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H.B. No. 1147

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the collection of information regarding trafficking of persons.

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

SECTION 1. Section 402.035, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-1) and amending Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(b-1) A state or local law enforcement agency, district attorney, or county attorney that assists in the prevention of human trafficking shall, at the request of the task force, cooperate and assist the task force in collecting any statistical data on the nature and extent of human trafficking in the possession of the law enforcement agency or district or county attorney.

(d) The task force shall:

(1) collaborate, as needed to fulfill the duties of the task force, with:

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

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

(i) the Federal Bureau of Investigation;

(ii) the United States Drug Enforcement Administration;

(iii) the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,

1 Firearms and Explosives;

2 (iv) [~~the~~] United States Immigration and
3 Customs Enforcement [~~Agency~~]; or

4 (v) the United States Department of
5 Homeland Security;

6 (2) collect, organize, and periodically publish
7 statistical data on the nature and extent of human trafficking in
8 this state, including data described by Subdivisions (4)(A), (B),
9 (C), (D), and (E);

10 (3) solicit cooperation and assistance from state and
11 local governmental agencies, political subdivisions of the state,
12 nongovernmental organizations, and other persons, as appropriate,
13 for the purpose of collecting and organizing statistical data under
14 Subdivision (2);

15 (4) ensure that each state or local governmental
16 agency and political subdivision of the state and each state or
17 local law enforcement agency, district attorney, or county attorney
18 that assists in the prevention of human trafficking collects
19 statistical data related to human trafficking, including, as
20 appropriate:

21 (A) the number of investigations concerning,
22 arrests and prosecutions for, and convictions of:

23 (i) the offense of trafficking of persons;
24 and

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

1 (B) demographic information on persons who are
2 convicted of offenses described by Paragraph (A) and persons who
3 are the victims of those offenses;

4 (C) geographic routes by which human trafficking
5 victims are trafficked, including routes by which victims are
6 trafficked across this state's international border, and
7 geographic patterns in human trafficking, including the country or
8 state of origin and the country or state of destination;

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

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

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

18 (6) on the request of a judge of a county court, county
19 court at law, or district court or a county attorney, district
20 attorney, or criminal district attorney, assist and train the judge
21 or the judge's staff or the attorney or the attorney's staff in the
22 recognition and prevention of human trafficking;

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

26 (8) collaborate with state and local governmental
27 agencies, political subdivisions of the state, and nongovernmental

1 organizations to implement a media awareness campaign in
2 communities affected by human trafficking;

3 (9) develop recommendations on how to strengthen state
4 and local efforts to prevent human trafficking, protect and assist
5 human trafficking victims, and prosecute human trafficking
6 offenders; and

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

13 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.