RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 267 (HB 359)

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<u>New law</u> creates the Human Trafficking in Emergency Departments Task Force (task force) to develop a uniform protocol on human trafficking to educate healthcare professionals on the signs of human trafficking.

<u>New law</u> directs the nine offices of public health regions to incorporate the uniform protocol on human trafficking developed by the Human Trafficking in Emergency Departments Task Force into its annual sexual assault response plan.

<u>New law</u> directs the task force to 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.

New law provides for membership of the task force.

New law terminates the provisions of new law relative to the task force on January 1, 2027.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Amends R.S. 40:1216.1(E)(2); Adds R.S. 46:2168.1)