

AN ACT

relating to the continuation and duties of the Human Trafficking Prevention Task Force.

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

SECTION 1. Section 402.035, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsections (b-1) and (g-1) and amending Subsections (d) and (h) 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) work with the Texas Education Agency, the  
19 Department of Family and Protective Services, and the Health and  
20 Human Services Commission to:

21 (A) develop a list of key indicators that a  
22 person is a victim of human trafficking;

23 (B) develop a standardized curriculum for  
24 training doctors, nurses, emergency medical services personnel,  
25 teachers, school counselors, school administrators, and personnel  
26 from the Department of Family and Protective Services and the  
27 Health and Human Services Commission to identify and assist victims

1 of human trafficking;

2 (C) train doctors, nurses, emergency medical  
3 services personnel, teachers, school counselors, school  
4 administrators, and personnel from the Department of Family and  
5 Protective Services and the Health and Human Services Commission to  
6 identify and assist victims of human trafficking;

7 (D) develop and conduct training for personnel  
8 from the Department of Family and Protective Services and the  
9 Health and Human Services Commission on methods for identifying  
10 children in foster care who may be at risk of becoming victims of  
11 human trafficking; and

12 (E) develop a process for referring identified  
13 human trafficking victims and individuals at risk of becoming  
14 victims to appropriate entities for services;

15 (7) on the request of a judge of a county court, county  
16 court at law, or district court or a county attorney, district  
17 attorney, or criminal district attorney, assist and train the judge  
18 or the judge's staff or the attorney or the attorney's staff in the  
19 recognition and prevention of human trafficking;

20 (8) [~~(7)~~] examine training protocols related to human  
21 trafficking issues, as developed and implemented by federal, state,  
22 and local law enforcement agencies;

23 (9) [~~(8)~~] collaborate with state and local  
24 governmental agencies, political subdivisions of the state, and  
25 nongovernmental organizations to implement a media awareness  
26 campaign in communities affected by human trafficking;

27 (10) [~~(9)~~] develop recommendations on how to

1 strengthen state and local efforts to prevent human trafficking,  
2 protect and assist human trafficking victims, and prosecute human  
3 trafficking offenders; and

4 (11) [~~(10)~~] examine the extent to which human  
5 trafficking is associated with the operation of sexually oriented  
6 businesses, as defined by Section 243.002, Local Government Code,  
7 and the workplace or public health concerns that are created by the  
8 association of human trafficking and the operation of sexually  
9 oriented businesses.

10 (g-1) In this section, "emergency medical services  
11 personnel" has the meaning assigned by Section 773.003, Health and  
12 Safety Code.

13 (h) This section expires September 1, 2015 [~~2013~~].

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

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1272 was passed by the House on April 11, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1272 on May 16, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1272 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 14, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor