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S.B. No. 1708

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of a governor's program for victims of  
child sex trafficking.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 772, Government Code, is amended by  
adding Section 772.0063 to read as follows:

Sec. 772.0063. GOVERNOR'S PROGRAM FOR VICTIMS OF CHILD SEX  
TRAFFICKING. (a) The governor shall establish and implement a  
program to provide comprehensive, individualized services to  
address the rehabilitation and treatment needs of child victims of  
an offense under Section 20A.02(a)(7) or (8), Penal Code.

(b) The governor shall appoint a director of the program to  
serve at the pleasure of the governor.

(c) The director of the program shall coordinate with state  
and local law enforcement agencies, state agencies, and service  
providers to identify victims of child sex trafficking who are  
eligible to receive services under the program.

(d) For each victim of child sex trafficking identified by  
the director, the program shall immediately facilitate the  
assignment of a caseworker to the victim to coordinate with local  
service providers to create a customized package of services to fit  
the victim's immediate and long-term rehabilitation and treatment  
needs. Services provided under the program must address all  
aspects of the medical, psychiatric, psychological, safety, and

1 housing needs of victims.

2           SECTION 2. The governor shall establish the governor's  
3 program for victims of child sex trafficking and appoint a director  
4 of the program, as required by Section 772.0063, Government Code,  
5 as added by this Act, as soon as practicable and not later than  
6 December 1, 2016.

7           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.