

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2025 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to Original House Bill
No. 359 by Representative Miller

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete lines 2 through 5 in their entirety and insert the following:

"To enact R.S. 40:1216.2 and R.S. 46:2168.1, relative to human trafficking; to establish procedures for treating victims of human trafficking; to establish the Human Trafficking in Emergency Departments Advisory Board; to require the board to prepare a protocol; to require the board to report to the legislature; and to provide for related matters."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete lines 7 and 8 in their entirety and insert the following:

"Section 1. R.S. 40:1216.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, delete line 9 through 20 and pages 2 and 3 in their entirety and insert the following:

"§1216.2. Human trafficking; emergency department response; hospital protocols; task force

A. When a physician encounters a patient in an emergency department who exhibits signs of human trafficking, the physician shall contact the local sexual assault nurse examiner to consult with the patient and develop a plan of care for the patient in coordination with the treating physician.

B. Each of the Louisiana Department of Health's nine offices of public health regions shall incorporate a regional sexual assault protocol for human trafficking as a part of its annual regional sexual assault response plan. Each hospital located in a particular office of a public health region shall follow its regional sexual assault protocol for human trafficking.

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Section 2. R.S. 46:2168.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§ 2168.1. Louisiana Human Trafficking in Emergency Departments Task Force

A. The Louisiana Human Trafficking in Emergency Departments Task force is hereby created within the office of human trafficking prevention.

B. The task force shall draft a uniform regional sexual assault protocol for human trafficking which shall include information about signs of human trafficking and conduct an assessment of hospital emergency department knowledge of the signs of human trafficking including but not limited to the red dot process to silently signal to hospital personnel that a survivor of human trafficking requests to receive care and protection.

C. The task force shall be composed of the following members:

(1) The chair of the House Committee on Health and Welfare or his designee.

(2) The director of the office of human trafficking prevention or his designee.

(3) The chair of the of the Louisiana Human Trafficking Prevention Commission or his designee.

(4) The co-chair of the Louisiana Human Trafficking Prevention Commission or his designee.

1 (5) The chair of the Human Trafficking Prevention Commission Advisory
2 Board or his designee.

3 (6) The co-chair of the Human Trafficking Prevention Commission Advisory
4 Board or his designee.

5 (7) The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health or his designee.

6 (8) The secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services or his
7 designee.

8 (9) The superintendent of the Louisiana State Police or his designee.

9 (10) The president of the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police or his
10 designee.

11 (11) The executive director of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association or his
12 designee.

13 (12) The executive director of the Louisiana Hospital Association or his
14 designee.

15 (13) The executive director of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing or his
16 designee.

17 D. The chair of the House Committee on Health and Welfare or his designee
18 shall serve as the chair of the board.

19 E. The task force shall prepare and submit an annual report of its findings to
20 the governor and chairs of the House and Senate committees on health and welfare,
21 no later than ninety days before the convening of the legislative session each year."