

AN ACT

relating to human trafficking and its victims and the care of juveniles who have experienced traumatic events.

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

SECTION 1. Section 221.002, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

(c-1) In adopting rules under Subsection (a)(3), the board shall require probation officers, juvenile supervision officers, and court-supervised community-based program personnel to receive trauma-informed care training. The training must provide knowledge, in line with best practices, of how to interact with juveniles who have experienced traumatic events.

SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 221, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 221.0035 to read as follows:

Sec. 221.0035. BEST PRACTICES TO IDENTIFY AND ASSESS VICTIMS OF SEX TRAFFICKING. (a) In this section, "sex trafficking" means an offense under Section 20A.02(a)(7), Penal Code.

(b) The department shall evaluate the practices and screening procedures used by juvenile probation departments for the early identification of juveniles who are victims of sex trafficking for the purpose of developing a recommended set of best practices that may be used by a juvenile probation department to improve the juvenile probation department's ability to identify a

juvenile who is a victim of sex trafficking.

(c) Best practices may include:

(1) examining a juvenile's referral history, including whether the juvenile has a history of running away from home or has been adjudicated for previous offenses;

(2) making inquiries into a juvenile's history of sexual abuse;

(3) assessing a juvenile's need for services, including counseling through a rape crisis center or other counseling; and

(4) asking the juvenile a series of questions designed to determine whether the juvenile is at high risk of being a victim of sex trafficking.

SECTION 3. Subchapter A, Chapter 221, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 221.0061 to read as follows:

Sec. 221.0061. TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE TRAINING. The department shall provide trauma-informed care training during the preservice training the department provides for juvenile probation officers, juvenile supervision officers, juvenile correctional officers, and juvenile parole officers. The training must provide knowledge, in line with best practices, of how to interact with juveniles who have experienced traumatic events.

SECTION 4. Subsection (b), Section 242.009, Human Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The department shall provide each juvenile correctional officer employed by the department with at least 300 hours of training, which must include on-the-job training, before the

1 officer independently commences the officer's duties at the
2 facility. The training must provide the officer with information
3 and instruction related to the officer's duties, including
4 information and instruction concerning:

5 (1) the juvenile justice system of this state,
6 including the juvenile correctional facility system;

7 (2) security procedures;

8 (3) the supervision of children committed to the
9 department;

10 (4) signs of suicide risks and suicide precautions;

11 (5) signs and symptoms of the abuse, assault, neglect,
12 and exploitation of a child, including sexual abuse, ~~and~~ sexual
13 assault, and human trafficking, and the manner in which to report
14 the abuse, assault, neglect, or exploitation of a child;

15 (6) the neurological, physical, and psychological
16 development of adolescents;

17 (7) department rules and regulations, including
18 rules, regulations, and tactics concerning the use of force;

19 (8) appropriate restraint techniques;

20 (9) the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (42 U.S.C.
21 Section 15601, et seq.);

22 (10) the rights and responsibilities of children in
23 the custody of the department;

24 (11) interpersonal relationship skills;

25 (12) the social and cultural lifestyles of children in
26 the custody of the department;

27 (13) first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation;

- 1 (14) counseling techniques;
- 2 (15) conflict resolution and dispute mediation,
- 3 including de-escalation techniques;
- 4 (16) behavior management;
- 5 (17) mental health issues; ~~and~~
- 6 (18) employee rights, employment discrimination, and
- 7 sexual harassment; and
- 8 (19) trauma-informed care.

9 SECTION 5. Section 414.005, Government Code, is amended to
10 read as follows:

11 Sec. 414.005. DUTIES. The council shall:

- 12 (1) encourage, advise, and assist in the creation of
- 13 crime stoppers organizations;
- 14 (2) foster the detection of crime and encourage
- 15 persons to report information about criminal acts;
- 16 (3) encourage news and other media to broadcast
- 17 reenactments and to inform the public of the functions of crime
- 18 stoppers organizations' operations and programs;
- 19 (4) promote the process of crime stoppers
- 20 organizations to forward information about criminal acts to the
- 21 appropriate law enforcement agencies;
- 22 (5) help law enforcement agencies detect and combat
- 23 crime by increasing the flow of information to and between law
- 24 enforcement agencies;
- 25 (6) create specialized programs targeted at detecting
- 26 specific crimes or types of crimes, including at least one program
- 27 that:

1 (A) encourages individuals to report sex
2 offenders who have failed to register under Chapter 62, Code of
3 Criminal Procedure; ~~and~~

4 (B) encourages individuals to report criminal
5 activity relating to the trafficking of persons, as described under
6 Chapter 20A, Penal Code; and

7 (C) financially rewards each individual who
8 makes a report described by Paragraph (A) or (B) that leads or
9 substantially contributes to the arrest or apprehension:

10 (i) of a sex offender who has failed to
11 register under Chapter 62, Code of Criminal Procedure; or

12 (ii) of a person suspected of engaging in
13 conduct that constitutes an offense under Chapter 20A, Penal Code;
14 and

15 (7) encourage, advise, and assist crime stoppers
16 organizations in implementing any programs created under
17 Subdivision (6), including a program specifically described by
18 Subdivision (6).

19 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1356 passed the Senate on April 18, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 1; and that the Senate concurred in House amendments on May 23, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1356 passed the House, with amendments, on May 20, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor