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House Bill 2059

Relating to required human trafficking prevention training as a condition of registration permit or license renewal for certain health care practitioners

• Requires, as a condition for license renewal, training on identifying and assisting victims of human trafficking for a health care practitioner, other than a physician or nurse, who provides direct patient care

• Requires HHSC to approve eligible training courses, including at least one that is available free of charge, and post a list on the agency’s website

• Requires HHSC to update the list of approved training courses as necessary and consider for approval training courses conducted by health care facilities

• Requires physicians and nurses to complete a human trafficking prevention course approved by HHSC as part of their continuing medical education or continuing competency program
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Work Completed So Far:

• Coordinated with the 11 impacted licensing boards to best understand impacted practitioner population
• Collaborated with H.E.A.L. Trafficking to establish training criteria
• Developed a stakeholder engagement plan to communicate implementation updates and timelines
• Established a process to receive, review, and approve third-party trainings
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Next Steps:

• March 2020: Federal SOAR (Stop, Observe, Ask, Respond) Training will be available on HHSC’s Human Trafficking Resource website

• Spring 2020: Training criteria will be posted to the HHSC website and trainings will be approved from external entities and posted online

• Summer 2020: HHSC’s HEART training will be posted on its website
Senate Bill 20

Relating to the prevention, reporting, investigation, prosecution, criminal and civil penalties for, and other consequences of prostitution, trafficking of persons, and related criminal offenses

• Requires HHSC to:

  • Designate a health-related institution of higher education to operate a treatment program for victims of child sex trafficking

  • Create a matching grant program for the establishment of a municipal sex trafficking prevention needs assessment
Senate Bill 20

Work Completed So Far:

• Conducted stakeholder meetings to understand needs across the state

• Soliciting information from direct service providers to design an Inpatient and Outpatient Child Sex Trafficking Treatment Program
Senate Bill 20

Next Steps:

• Create and post a Request for Application (RFA) based on stakeholder feedback
• Develop and adopt all necessary rules