

AN ACT

relating to the continuation and duties of the Human Trafficking Prevention Task Force.

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

SECTION 1. Section 402.035, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsections (b-1) and (g-1) and amending Subsections (d) and (h) to read as follows:

(b-1) A state or local law enforcement agency, district attorney, or county attorney that assists in the prevention of human trafficking shall, at the request of the task force, cooperate and assist the task force in collecting any statistical data on the nature and extent of human trafficking in the possession of the law enforcement agency or district or county attorney.

(d) The task force shall:

(1) collaborate, as needed to fulfill the duties of the task force, with:

(A) United States attorneys for the districts of Texas; and

(B) special agents or customs and border protection officers and border patrol agents of:

(i) the Federal Bureau of Investigation;

(ii) the United States Drug Enforcement Administration;

(iii) the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives;

(iv) ~~the~~ United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement ~~Agency~~; or

(v) the United States Department of Homeland Security;

(2) collect, organize, and periodically publish statistical data on the nature and extent of human trafficking in this state, including data described by Subdivisions (4) (A), (B), (C), (D), and (E);

(3) solicit cooperation and assistance from state and

local governmental agencies, political subdivisions of the state, nongovernmental organizations, and other persons, as appropriate, for the purpose of collecting and organizing statistical data under

Subdivision (2);

(4) ensure that each state or local governmental agency and political subdivision of the state and each state or local law enforcement agency, district attorney, or county attorney

that assists in the prevention of human trafficking collects statistical data related to human trafficking, including, as appropriate:

(A) the number of investigations concerning, arrests and prosecutions for, and convictions of:

(i) the offense of trafficking of persons; and

(ii) the offense of forgery or an offense under Chapter 43, Penal Code, if committed as part of a criminal episode involving the trafficking of persons;

(B) demographic information on persons who are convicted of offenses described by Paragraph (A) and persons who are the victims of those offenses;

(C) geographic routes by which human trafficking victims are trafficked, including routes by which victims are trafficked across this state's international border, and geographic patterns in human trafficking, including the country or state of origin and the country or state of destination;

(D) means of transportation and methods used by persons who engage in trafficking to transport their victims; and

(E) social and economic factors that create a demand for the labor or services that victims of human trafficking are forced to provide;

(5) work with the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education to develop and conduct training for law enforcement personnel, victim service providers, and medical

service providers to identify victims of human trafficking;

(6) work with the Texas Education Agency, the Department of Family and Protective Services, and the Health and

Human Services Commission to:

(A) develop a list of key indicators that  
a  
person is a victim of human trafficking;

(B) develop a standardized curriculum for  
training doctors, nurses, emergency medical services  
personnel,  
teachers, school counselors, school administrators, and  
personnel  
from the Department of Family and Protective Services and the  
Health and Human Services Commission to identify and assist  
victims  
of human trafficking;

(C) train doctors, nurses, emergency  
medical  
services personnel, teachers, school counselors, school  
administrators, and personnel from the Department of Family  
and  
Protective Services and the Health and Human Services  
Commission to  
identify and assist victims of human trafficking;

(D) develop and conduct training for  
personnel  
from the Department of Family and Protective Services and the  
Health and Human Services Commission on methods for  
identifying  
children in foster care who may be at risk of becoming  
victims of  
human trafficking; and

(E) develop a process for referring  
identified  
human trafficking victims and individuals at risk of becoming  
victims to appropriate entities for services;

(7) on the request of a judge of a county  
court, county  
court at law, or district court or a county attorney,  
district  
attorney, or criminal district attorney, assist and train the  
judge  
or the judge's staff or the attorney or the attorney's staff  
in the  
recognition and prevention of human trafficking;

(8) [~~+7~~] examine training protocols related to  
human  
trafficking issues, as developed and implemented by federal,  
state,  
and local law enforcement agencies;

(9) [~~+8~~] collaborate with state and local  
governmental agencies, political subdivisions of the state,  
and  
nongovernmental organizations to implement a media awareness  
campaign in communities affected by human trafficking;

(10) [~~+9~~] develop recommendations on how to  
strengthen state and local efforts to prevent human  
trafficking,  
protect and assist human trafficking victims, and prosecute  
human

trafficking offenders; and

(11) ~~(10)~~ examine the extent to which human trafficking is associated with the operation of sexually oriented businesses, as defined by Section 243.002, Local Government Code, and the workplace or public health concerns that are created by the association of human trafficking and the operation of sexually oriented businesses.

(g-1) In this section, "emergency medical services personnel" has the meaning assigned by Section 773.003, Health and Safety Code.

(h) This section expires September 1, 2015 ~~[2013]~~.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1272 was passed by the House on April 11, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1272 on May 16, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1272 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 14, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date