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H.B. No. 3501

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to required human trafficking prevention training and  
3 disclosure of certain information about human trafficking by tattoo  
4 and body piercing studios.

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

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 146, Health and Safety Code, is amended  
7 by adding Section 146.0075 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 146.0075. REQUIRED HUMAN TRAFFICKING TRAINING. (a)

9 Each employee of a tattoo studio or body piercing studio within the  
10 time prescribed by rules adopted by the executive commissioner  
11 shall complete a training course approved by the executive  
12 commissioner on identifying and assisting victims of human  
13 trafficking.

14 (b) The executive commissioner shall approve training  
15 courses on human trafficking prevention, including at least one  
16 course that is available without charge. The department shall post  
17 the list of the approved training courses on the department's  
18 Internet website.

19 (c) A tattoo studio or body piercing studio licensed under  
20 this chapter shall display in an area of the studio regularly  
21 accessible to the studio's employees a poster with information on  
22 recognizing potential victims of human trafficking and methods for  
23 assisting victims of human trafficking. The department shall  
24 develop and post on the department's Internet website the poster

1 described by this subsection.

2 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date  
3 of this Act:

4 (1) the executive commissioner of the Health and Human  
5 Services Commission shall:

6 (A) approve human trafficking prevention  
7 training courses as provided by Section 146.0075(b), Health and  
8 Safety Code, as added by this Act; and

9 (B) adopt rules necessary to implement Section  
10 146.0075, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act; and

11 (2) the Department of State Health Services shall:

12 (A) post on its Internet website the list of  
13 human trafficking prevention courses approved by the executive  
14 commissioner under Section 146.0075(b), Health and Safety Code, as  
15 added by this Act; and

16 (B) develop and post on its Internet website the  
17 poster described by Section 146.0075(c), Health and Safety Code, as  
18 added by this Act.

19 SECTION 3. (a) An employee of a tattoo studio or body  
20 piercing studio is not required to complete a training course as  
21 required by Section 146.0075(a), Health and Safety Code, as added  
22 by this Act, before January 1, 2024.

23 (b) A tattoo studio or body piercing studio is not required  
24 to comply with Section 146.0075(c), Health and Safety Code, as  
25 added by this Act, before January 1, 2024.

26 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.