

1-1 By: Thompson of Harris, et al. H.B. No. 2725
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Van de Putte)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 29, 2013;
 1-4 April 29, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Health
 1-5 and Human Services; May 15, 2013, reported adversely, with
 1-6 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7,
 1-7 Nays 0; May 15, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-8 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2725 By: Deuell

1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to the confidentiality of certain records maintained by a
 1-23 victims of trafficking shelter center and the creation of minimum
 1-24 standards for certain facilities that provide services to victims
 1-25 of trafficking.

1-26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-27 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 552.138, Government Code,
 1-28 is amended to read as follows:

1-29 Sec. 552.138. EXCEPTION: CONFIDENTIALITY OF FAMILY
 1-30 VIOLENCE SHELTER CENTER, VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING SHELTER CENTER, AND
 1-31 SEXUAL ASSAULT PROGRAM INFORMATION.

1-32 SECTION 2. Section 552.138(a), Government Code, is amended
 1-33 by adding Subdivision (3) to read as follows:

1-34 (3) "Victims of trafficking shelter center" means:

1-35 (A) a program that:

1-36 (i) is operated by a public or private
 1-37 nonprofit organization; and

1-38 (ii) provides comprehensive residential
 1-39 and nonresidential services to persons who are victims of
 1-40 trafficking under Section 20A.02, Penal Code; or

1-41 (B) a child-placing agency, as defined by Section
 1-42 42.002, Human Resources Code, that provides services to persons who
 1-43 are victims of trafficking under Section 20A.02, Penal Code.

1-44 SECTION 3. Sections 552.138(b) and (c), Government Code,
 1-45 are amended to read as follows:

1-46 (b) Information maintained by a family violence shelter
 1-47 center, victims of trafficking shelter center, or sexual assault
 1-48 program is excepted from the requirements of Section 552.021 if it
 1-49 is information that relates to:

1-50 (1) the home address, home telephone number, or social
 1-51 security number of an employee or a volunteer worker of a family
 1-52 violence shelter center, victims of trafficking shelter center, or
 1-53 [a] sexual assault program, regardless of whether the employee or
 1-54 worker complies with Section 552.024;

1-55 (2) the location or physical layout of a family
 1-56 violence shelter center or victims of trafficking shelter center;

1-57 (3) the name, home address, home telephone number, or
 1-58 numeric identifier of a current or former client of a family
 1-59 violence shelter center, victims of trafficking shelter center, or
 1-60 sexual assault program;

2-1 (4) the provision of services, including counseling
2-2 and sheltering, to a current or former client of a family violence
2-3 shelter center, victims of trafficking shelter center, or sexual
2-4 assault program;

2-5 (5) the name, home address, or home telephone number
2-6 of a private donor to a family violence shelter center, victims of
2-7 trafficking shelter center, or sexual assault program; or

2-8 (6) the home address or home telephone number of a
2-9 member of the board of directors or the board of trustees of a
2-10 family violence shelter center, victims of trafficking shelter
2-11 center, or sexual assault program, regardless of whether the board
2-12 member complies with Section 552.024.

2-13 (c) A governmental body may redact information maintained
2-14 by a family violence shelter center, victims of trafficking shelter
2-15 center, or sexual assault program that may be withheld under
2-16 Subsection (b)(1) or (6) from any information the governmental body
2-17 discloses under Section 552.021 without the necessity of requesting
2-18 a decision from the attorney general under Subchapter G.

2-19 SECTION 4. Section 42.042, Human Resources Code, is amended
2-20 by adding Subsection (g-2) to read as follows:

2-21 (g-2) The executive commissioner by rule shall adopt
2-22 minimum standards that apply to general residential operations that
2-23 provide comprehensive residential and nonresidential services to
2-24 persons who are victims of trafficking under Section 20A.02, Penal
2-25 Code. In adopting the minimum standards under this subsection, the
2-26 executive commissioner shall consider:

2-27 (1) the special circumstances and needs of victims of
2-28 trafficking of persons; and

2-29 (2) the role of the general residential operations in
2-30 assisting and supporting victims of trafficking of persons.

2-31 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-32 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-33 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-34 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-35 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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