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SOAR to Health and Wellness Act of 2017

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Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Jun 28, 2017
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Aug 1, 2017
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Aug 2, 2017
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Nov 7, 2017
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		May 10, 2018
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jun 4, 2018
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Jun 12, 2018

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115 HR 767	Related bill	Dec 31, 2018: Became Public Law No: 115-398.

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This bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to replace the existing Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond to Health and Wellness Training (or SOAR to Health and Wellness Training) program with a pilot program that includes the same functions and additional initiatives. The pilot program must train health care providers and other related providers to: (1) identify potential human trafficking victims, (2) work with law enforcement to report and facilitate communication with such victims, (3) refer victims to social or victims service agencies or organizations, and (4) provide such victims with coordinated care tailored to their circumstances.

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

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