

Amend HB 1778 (house committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to ARTICLE 1 of the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of ARTICLE 1 accordingly:

SECTION 1.\_\_\_\_. Article 2A.205, Code of Criminal Procedure, is transferred to Subchapter B, Chapter 402, Government Code, redesignated as Section 402.0352, Government Code, and amended to read as follows:

Sec. 402.0352 [~~Art. 2A.205~~]. REPORTING OF [~~CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES: REPORT CONCERNING~~] HUMAN TRAFFICKING CASES.

(a) This section [~~article~~] applies only to:

(1) a municipal police department, sheriff's department, or constable's office[, ~~county attorney's office, district attorney's office, and criminal district attorney's office, as applicable,~~] in a county with a population of more than 50,000;

(2) the Department of Family and Protective Services;

(3) the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation;

(4) the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System;

(5) the Texas Department of Criminal Justice;

(6) the Texas Juvenile Justice Department;

(7) the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission; and

(8) [~~(2)~~] the Department of Public Safety.

(b) An entity to which this section [~~article~~] applies that investigates or collects data regarding the alleged commission of an offense under Chapter 20A, Penal Code, or the alleged commission of an offense under Chapter 21, 22, or 43, Penal Code, that may involve human trafficking, shall submit to the attorney general [~~a report~~] in the manner and form prescribed by the attorney general a report containing the following information:

(1) the offense being investigated or for which data is being collected, including the offense code designated by the Department of Public Safety under Article 66.052, Code of Criminal Procedure [~~a brief description of the alleged prohibited conduct~~];

(2) regarding each person suspected of committing the offense [~~and each victim of the offense, as applicable~~]:

(A) the person's:

(i) full name ~~[age]~~;  
(ii) gender; ~~[and]~~  
(iii) race or ethnicity, as defined by  
Article 2B.0051, Code of Criminal Procedure;

(iv) country of origin, if the person is not  
a United States citizen or legal permanent resident;

(v) date of birth; and

(vi) age at the time of the offense, if  
available; and

(B) the case number associated with the person  
and the offense ~~[and with the person suspected of committing the  
offense]~~;

(3) the date~~[, time,]~~ and location of the alleged  
offense, including the city and county;

(4) ~~[the type of human trafficking involved,  
including:~~

~~[(A) forced labor or services, as defined by  
Section 20A.01, Penal Code,~~

~~[(B) causing the victim by force, fraud, or  
coercion to engage in prohibited conduct involving one or more  
sexual activities, including conduct described by Section  
20A.02(a)(3), Penal Code, or~~

~~[(C) causing a child victim by any means to  
engage in, or become the victim of, prohibited conduct involving  
one or more sexual activities, including conduct described by  
Section 20A.02(a)(7), Penal Code,~~

~~[(5) if available, information regarding any victims'  
service organization or program to which the victim was referred as  
part of the investigation, and~~

~~[(6)]~~ the disposition of the investigation, if any,  
regardless of the manner of disposition; and

(5) regarding the victim of the offense:

(A) the victim's:

(i) age at the time of the offense, if  
available;

(ii) gender;

(iii) race or ethnicity, as defined by

Article 2B.0051, Code of Criminal Procedure; and

(iv) country of origin, if the victim is not a United States citizen or legal permanent resident; and

(B) if available, information regarding any victims' service organization or program to which the victim was referred as part of the investigation.

(c) An entity described by Subsection (a) that does not have any investigations or offenses required to be reported under this section during a reporting period described by Subsection (c-1) shall submit to the attorney general a notice stating there are no cases to report, in the manner and form prescribed by the attorney general ~~[An attorney representing the state who prosecutes the alleged commission of an offense under Chapter 20A, Penal Code, or the alleged commission of an offense under Chapter 43, Penal Code, that may involve human trafficking, shall submit to the attorney general the following information:~~

~~[(1) the offense being prosecuted, including a brief description of the alleged prohibited conduct,~~

~~[(2) any other charged offense that is part of the same criminal episode out of which the offense described by Subdivision (1) arose,~~

~~[(3) the information described by Subsections (b)(2), (3), (4), and (5); and~~

~~[(4) the disposition of the prosecution, regardless of the manner of disposition].~~

(c-1) An entity described by Subsection (a) shall submit a report under this section at least once every six months.

(d) The attorney general may enter into a contract with a university or organization to assist with ~~[that provides for the university's assistance in]~~ the collection and analysis of information received under this section ~~[article]~~. The attorney general shall ensure that all sensitive information is properly protected.

(e) Information described by Subsections (b)(2)(A)(i) and (v) and (b)(2)(B) is confidential and not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552.

(f) In consultation with the entities described by

Subsection (a), the attorney general shall adopt rules to administer this section [~~article~~], including rules prescribing:

(1) the form and manner of submission of a report or notice required by Subsection (b) or (c); and

(2) additional information to include in a report or notice required by Subsection (b) or (c).

(g) An entity, other than an entity described by Subsection (a), that has information relating to the alleged commission of an offense under Chapter 20A, Penal Code, or an offense under Chapter 21, 22, or 43, Penal Code, that may involve human trafficking, may submit the information to the office of the attorney general.

SECTION 1.\_\_\_\_. Section 71.0353(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) As a component of the official monthly report submitted to the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System, a district court or county court at law shall report the number of cases filed for the following offenses:

(1) trafficking of persons under Section 20A.02 or 20A.03, Penal Code;

(2) prostitution under Section 43.02, Penal Code;

(3) solicitation of prostitution under Section 43.021, Penal Code; [~~and~~]

(4) promotion of prostitution under Section 43.03, Penal Code;

(5) online promotion of prostitution under Section 43.031, Penal Code;

(6) aggravated promotion of prostitution under Section 43.04, Penal Code;

(7) aggravated online promotion of prostitution under Section 43.041, Penal Code; and

(8) compelling prostitution under Section 43.05, Penal Code.

SECTION 1.\_\_\_\_. Section 402.035(g), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(g) Not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year, the task force shall submit a report regarding the task force's activities, findings, and recommendations, including:

(1) any proposed legislation, to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the legislature; and

(2) an addendum comprised of the findings and recommendations submitted to the task force by the attorney general under Section 402.0353.

SECTION 1.\_\_\_\_. Subchapter B, Chapter 402, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 402.0353 to read as follows:

Sec. 402.0353. STATEWIDE HUMAN TRAFFICKING DATA REPOSITORY; ANNUAL REPORT. (a) The office of the attorney general shall establish a statewide human trafficking data repository to collect, organize, and analyze human trafficking information reported to the office under Section 402.0352 in a manner that enables the office, in collaboration with the human trafficking prevention coordinating council established under Section 402.034, to:

(1) evaluate the efficacy of state-funded initiatives that aim to reduce the occurrence of human trafficking in this state;

(2) make recommendations to appropriate local law enforcement agencies, state agencies, and other entities regarding the implementation of rules, regulations, or policies which may better allow each entity to:

(A) combat human trafficking;

(B) apprehend and prosecute persons suspected of committing criminal offenses involving human trafficking; and

(C) provide necessary services to victims of human trafficking; and

(3) make recommendations to improve the efficacy of the human trafficking prevention task force under Section 402.035.

(b) Information stored in the data repository established under this section may not contain personal identifying information relating to:

(1) a person suspected of committing an offense involving human trafficking;

(2) a suspected or known victim of human trafficking;

or

(3) any other individual identified in the information

shared with the office of the attorney general under Section 402.0352.

(c) For purposes of establishing and maintaining the data repository established under this section, the attorney general may contract with a third party that has experience working with human trafficking data and is:

(1) a public or private institution of higher education; or

(2) a nonprofit organization.

(d) The attorney general shall submit the attorney general's findings and recommendations based on the information collected, organized, and analyzed using the data repository established under this section to the human trafficking prevention task force for inclusion in the report required under Section 402.035(g).

SECTION 1.\_\_\_\_. Section 4.01, Chapter 93 (SB 1527), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, which amended Article 2.305, Code of Criminal Procedure, is repealed.

SECTION 1.\_\_\_\_. Notwithstanding Article 2A.205, Code of Criminal Procedure, as transferred, redesignated, and amended by this article, an entity that was not required to report under Article 2A.205, as it existed immediately before the effective date of this Act, is not required to submit the initial report required by Article 2A.205 before July 1, 2026.

SECTION 1.\_\_\_\_. Notwithstanding Section 402.035(g), Government Code, as amended by this article, the human trafficking prevention task force is not required to include in the task force's report the addendum required by that subsection before July 1, 2027.

SECTION 1.\_\_\_\_. To the extent of any conflict, this article prevails over another Act of the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted codes.