

HR 5405

SOAR to Health and Wellness Act of 2016

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 1446	Related bill	May 21, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Summary (as of Jun 8, 2016)

SOAR to Health and Wellness Act of 2016

This bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish a pilot program, to be known as Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond to Health and Wellness Training (or SOAR to Health and Wellness Training), to train health care providers and other related providers to:

- identify potential human trafficking victims,
- work with law enforcement to report and facilitate communication with such victims,
- refer victims to social or victims service agencies or organizations,
- provide such victims with coordinated care tailored to their circumstances, and
- consider integrating this training with existing training programs.

The pilot program must include the functions of the training program with the same name that was operating before this bill's enactment and the following initiatives:

- engaging stakeholders to develop a flexible training module,
- supporting training in diverse health care sites,
- providing technical assistance to health education programs,
- developing a strategy to incentivize the use of training materials developed under this bill and the implementation of a nationwide health care protocol, and
- developing a methodology for collecting and reporting data on the number of human trafficking victims served in health care settings or other related provider settings.

The pilot program is authorized through FY2022.

HHS must report on the number of facilities operating under the pilot program, the number of providers trained through the pilot program, and these numbers for the program operating before the pilot program.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 8, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 8, 2016:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E859-860)
- **Jun 8, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.