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Introduced by M. of A. HUNTER, HYNDMAN, WILLIAMS, COOK, OTIS, HEVESI --
read once and referred to the Committee on Social Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to employee human trafficking recognition training; and relating to authorizing the establishment of a standardized human trafficking recognition training program

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The social services law is amended by adding a new section
2 483-gg to read as follows:

3 § 483-gg. Human-trafficking recognition training. Any public transpor-
4 tation service, including, but not limited to, rail passenger service,
5 motorbus regular route service, paratransit service, motorbus charter
6 service, and ferry passenger service, shall require all customer-facing
7 employees to undergo a human-trafficking recognition training program
8 established by the division of criminal justice services and the office
9 of temporary and disability assistance in consultation with the depart-
10 ment of labor and the New York state interagency task force on human
11 trafficking. For the purposes of this section the term "customer-facing
12 employee" shall mean any employee whose job involves interacting or
13 communicating directly with customers.

14 § 2. In consultation with the New York Interagency Task Force on Human
15 Trafficking and the commissioner of labor, the commissioner of the divi-
16 sion of criminal justice services and the commissioner of the office of
17 temporary and disability assistance shall together establish a standard-
18 ized human-trafficking recognition training program for employees of
19 public transportation services. The commissioners may use federal,
20 state, and non-profit organization sources provided that such training
21 program shall address no less than the following issues:

- 22 (a) The nature of human trafficking;
23 (b) How human trafficking is defined in law;

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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- 1 (c) How to identify victims of human trafficking;
- 2 (d) Relief and recovery options for survivors; and
- 3 (e) Social and legal services available to victims.

4 The commissioner of the division of criminal justice services and the
5 commissioner of the office of temporary and disability assistance shall
6 complete the human-trafficking recognition training program and make it
7 available for use no more than six months after the effective date of
8 this act.

9 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.