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Status: Third Reading in the Senate

HB 2755: Creates victims' rights parity with the Organized Retail Theft law and provides for vacation of any (rather than only prostitution) convictions for offenses committed as a result of having been a victim of human trafficking.

House Sponsors: Rep. Kelly Cassidy (D), Rep. Maura Hirschauer (D)

Status: Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee



For more information on these bills, contact Sarah Beuning by phone (217-753-4117) or email (sbeuning@icasa.org).

SB 1907: Requires each public institution of higher education make emergency contraception available for purchase through at least one wellness kiosk located on each campus under its jurisdiction. The products must be sold in the manufacturer's original clearly labeled, unbroken, tamper-proof packaging. It must not be expired, must be properly stored, and must be available at a reduced price.

House Sponsors: Rep. Barbara Hernandez (D)

Senate Sponsor: Sen. Celina Villanueva (D)

Status: Second Reading in the House; Passed the Senate 038-019-000

HB 2280: Requires health care professionals licensed by DFPR who have continuing education requirements to complete cultural competency training, which include best practices for providing affirming care to people with disabilities, immigrants, people who are intersex, people living with HIV, and people of diverse sexual orientations and gender identities.

House Sponsors: Rep. Dagmara Avelar (D), Rep. Kevin Olickal (D), Rep. Kelly Cassidy (D), Rep. Margaret Croke (D), Rep. Joyce Mason (D), Rep. Barbara Hernandez (D), Rep. Elizabeth "Lisa" Hernandez (D), Rep. Aaron Ortiz (D), Rep. Lilian Jiménez (D), Rep. Hoan Huynh (D), Rep. Mary Beth Canty (D), Rep. Kam Buckner (D), Rep. Ann Williams (D), Rep. Laura Faver Dias (D), Rep. Emanuel "Chris" Welch (D), Rep. Janet Yang Rohr (D)

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HB 1397: Amends the Criminal Code to provide that criminal sexual assault and criminal sexual abuse include an act of sexual penetration or conduct using "coercive control," which is "a direct or implied threat of danger, or retribution sufficient to coerce a reasonable person of ordinary susceptibilities to perform an act that otherwise would not have been performed, or acquiesce in an act to which one otherwise would not have submitted."

Senate Sponsor: Sen. Celina Villanueva (D)

House Sponsor: Rep. Kelly Cassidy (D)

Status: Referred to Assignments in the Senate; Passed in the House 113-000-000



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HB 2607: Creates a rebuttable presumption that a child victim under 13 years of age shall testify outside the courtroom by means of a closed-circuit television (CCT). This presumption may be overcome if the defendant proves by clear and convincing evidence that the child victim will not suffer severe emotional distress. Court must make a finding that testimony by means of CCT does not prejudice the defendant.

Senate Sponsor: Sen. Chapin Rose (R), Sen. Julie Morrison (D), Sen. Robert Peters (D), Sen. Cristina Pacione-Zayas (D), Sen. Sally J. Turner (R), Sen. Craig Wilcox (R)

House Sponsor: Rep. Adam Niemerg (R)

Status: Second Reading in the Senate; Passed in the House 111-000-000

HB 1363: Adds employer liability for gender-related violence committed in the workplace by an employee or agent of the employer to the Gender Violence Act. An employer may be found liable if it failed to supervise, train, or monitor the employee who engaged in gender-related violence or failed to investigate complaints or reports of similar conduct. Provides a four-year statute of limitations for claims against employers under the GVA.

Senate Sponsor: Sen. Karina Villa (D)

House Sponsor: Rep. Will Guzzardi (D)

Status: Third Reading in the Senate; Passed in the House 071-038-000

HB 2123, sam001: Amends the Civil Remedies for Nonconsensual Dissemination of Private Sexual Images Act to include intentionally digitally altered sexual images.

Senate Sponsors: Sen. Mary Edly-Allen (D), Sen. Adriane Johnson (D), Sen. Steve Stadelman (D), Sen. Julie Morrison (D), Sen. Karina Villa (D), Sen. Javier L. Cervantes (D), Sen. Michael Halpin (D), Sen. Robert Martwick (D), Sen. Willie Preston (D), Sen. Rachel Ventura (D), Sen. Laura Holmes (D), Sen. Celina Villanueva (D), Sen. Cristina Castro (D), Sen. Mike Simmons (D), Sen. Suzy Glowiak Hilton (D), Sen. Meg Loughran Cappel (D)

House Sponsor: Rep. Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz (D)

Status: Second Reading in the Senate; Passed in the House 109-000-000

HB 2231: Removes liability shield from the Transportation Network Providers Act, which provides Transportation Network Companies are not common carriers, contract carriers or motor carriers. Makes companies like Lyft and Uber legally responsible for actions of their drivers, similar to taxicab companies. In *Jane Doe v. Lyft*, a passenger who was sexually assaulted by a driver struggled to sue Lyft.

Senate Sponsor: Sen. Robert F. Martwick (D), Sen. Christopher Belt (D), Sen. Robert Peters (D), Sen. Ram Villivalam (D), Sen. Doris Turner (D), Sen. Laura Fine (D), Sen. Mary Edly-Allen (D), Sen. Rachel Ventura (D), Sen. Linda Holmes (D), Sen. Cristina Castro (D), Sen. Michael Halpin (D), Sen. Cristina Pacione-Zayas (D), Sen. Sara Feigenholtz (D), Sen. Javier Cervantes (D), Sen. Karina Villa (D), Sen. Mike Simmons (D), Sen. Adriane Johnson (D)

House Sponsor: Rep. Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz (D)

Status: Second Reading in the Senate; Passed in the House 073-036-000