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H.B. No. 1113

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to state contract limitations and programs for sex trafficking prevention and victim treatment.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2155.077, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-3) to read as follows:

(a-3) The comptroller shall bar a vendor from participating in state contracts that are subject to this subtitle, including contracts for which purchasing authority is delegated to a state agency, if the vendor has taken an action that directly supports or promotes human trafficking.

SECTION 2. Subtitle B, Title 2, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Chapter 50 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 50. SEX TRAFFICKING PREVENTION AND VICTIM TREATMENT

PROGRAMS

SUBCHAPTER A. TREATMENT PROGRAM FOR VICTIMS OF CHILD SEX

TRAFFICKING

Sec. 50.0001. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Child sex trafficking" has the meaning assigned by Section 772.0062, Government Code.

(2) "Program" means the treatment program for victims of child sex trafficking established under this subchapter.

Sec. 50.0002. ESTABLISHMENT; PURPOSE. The commission, in collaboration with the institution designated under Section

1 50.0003 and the Child Sex Trafficking Prevention Unit established
2 under Section 772.0062, Government Code, shall establish a program
3 to improve the quality and accessibility of care for victims of
4 child sex trafficking in this state.

5 Sec. 50.0003. DESIGNATION OF INSTITUTION; OPERATION OF
6 PROGRAM. (a) The commission shall designate a health-related
7 institution of higher education to operate the program.

8 (b) The designated institution shall improve the quality
9 and accessibility of care for victims of child sex trafficking by:

10 (1) dedicating a unit at the institution to provide or
11 contract for inpatient care for victims of child sex trafficking;

12 (2) dedicating a unit at the institution to provide or
13 contract for outpatient care for victims of child sex trafficking;

14 (3) creating opportunities for research and workforce
15 expansion related to treatment of victims of child sex trafficking;
16 and

17 (4) assisting other health-related institutions of
18 higher education in this state to establish similar programs.

19 Sec. 50.0004. FUNDING. In addition to money appropriated
20 by the legislature, the designated institution may accept gifts,
21 grants, and donations from any public or private person for the
22 purpose of carrying out the program.

23 Sec. 50.0005. RULES. The executive commissioner shall
24 adopt rules necessary to implement this subchapter.

25 SUBCHAPTER B. MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM FOR MUNICIPAL SEX TRAFFICKING
26 PREVENTION PROGRAMS

27 Sec. 50.0051. ESTABLISHMENT OF MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM. The

1 commission shall establish and administer a matching grant program
2 that awards grants to provide initial money to establish municipal
3 sex trafficking prevention programs in this state.

4 Sec. 50.0052. APPLICATION. (a) A municipality may apply to
5 the commission in the form and manner prescribed by the commission
6 for a matching grant under this subchapter for the municipality's
7 sex trafficking prevention program. To qualify for a grant, an
8 applicant must:

9 (1) develop a media campaign and appoint a municipal
10 employee to oversee the program;

11 (2) provide proof that the applicant is able to obtain
12 or secure municipal money in an amount at least equal to the amount
13 of the awarded grant; and

14 (3) in collaboration with a local institution of
15 higher education, create and submit a needs assessment that
16 outlines:

17 (A) the prevalence of sex trafficking crimes in
18 the municipality;

19 (B) strategies for reducing the number of sex
20 trafficking crimes in the municipality; and

21 (C) the program's need for state funding to
22 supplement the municipal funding.

23 (b) The commission shall review applications for a matching
24 grant submitted under this section and award matching grants to
25 each municipality that demonstrates in the application the most
26 effective strategies for reducing the number of sex trafficking
27 crimes in the municipality and the greatest need for state funding.

1 Sec. 50.0102. FUNDING. In addition to money appropriated
2 by the legislature, the office of the governor may solicit and
3 accept gifts, grants, or donations from any source to administer
4 and finance the grant program established under this subchapter.

5 SECTION 3. As soon as practicable after the effective date
6 of this Act:

7 (1) the executive commissioner of the Health and Human
8 Services Commission shall adopt rules as necessary to implement
9 Subchapters A and B, Chapter 50, Health and Safety Code, as added by
10 this Act; and

11 (2) the governor shall adopt rules as necessary to
12 implement Subchapter C, Chapter 50, Health and Safety Code, as
13 added by this Act.

14 SECTION 4. Section [2155.077](#), Government Code, as amended by
15 this Act, applies only to a contract entered into on or after the
16 effective date of this Act.

17 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.