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## DIGEST

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HB 359 Reengrossed

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**Abstract:** Creates the Louisiana Human Trafficking in Emergency Departments Task Force to develop a sexual assault protocol to educate healthcare professionals on human trafficking

Proposed law directs the nine office of public health regions to incorporate information about human trafficking into a regional sexual assault protocol to provide healthcare professionals and the public with information on how to spot the signs of human trafficking.

Proposed law creates the Louisiana Human Trafficking in Emergency Departments Task Force (task force).

Proposed law directs the task force to develop a uniform regional sexual assault protocol for human trafficking and conduct an assessment of hospital emergency departments knowledge of the signs of human trafficking.

Proposed law provides for membership of the task force.

Proposed law provides that the task force shall report to the legislature annually 90 days before session convenes and provide a report on its findings.

(Adds R.S. 40:1216.2 and R.S. 46:2168.1)

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Require physicians in emergency departments encountering victims of human trafficking to consult with a sexual assault nurse examiner and develop a plan of care.
2. Require the sexual assault regional protocol to be modified to include information about human trafficking.
3. Create a task force to develop a human trafficking uniform protocol and assess hospital emergency departments for knowledge on signs of human trafficking.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Modify the membership of the task force.
2. Remove requirements relative to physicians interactions with victims of human trafficking.