HCS HB 2561 -- HUMAN TRAFFICKING (Brown (94))

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Children and Families

This bill authorizes a board certified psychiatric-mental health clinical nurse specialist and board certified psychiatric-mental health clinical nurse practitioner to be eligible for reimbursement by crime victim compensation when providing crisis counseling.

The bill requires various establishments, specified in the bill, to display a poster in a conspicuous place near the entrance of the establishment, starting March 1, 2017, that provides information regarding human trafficking, including what it is and resources victims have for getting help. Any establishment required to display the poster that fails to display the poster will be subject to the penalty provisions of this bill.

The Department of Public Safety will create the poster before January 1, 2017, and the poster will be made available for print on the department's website.

The bill requires that victims of domestic assault are afforded certain specified rights, including the right to be notified when their assailant is being released on bond or for any other reason.