

**SUBJECT:** Expanding conduct constituting a first-degree felony of trafficking

**COMMITTEE:** Criminal Jurisprudence — favorable, without amendment

**VOTE:** 6 ayes — Moody, Cook, Darby, Leach, C. Morales, Schatzline  
0 nays  
3 absent — Bhojani, Bowers, Harrison

**SENATE VOTE:** On final passage (May 3) — 31 - 0

**WITNESSES:** For — (*Registered, but did not testify*: TJ Patterson, City of Fort Worth; Chris Jones, Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas; James Parnell, Dallas Police Association; Ray Hunt, Houston Police Officers' Union; Dallas Reed, Texas Municipal Police Association; Linda Litzinger, Texas Parent to Parent; AJ Louderback, Texas Sheriffs Regional Alliance; Thomas Parkinson)  
Against — None

**BACKGROUND:** Concerns have been raised that traffickers may recruit victims from jails or correctional facilities, where individuals are isolated and vulnerable.

**DIGEST:** SB 1011 would include recruiting, enticing, or obtaining the trafficked person from a correctional facility while the trafficked person was confined in the facility among conduct constituting a first-degree felony of trafficking of persons.  
  
The bill would take effect September 1, 2023, and would apply only to an offense committed on or after that date.