

SUBJECT: Requiring human trafficking signs at certain transportation hubs

COMMITTEE: Transportation — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 11 ayes — Canales, Y. Davis, Goldman, Hefner, Krause, Leman, Martinez, Ortega, Raney, Thierry, E. Thompson

0 nays

2 absent — Landgraf, Bernal

SENATE VOTE: On final passage, April 11 — 31-0

WITNESSES: For — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Gary Pedigo, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen; Priscilla Camacho, Dallas Regional Chamber; Traci Berry, Goodwill Central Texas; Josh Cogan, Outlast Youth; Lori Henning, Texas Association of Goodwills; Allison Franklin, Texas Criminal Justice Coalition; Jennifer Allmon, The Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops)

Against — None

DIGEST: SB 1219 would require persons who operated certain bus stops, trains, train stations, rest areas, and airports to post a sign in English and Spanish regarding services and assistance available to victims of human trafficking. The sign would have to include the telephone number and website of the National Human Trafficking Resource Center and key indicators that a person is a victim of human trafficking.

The attorney general would enforce the bill's provisions and by rule would prescribe the transportation hubs required to post the sign, the manner in which the sign would have to be displayed, and, in consultation with the Texas Department of Transportation, the sign's design. The attorney general would be required to adopt the rules by September 1, 2020.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.

