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H.B. No. 2978

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to required agreement provisions and eligibility of  
3 certain games and events for funding administered by the Texas  
4 Economic Development and Tourism Office.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 475, Government Code, as  
7 effective April 1, 2021, is amended by adding Section 475.0005 to  
8 read as follows:

9 Sec. 475.0005. REQUIRED AGREEMENT PROVISION FOR POSTING  
10 HUMAN TRAFFICKING SIGNS. (a) An agreement under this subtitle  
11 between the office, an endorsing county or municipality, or a local  
12 organizing committee and a site selection organization that  
13 includes a financial commitment by this state or a county or  
14 municipality of this state must contain a written verification that  
15 the site selection organization will prominently post throughout  
16 the location of the game or event signs with information on services  
17 and assistance available to victims of human trafficking.

18 (b) The office of the governor, in consultation with the  
19 human trafficking prevention coordinating council established  
20 under Section 402.034, shall by rule prescribe the sign format and  
21 manner of posting signs under this section.

22 SECTION 2. Section 478.0051, Government Code, as effective  
23 April 1, 2021, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding  
24 Subsection (c) to read as follows:

1 (b) A listed event may receive funding through the program  
2 only if:

3 (1) a site selection organization, after considering  
4 through a highly competitive selection process one or more sites  
5 not in this state, selects a site in this state for the event to be  
6 held:

7 (A) one time; or

8 (B) if the event is scheduled under an event  
9 contract or event support contract to be held each year for a period  
10 of years, one time in each year;

11 (2) a site selection organization selects a site in  
12 this state as:

13 (A) the sole site for the event; or

14 (B) the sole site for the event in a region  
15 composed of this state and one or more adjoining states;

16 (3) the event is held not more than one time in any  
17 year;

18 (4) the incremental increase in tax receipts  
19 determined under Section [478.0102](#) is at least \$1 million; and

20 (5) not later than the 30th day before the first day of  
21 the event, a site selection organization submits a plan to prevent  
22 the trafficking of persons in connection with the event to:

23 (A) the office of the attorney general; ~~and~~

24 (B) the chief of the Texas Division of Emergency  
25 Management; and

26 (C) the human trafficking prevention  
27 coordinating council established under Section [402.034](#).

1        (c) The plan described by Subsection (b)(5) must provide for  
2 the posting of signs as required under Section 475.0005.

3        SECTION 3. Section 478.0051(c), Government Code, as added  
4 by this Act, applies only to a plan to prevent human trafficking  
5 submitted on or after the effective date this Act. A plan submitted  
6 before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in  
7 effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the  
8 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

9        SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.