

- SUBJECT:** Incorporating human trafficking training into law enforcement curricula
- COMMITTEE:** Homeland Security and Public Safety — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 9 ayes — Nevárez, Paul, Burns, Calanni, Clardy, Goodwin, Israel, Lang, Tinderholt
0 nays
- WITNESSES:** For — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Chas Moore, Austin Justice Coalition; Jason Sabo, Children at Risk; TJ Patterson, City of Fort Worth; Chris Masey, Coalition of Texans with Disabilities; Chris Jones, Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas; Ender Reed, Harris County Commissioners Court; Julia Egler, National Alliance on Mental Illness-Texas; James Dickey, Republican Party of Texas; Jimmy Rodriguez, San Antonio Police Officers Association; Chris Kaiser, Texas Association Against Sexual Assault; Kathryn Freeman, Texas Baptists Christian Life Commission; Bryan Mares, Texas CASA; Michael Barba, Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops; Amelia Casas and Reginald Smith, Texas Criminal Justice Coalition; Jennifer Erschabek, Texas Inmate Families Association; Lonzo Kerr, Texas NAACP; and six individuals)

Against — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Christopher Lutton, San Antonio Police Department)

On — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Kenny Merchant, Texas Commission on Law Enforcement)
- BACKGROUND:** Occupations Code sec. 1701.258(a) requires peace officers licensed by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement on or after January 1, 2011, to complete a one-time basic education and training program on human trafficking. Some have suggested the state do more to ensure that training provided to officers includes instruction on human trafficking.
- DIGEST:** HB 292 would require the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement to

incorporate completion of the basic education and training program on the trafficking of persons into the minimum curriculum requirements for law enforcement officers. An officer would have to complete the program by the second anniversary of the date the officer was licensed unless the education and training program was completed as part of the basic training course.

The commission would have to adopt rules necessary to implement the provisions of the bill by December 1, 2019.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.