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<u>Educates</u> everyday people on legislation relevant to them

<u>Empowers</u> everyday people to share their voice about what is being proposed

<u>Employs</u> everyday people to screen AI output and ensure it is culturally and experientially insightful



Utilize natural language processing (NLP) algorithms to analyze and break down complex government bills into easy-to-understand summaries and provide users the power to increase/decrease complexity.

Breaking Down Barriers

When the complexities of legislation are demystified individuals gain a newfound sense of agency.

Advocate Engagement

Provide a platform for advocates to contribute directly to their communities, bridging the gap between legal expertise and everyday understanding.

Survivor Panels

Review content & provide recommendations based on lived experience.

Credible ITBiz Data Analyst

Employed to document panel results and maintain Al Advocate application. (Future)



Community Education & Empowerment

Educate users about government bills, empowering them to make informed decisions and actively participate in civic processes.

Translate these summaries into multiple languages and complexity levels to cater to the diversity of underserved communities.

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CALIFORNIA SB963 2023-2024



SB963 REQUIRES ALL GENERAL ACUTE CARE HOSPITALS WITH EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS TO IMPLEMENT POLICIES THAT HELP PATIENTS IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT SELF-IDENTIFY AS VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING OR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. THIS INCLUDES PROVIDING A CONFIDENTIAL SYSTEM FOR PATIENTS TO COME FORWARD AND FACILITATING PRIVATE INTERVIEWS WITH MEDICAL PERSONNEL. THE BILL ALSO MANDATES COLLECTING SPECIFIC INFORMATION RELATED TO THESE SITUATIONS. (AI SUMMARY - FULL DESCRIPTION BELOW)

PANEL RESULTS

ON FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024 A PANEL OF SIX AI ADVOCATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS EVALUATED SB963.

Love Never Fails' Al Advocate methodology was used to evaluate SB963.

Our evaluation process started with the bill's Legislative Counsel's Digest and proposed legislation

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB963.

We then evaluated the content using the following methodology:

- 1. Reviewed the Legislative Counsel's Digest, the current statute, and the proposed amendments.
- 2. Reviewed the Legislative Counsel's Digest, the current statute, and the proposed amendments using various AI versions.
- 3. Documented Al Advocate panel interpretation, evaluation, analysis, questions, and discussion of SB963.

The AI Advocate Committee consisted of six human trafficking survivors; the demographics of committee members can be found at the bottom of this brief.

PANEL INTERPRETATION, EVALUATION, ANALYSIS, QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION POINTS

- → Committee supports bill; would like to know how minors trafficked by guardians would be provided a confidential safe space for this to happen.
- → What about minors? Or young adults living with their parents (traffickers)
- ightharpoonup Could potentially prevent victims from receiving care at the ER
- → Trafficker may not allow victim to receive medical attention

PROS

- → Provides a point of contact to the victim in which an exit can happen.
- → Provides resources to the victim
- → Allows for tracking w/o the victims names

CONS

- → Possible harm that could come if trafficker was present
- → May prevent trafficker from allowing victim to receive care

SB963 CONTENT REVIEW

ORIGINAL LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE — 2023-2024 REGULAR SESSION

SENATE BILL

NO. 963

Introduced by Senator Ashby

January 23, 2024

An act to add Section 1281.5 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to health facilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 963, as amended, Ashby. Health facilities: self-identifying human trafficking system. Existing law provides for the licensing, regulation, and inspection of various types of health facilities by the State Department of Public Health, including general acute care hospitals. Existing law imposes certain requirements on licensed general acute care hospitals, including, among others, maintaining a medical records system and complying with the standards for the examination and treatment of victims of sexual assault and attempted sexual assault, as specified. Existing law generally makes a violation of these provisions a misdemeanor.

Existing law makes it a crime of human trafficking for a person to deprive or violate the personal liberty of another with the intent to obtain forced labor or services, or with the intent to effect or maintain any violation of specified crimes.

This bill would require all general acute care hospitals with an emergency department to make a self-identifying human trafficking system available to patients at the emergency department. adopt and implement policies and procedures to facilitate the self-identification of an emergency department patient as a victim of human trafficking, as defined, or domestic violence to hospital personnel. The bill would require the system policies and procedures to meet certain minimum requirements, including, among others, providing provide for patient confidentiality and facilitating immediate interviews with a reasonably prompt and private interview of the patient by medical personnel. The bill would also require the system to, require a general acute care hospital subject to these provisions to, at minimum, collect specified information. By expanding the scope of an existing crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

DIGEST KEY

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: yes

BILL TEXT

BASIC ORIGINAL AI

This document is the text of a California Senate Bill (SB 963) introduced by Senator Ashby in January 2024. Here's a breakdown of the key points:

Bill Title: Health facilities: self-identifying human trafficking system (although the amended version focuses on broader identification including domestic violence) What it Does:

- Requires all general acute care hospitals with emergency departments to implement policies that help patients in the emergency department self-identify as victims of human trafficking or domestic violence.
- This includes providing a confidential system for patients to come forward and facilitating private interviews with medical personnel.
- The bill also mandates collecting specific information related to these situations.

Background:

 California already licenses and regulates hospitals. Existing law also addresses human trafficking and requires hospitals to comply with specific protocols for sexual assault victims.

Fiscal Impact:

• Though the bill expands the scope of a current crime (human trafficking), the state won't reimburse local agencies for the additional costs this might incur.

Next Steps:

This is the introduced text, meaning it's a proposal. The bill will likely go through voting and potentially revisions before becoming law.

SIMPLER AI

This California law wants to help hospital patients in emergency rooms who are victims of violence or trafficking. It would make hospitals create a safe way for these patients to tell the hospital staff and get help.

MORE CASUAL AI

Imagine you're stuck in an emergency room, and things aren't exactly sunshine and rainbows. This new California law is like a secret signal button for people in that situation. If you're being forced to do something awful, or someone is hurting you at home, the hospital would have to have a system in place for you to tell them discreetly. Basically, it's

about making hospitals more friendly for people who might be too scared to speak up for themselves.

CURRENT STATUTE AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 1281.5 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:

1281.5.(a)All general acute care hospitals with an emergency department shall make a self-identifying human trafficking system available to patients at the emergency department.

- (b)The system shall meet the following minimum requirements:
- (1)Provide patient confidentiality.
- (2) Facilitate an immediate interview with medical personnel.
- (3)Refer patients to local services and resources for victims of human trafficking and domestic violence.
- (c)The system shall collect, at minimum, the total number, ages, and racial demographics of patients who self-identify as a victim of human trafficking.
- SECTION 1. Section 1281.5 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:
- 1281.5. (a) All general acute care hospitals with an emergency department shall adopt and implement policies and procedures to facilitate the self-identification of an emergency department patient as a victim of human trafficking or domestic violence to hospital personnel.
- (b) The policies and procedures adopted and implemented pursuant to subdivision (a) shall meet all of the following minimum requirements:
 - (1) Provide for patient confidentiality.
 - (2) Provide an emergency department patient with a safe and discreet means of informing hospital personnel that they are a victim of human trafficking or domestic violence.
 - (3) Facilitate a reasonably prompt and private interview of the patient by medical personnel.
 - (4) Refer patients to local services and resources for victims of human trafficking or domestic violence, if any.
 - (5) Incorporate principles of trauma-informed care.
- (c) Every general acute care hospital subject to this section shall, at minimum, collect the total number, ages, and racial demographics of patients who self-identify as a victim of human trafficking or domestic violence, to the extent that this information is provided by the patient.
- (d) (1) A general acute care hospital subject to this section shall not be required to report the identities of any patients who self-identify as a victim of human trafficking or domestic violence to the department or to any law enforcement agency, except as may be required pursuant to Article 2 (commencing with Section 11160) or Article 2.5 (commencing with Section 11164) of Chapter 2 of Title 1 of Part 4 of the Penal Code, or Chapter 11 (commencing with Section 15600) of Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

- (2) A general acute care hospital subject to this section shall not be liable for damages for any subsequent injuries inflicted by a trafficker or abuser upon a patient who self-identified as a victim of human trafficking or domestic violence.
- (e) For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:
 - (1) "Human trafficking" has the same meaning as that term is defined in Section 236.1 of the Penal Code.
 - (2) "Domestic violence" has the same meaning as that term is defined in Section 6211 of the Family Code or Section 13700 of the Penal Code.

SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIIIB of the California Constitution.

BASIC ORIGINAL AI

This is a California bill, Senate Bill 963 (SB 963), designed to help identify and support victims of human trafficking and domestic violence in emergency departments. Here's a breakdown of the key points:

What it does:

- Requires all general acute care hospitals with emergency departments to establish a system for patients to self-identify as victims of human trafficking or domestic violence.
- This system must be confidential, provide a way for patients to discreetly notify staff, and facilitate a private interview with medical personnel.
- Hospitals must also refer patients to resources and services for these issues.
- Hospitals are required to collect basic data on the number, age, and race of patients who self-identify as victims.

Protections:

- The bill protects patient confidentiality. Hospitals cannot report identifying information to law enforcement except in specific situations like mandatory reporting of child abuse.
- Hospitals are not liable for any harm inflicted by a trafficker or abuser after a patient identifies themselves.

Definitions:

• The bill defines "human trafficking" and "domestic violence" using existing legal definitions from the California Penal Code and Family Code.

Costs:

• The bill states that it won't require additional funding for local agencies because it doesn't create new crimes or change existing penalties.

Overall, this bill aims to make emergency departments safer spaces for victims of human trafficking and domestic violence by providing them with a way to discreetly seek help.

SIMPLER AI

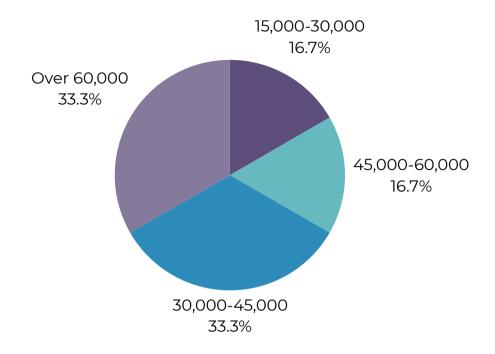
Imagine you're in a scary situation, stuck in the ER. This new California law helps people like you. If you're forced to do something awful or someone is hurting you at home, the hospital now has a secret way for you to tell them. It's all about making hospitals more friendly for people who are afraid to speak up.

MORE CASUAL AI

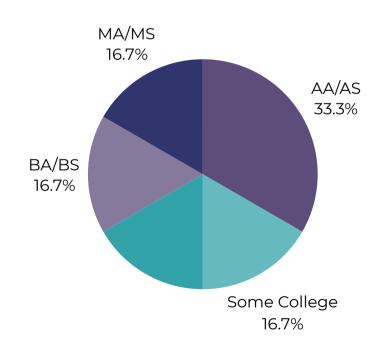
California just passed a law that's like a lifeline for people in a bad situation. Stuck in the ER and things are messed up? This law requires hospitals to have a way for you to signal for help discreetly, like a secret handshake. Whether you're being forced to do something awful or someone is hurting you at home, you can now let the hospital staff know safely. Basically, it's about making hospitals less scary for people who might be too afraid to speak up.

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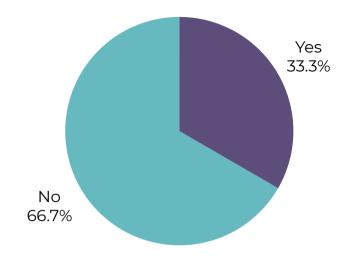
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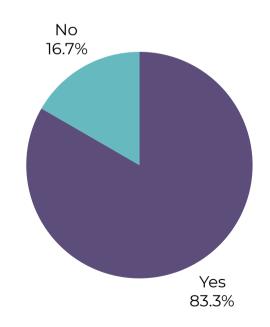
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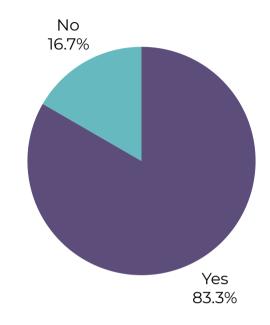
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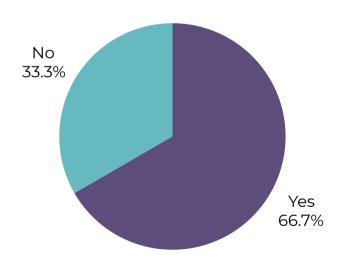
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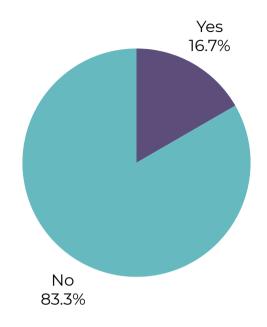
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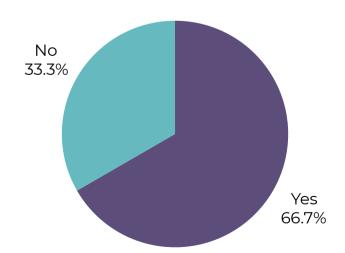
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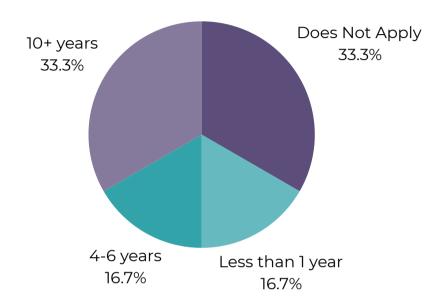
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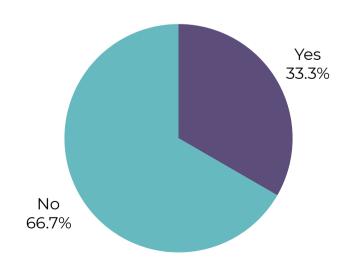
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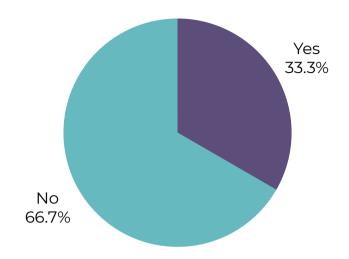
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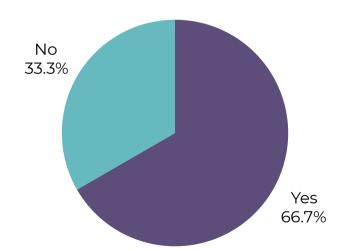
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HAVE YOU BEEN INCARCERATED?



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