

SUBJECT: Requiring sexual violence awareness training for licensed cosmetologists

COMMITTEE: Licensing and Administrative Procedures — committee substitute recommended

VOTE: 8 ayes — T. King, Goldman, Harless, Herrero, K. King, Kuempel, Paddie, S. Thompson

0 nays

3 absent — Geren, Guillen, Hernandez

WITNESSES: For — None

Against — None

On — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Brian Francis, Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation)

BACKGROUND: Occupations Code sec. 1602.354 requires the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation to recognize, prepare, or administer continuing education programs for the practice of cosmetology. The programs are required to include information on human trafficking, including methods for recognizing and assisting potential victims. Participation in these programs is mandatory for all cosmetology license renewals.

DIGEST: CSHB 467 would require existing continuing education programs for licensed cosmetologists to include information on sexual assault and domestic violence awareness.

The Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation would be required to adopt rules to implement the bill by March 1, 2020. The bill would apply only to continuing education programs provided on or after September 1, 2020.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.

