

By: Thompson of Harris

H.B. No. 2360

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the licensing and regulation of certain residential educational child-care facilities serving victims of human trafficking.

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

SECTION 1. Section 42.041, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

(h) Notwithstanding Subsection (b)(7), a residential educational facility that is accredited by an accreditation body that is a member of the Texas Private School Accreditation Commission and operates primarily for educational purposes for prekindergarten and above shall comply with the licensing requirements of Subsection (a) and all department rules and minimum standards applicable to general residential operations that provide services to persons who are victims of human trafficking under Section 20A.02, Penal Code, if:

(1) at any point during the academic year more than either 25 children at the facility or 30 percent of the children at the facility are victims of human trafficking; and

(2) the facility provides or intends to provide specialized services designed to treat and support trafficking victims in addition to providing basic child care services.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.