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S.B. No. 1219

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

4 (2) shall enforce this section.

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

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

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