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S.B. No. 811

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the continuation 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. Section 402.035, Government Code, is amended by  
6 amending Subsections (d) and (h) and adding Subsection (g-1) to  
7 read as follows:

8 (d) The task force shall:

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

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

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

15 (i) the Federal Bureau of Investigation;

16 (ii) the United States Drug Enforcement  
17 Administration;

18 (iii) the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,  
19 Firearms and Explosives;

20 (iv) ~~the~~ United States Immigration and  
21 Customs Enforcement ~~Agency~~; or

22 (v) the United States Department of  
23 Homeland Security;

24 (2) collect, organize, and periodically publish

1 statistical data on the nature and extent of human trafficking in  
2 this state;

3 (3) solicit cooperation and assistance from state and  
4 local governmental agencies, political subdivisions of the state,  
5 nongovernmental organizations, and other persons, as appropriate,  
6 for the purpose of collecting and organizing statistical data under  
7 Subdivision (2);

8 (4) ensure that each state or local governmental  
9 agency and political subdivision of the state that assists in the  
10 prevention of human trafficking collects statistical data related  
11 to human trafficking, including, as appropriate:

12 (A) the number of investigations concerning,  
13 arrests and prosecutions for, and convictions of:

14 (i) the offense of trafficking of persons;  
15 and

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

19 (B) demographic information on persons who are  
20 convicted of offenses described by Paragraph (A) and persons who  
21 are the victims of those offenses;

22 (C) geographic routes by which human trafficking  
23 victims are trafficked and geographic patterns in human  
24 trafficking, including the country or state of origin and the  
25 country or state of destination;

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

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

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

8 (6) work with the Texas Education Agency and the  
9 Health and Human Services Commission to:

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

12 (B) develop a standardized curriculum for  
13 training doctors, nurses, emergency medical services personnel,  
14 teachers, school counselors, and school administrators to identify  
15 victims of human trafficking; and

16 (C) train doctors, nurses, emergency medical  
17 services personnel, teachers, school counselors, and school  
18 administrators to identify victims of human trafficking;

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

24 (8) [~~7~~] examine training protocols related to human  
25 trafficking issues, as developed and implemented by federal, state,  
26 and local law enforcement agencies;

27 (9) [~~8~~] collaborate with state and local

1 governmental agencies, political subdivisions of the state, and  
2 nongovernmental organizations to implement a media awareness  
3 campaign in communities affected by human trafficking;

4 (10) [~~(9)~~] develop recommendations on how to  
5 strengthen state and local efforts to prevent human trafficking,  
6 protect and assist human trafficking victims, and prosecute human  
7 trafficking offenders; and

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

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

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

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, 2013.