

SUBJECT: Changing requirements for certain human trafficking prevention plans

COMMITTEE: Culture, Recreation and Tourism — committee substitute recommended

VOTE: 8 ayes — Cyrier, Martinez, Bucy, Gervin-Hawkins, Holland, Jarvis
Johnson, Kacal, Toth

0 nays

1 absent — Morrison

WITNESSES: For — Andrew Weber, Circuit of the Americas

Against — None

BACKGROUND: Government Code sec. 402.035 establishes the human trafficking prevention task force to develop policies and procedures to assist in the prevention and prosecution of human trafficking crimes.

VTCS art. 5190.14 sec. 5A(a-1)(5) requires a site selection organization for an event seeking funding through the Major Events Reimbursement Program, at least 30 days before the event, to submit a plan to the attorney general and the chief of the Texas Division of Emergency Management for preventing human trafficking in connection with the event.

DIGEST: CSHB 4008 would modify human trafficking prevention reporting requirements for organizations seeking funding for an event through the Major Events Reimbursement Program.

The bill would require either the site selection organization or the organization hosting the event to submit a human trafficking prevention plan. The plan would have to go to the human trafficking prevention task force in addition to the attorney general and the chief of the Texas Division of Emergency Management.

If the Office of the Governor's Economic Development and Tourism

Division determined an event was ineligible to receive funding through the Major Events Reimbursement Program due solely to a failure to timely submit the plan, the event could still receive funding through the program if:

- the plan was submitted at least one week before the event began and was implemented during the event; and
- all other requirements for funding were satisfied by the 60th day after the last day of the fiscal year in which the event occurred.

The bill would apply to an event that occurred before, on, or after the effective date of the bill.

The bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2019.