

1-1 By: Huffman S.B. No. 1708
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2015; March 23, 2015, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;
1-4 April 20, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6,
1-5 Nays 0; April 20, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Whitmire	X			
1-8 Huffman	X			
1-9 Burton	X			
1-10 Creighton	X			
1-11 Hinojosa	X			
1-12 Menéndez	X			
1-13 Perry			X	
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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the creation of a governor's program for victims of
1-18 child sex trafficking.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Chapter 772, Government Code, is amended by
1-21 adding Section 772.0063 to read as follows:

1-22 Sec. 772.0063. GOVERNOR'S PROGRAM FOR VICTIMS OF CHILD SEX
1-23 TRAFFICKING. (a) The governor shall establish and implement a
1-24 program to provide comprehensive, individualized services to
1-25 address the rehabilitation and treatment needs of child victims of
1-26 an offense under Section 20A.02(a)(7) or (8), Penal Code.

1-27 (b) The governor shall appoint a director of the program to
1-28 serve at the pleasure of the governor.

1-29 (c) The director of the program shall coordinate with state
1-30 and local law enforcement agencies, state agencies, and service
1-31 providers to identify victims of child sex trafficking who are
1-32 eligible to receive services under the program.

1-33 (d) For each victim of child sex trafficking identified by
1-34 the director, the program shall immediately facilitate the
1-35 assignment of a caseworker to the victim to coordinate with local
1-36 service providers to create a customized package of services to fit
1-37 the victim's immediate and long-term rehabilitation and treatment
1-38 needs. Services provided under the program must address all
1-39 aspects of the medical, psychiatric, psychological, safety, and
1-40 housing needs of victims.

1-41 SECTION 2. The governor shall establish the governor's
1-42 program for victims of child sex trafficking and appoint a director
1-43 of the program, as required by Section 772.0063, Government Code,
1-44 as added by this Act, as soon as practicable and not later than
1-45 December 1, 2016.

1-46 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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