

By: Thompson of Harris

H. B. No. 2511

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

# 1 AN ACT

2 relating to the creation of the human trafficking prevention  
3 business partnership.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 405, Government Code, is amended by  
6 adding new Subchapter D, Section 405.041, to read as follows:

## SUBCHAPTER D. HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP

Sec. 405.041. HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION BUSINESS

9 PARTNERSHIP. (a) In this section, "partnership" means the human  
10 trafficking prevention business partnership.

11           (b) The office of the secretary of state by rule shall  
12 establish and implement a program designated as the human  
13 trafficking prevention business partnership to engage  
14 participating corporations and other private entities in voluntary  
15 efforts to prevent and combat human trafficking.

22                   (d) A corporation or other private entity that participates  
23 in the partnership shall:

(1) adopt a zero tolerance policy toward human

1 trafficking;

2                   (2) take measures to ensure that the corporation's or  
3 entity's employees comply with the policy adopted under Subdivision  
4 (1);

5                   (3) participate in public awareness and education  
6 campaigns;

7                   (4) enhance awareness of and encourage participation  
8 in the partnership; and

9                   (5) share with the office of the secretary of state  
10 best practices that are effective in combatting human trafficking.

11                (e) The office of the secretary of state shall work  
12 collaboratively with other state agencies to promote the  
13 partnership.

14                (f) The office of the secretary of state may use private and  
15 philanthropic resources to support the work of the partnership.

16                SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2015, the office of  
17 the secretary of state shall establish the program designated as  
18 the human trafficking prevention business partnership as required  
19 under Section 405.041, Government Code, as added by this Act.

20                SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.