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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



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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



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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



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Next Steps:

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