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(Thompson of Harris)

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to human trafficking signs at certain transportation hubs.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter B, Chapter 402, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 402.0351 to read as follows:

Sec. 402.0351.  REQUIRED POSTING OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING SIGNS AT CERTAIN TRANSPORTATION HUBS. (a)  In this section, "transportation hub" means a bus, bus stop, train, train station, rest area, or airport.

(b)  The attorney general by rule shall prescribe the design and content of a sign regarding services and assistance available to victims of human trafficking to be displayed at transportation hubs. The sign must be in both English and Spanish and include:

(1)  the telephone number and Internet website of the National Human Trafficking Resource Center; and

(2)  the key indicators that a person is a victim of human trafficking.

(c)  The attorney general by rule shall prescribe the transportation hubs that are required to post a sign described by Subsection (b).

(d)  A person who operates a transportation hub that is required to post a sign under Subsection (c) shall post a sign described by Subsection (b) at the transportation hub. The attorney general:

(1)  by rule shall prescribe the manner the sign must be displayed at the transportation hub and any exceptions to the sign posting requirement under this section; and

(2)  shall enforce this section.

(e)  In adopting the rules under Subsection (b), the attorney general shall consult with the Texas Department of Transportation.

SECTION 2.  Not later than September 1, 2020, the attorney general shall adopt the rules required by Section 402.0351, Government Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.