

1-1 By: Thompson of Harris, Guillen H.B. No. 2511  
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Huffman)  
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2015;  
 1-4 May 13, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Business  
 1-5 and Commerce; May 22, 2015, reported favorably by the following  
 1-6 vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 22, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to the creation of the human trafficking prevention  
 1-21 business partnership.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 405, Government Code, is  
 1-24 amended by adding Section 405.023 to read as follows:

1-25 Sec. 405.023. HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION BUSINESS  
 1-26 PARTNERSHIP. (a) In this section, "partnership" means the human  
 1-27 trafficking prevention business partnership.

1-28 (b) The secretary of state by rule shall establish and  
 1-29 implement a program designated as the human trafficking prevention  
 1-30 business partnership to engage participating corporations and  
 1-31 other private entities in voluntary efforts to prevent and combat  
 1-32 human trafficking.

1-33 (c) The secretary of state shall present a certificate of  
 1-34 recognition to a participating corporation or private entity to  
 1-35 recognize the corporation's or entity's contributions to the  
 1-36 efforts of federal, state, and local officials engaged in  
 1-37 combatting human trafficking and prosecuting human trafficking  
 1-38 crimes.

1-39 (d) A corporation or other private entity that participates  
 1-40 in the partnership shall:

1-41 (1) adopt a zero tolerance policy toward human  
 1-42 trafficking;

1-43 (2) take measures to ensure that the corporation's or  
 1-44 entity's employees comply with the policy adopted under Subdivision  
 1-45 (1);

1-46 (3) participate in public awareness and education  
 1-47 campaigns;

1-48 (4) enhance awareness of and encourage participation  
 1-49 in the partnership; and

1-50 (5) share with the secretary of state best practices  
 1-51 that are effective in combatting human trafficking.

1-52 (e) The secretary of state shall work collaboratively with  
 1-53 other state agencies to promote the partnership.

1-54 (f) The secretary of state may use private and philanthropic  
 1-55 resources to support the work of the partnership.

1-56 SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2015, the secretary of  
 1-57 state shall establish the program designated as the human  
 1-58 trafficking prevention business partnership as required under  
 1-59 Section 405.023, Government Code, as added by this Act.

1-60 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-61 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

2-1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2-2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-3 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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