcement Agency; or

13 (v) the United States Department of
14 Homeland Security;

15 (2) collect, organize, and periodically publish
16 statistical data on the nature and extent of human trafficking in
17 this state;

18 (3) solicit cooperation and assistance from state and
19 local governmental agencies, political subdivisions of the state,
20 nongovernmental organizations, and other persons, as appropriate,
21 for the purpose of collecting and organizing statistical data under
22 Subdivision (2);

23 (4) ensure that each state or local governmental
24 agency and political subdivision of the state that assists in the
25 prevention of human trafficking collects statistical data related
26 to human trafficking, including, as appropriate:

27 (A) the number of investigations concerning,

1 arrests and prosecutions for, and convictions of:

2 (i) the offense of trafficking of persons;

3 and

4 (ii) the offense of forgery or an offense
5 under Chapter 43, Penal Code, if committed as part of a criminal
6 episode involving the trafficking of persons;

7 (B) demographic information on persons who are
8 convicted of offenses described by Paragraph (A) and persons who
9 are the victims of those offenses;

10 (C) geographic routes by which human trafficking
11 victims are trafficked and geographic patterns in human
12 trafficking, including the country or state of origin and the
13 country or state of destination;

14 (D) means of transportation and methods used by
15 persons who engage in trafficking to transport their victims; and

16 (E) social and economic factors that create a
17 demand for the labor or services that victims of human trafficking
18 are forced to provide;

19 (5) work with the Commission on Law Enforcement
20 Officer Standards and Education to develop and conduct training for
21 law enforcement personnel, victim service providers, and medical
22 service providers to identify victims of human trafficking;

23 (6) on the request of a judge of a county court, county
24 court at law, or district court or a county attorney, district
25 attorney, or criminal district attorney, assist and train the judge
26 or the judge's staff or the attorney or the attorney's staff in the
27 recognition and prevention of human trafficking;

1 (7) examine training protocols related to human
2 trafficking issues, as developed and implemented by federal, state,
3 and local law enforcement agencies;

4 (8) collaborate with state and local governmental
5 agencies, political subdivisions of the state, and nongovernmental
6 organizations to implement a media awareness campaign in
7 communities affected by human trafficking; ~~and~~

8 (9) develop recommendations on how to strengthen state
9 and local efforts to prevent human trafficking, protect and assist
10 human trafficking victims, and prosecute human trafficking
11 offenders; and

12 (10) examine the extent to which human trafficking is
13 associated with the operation of sexually oriented businesses, as
14 defined by Section 243.002, Local Government Code, and the
15 workplace or public health concerns that are created by the
16 association of human trafficking and the operation of sexually
17 oriented businesses.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.