

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 767
OFFERED BY MR. CÁRDENAS OF CALIFORNIA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Stop, Observe, Ask,
3 and Respond to Health and Wellness Act of 2017” or the
4 “SOAR to Health and Wellness Act of 2017”.

5 SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

6 In this Act:

7 (1) HUMAN TRAFFICKING.—The term “human
8 trafficking” has the meaning given the term “severe
9 forms of trafficking in persons” as defined in section
10 103 of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of
11 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7102).

12 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
13 the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

14 SEC. 3. PROGRAM ESTABLISHMENT.

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a
16 program to be known as the Stop, Observe, Ask, and Re-
17 spond to Health and Wellness Training Program or the
18 SOAR to Health and Wellness Training Program (in this

1 Act referred to as the “Program”) to provide training to
2 health care providers and other related providers, at all
3 levels, on human trafficking in accordance with the pur-
4 pose described in subsection (c).

5 (b) GRANTS.—The Secretary may carry out the Pro-
6 gram through the award of grants to health care sites that
7 represent diversity in—

8 (1) geography;

9 (2) the demographics of the population served;

10 (3) the predominant types of human trafficking
11 cases; and

12 (4) health care provider profiles.

13 (c) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Program shall be
14 to train health care providers and other related providers
15 to enable such providers to—

16 (1) identify potential human trafficking victims;

17 (2) implement proper protocols and procedures

18 for working with law enforcement to report, and fa-

19 cilitate communication with, such victims, in accord-

20 ance with all applicable Federal, State, local, and

21 tribal requirements, including legal confidentiality

22 requirements for patients and health care providers;

23 (3) implement proper protocols and procedures

24 for referring such victims to appropriate social or

25 victims service agencies or organizations;

1 (4) provide such victims care that is—

2 (A) coordinated;

3 (B) victim centered;

4 (C) culturally relevant;

5 (D) comprehensive;

6 (E) evidence-based;

7 (F) gender responsive;

8 (G) age-appropriate, with a focus on care
9 for youth; and

10 (H) trauma-informed; and

11 (5) consider the potential for integrating the
12 training described in paragraphs (1) through (4)
13 with training programs, in effect on the date of en-
14 actment of this Act, for victims of domestic violence,
15 dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, child abuse,
16 child neglect, child maltreatment, and child sexual
17 exploitation.

18 (d) FUNCTIONS.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The functions of the Pro-
20 gram shall include the functions of the Stop, Ob-
21 serve, Ask, and Respond to Health and Wellness
22 Training program that was operating on the day be-
23 fore the date of enactment of this Act and the au-
24 thorized initiatives described in paragraph (2).

1 (2) AUTHORIZED INITIATIVES.—The authorized
2 initiatives of the Program shall include—

3 (A) engaging stakeholders, including vic-
4 tims of human trafficking and any Federal,
5 State, local, or tribal partners, to develop a
6 flexible training module—

7 (i) for achieving the purpose described
8 in subsection (c); and

9 (ii) that adapts to changing needs,
10 settings, health care providers, and other
11 related providers;

12 (B) providing technical assistance for
13 health education programs to implement health
14 care protocols, or develop continuing education
15 training materials, that assist in achieving the
16 purpose described in subsection (c);

17 (C) facilitating the dissemination of best
18 practices and recommendations as the Secretary
19 determines appropriate; and

20 (D) developing a reliable methodology for
21 collecting data, and reporting such data, on the
22 number of human trafficking victims identified
23 and served in health care settings or other re-
24 lated provider settings.

1 **SEC. 4. DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING REQUIRE-**
2 **MENTS.**

3 (a) DATA COLLECTION.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—During each of fiscal years
5 2018 through 2022, the Secretary shall collect data
6 on each of the following:

7 (A) The total number of grantees oper-
8 ating under the Program.

9 (B) The total number of health care pro-
10 viders and other related providers trained
11 through the Program.

12 (2) INITIAL REPORT.—In addition to the data
13 required to be collected under paragraph (1), for
14 purposes of the initial report to be submitted under
15 subsection (b), the Secretary shall collect data on
16 the total number of facilities that were operating
17 under, and the total number of health care providers
18 and other related providers trained through, the
19 Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond to Health and
20 Wellness Training program that was operating be-
21 fore the establishment under section 3(a) of the Pro-
22 gram.

23 (b) REPORTING.—Not later than 90 days after the
24 first day of each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023, the
25 Secretary shall prepare and submit to Congress a report
26 on the data collected under subsection (a).

1 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out
3 this Act \$4,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2018 through
4 2022.

Amend the title to read as follows: “A bill to estab-
lish the Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond to Health and
Wellness Training Program to address human trafficking
in the health care system.”.

