

HB 149 -- HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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This bill requires a licensed hospital to, prior to January 1, 2025, provide at least 20 minutes of training and education regarding human trafficking awareness to each hospital employee who is employed as of July 1, 2024, and within six months of employment to each new hospital employee. After December 31, 2024, a licensed hospital must provide human trafficking awareness training and education to each hospital employee once every two years and within six months of employment to each new hospital employee. The bill specifies what the training and education must include, however, a hospital may provide more elaborate training and education regarding human trafficking. If a licensed hospital violates these provisions, the Department of Health and Senior Services may seek an order requiring the hospital to comply.

This bill is similar to HB 2406 (2022) and HB 1263 (2021).