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Senate Bill 597 (Substitute S-1 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)
Sponsor: Senator Rebekah Warren
Committee: Families, Seniors and Human Services

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to require the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs to establish training standards for identifying human trafficking victims.

Under the Code, boards are responsible for promulgating rules to establish standards for the education and licensure of health professionals. The bill would give that power to the Department, in consultation with the boards.

The bill would require the Department to adopt rules that would include training standards for identifying victims of human trafficking for individuals licensed under Article 15 of the Code, except those licensed under Part 188. The bill also would require that rules promulgated by the task force on physician's assistants include training standards for identifying victims of human trafficking.

(Article 15 applies to occupations regulated under the Code. Part 188 pertains to occupations relating to veterinary medicine.)

Both sets of rules would have to be adopted within one year of the enactment of the bill. The rules would apply for a license or registration renewal beginning with the first renewal cycle after the rules were promulgated and for an initial license or registration issued five or more years after the rules were promulgated.

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Legislative Analyst: Jeff Mann

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have a minor, but likely negative, fiscal impact on the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and no fiscal impact on local units of government. New costs introduced by the bill would consist primarily of revisions to administrative rules regarding the regulation of health professions.

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