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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 16, 2017

Mr. KING of New York (for himself and Mr. McCAUL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2        *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3        **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4        This Act may be cited as the “Transnational Crimi-  
5        nal Organization Exploitation Threat Assessment Act”.

6        **SEC. 2. THREAT ASSESSMENT.**

7        (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the  
8        date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Home-

1 land Security, acting through the Under Secretary for In-  
2 telligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland  
3 Security, shall conduct a threat assessment of the exploi-  
4 tation by transnational criminal organizations of the unac-  
5 companied alien children services program.

6 (b) CONSULTATION.—In preparing the threat assess-  
7 ment required under subsection (a), the Under Secretary  
8 for Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Home-  
9 land Security shall consult with the Secretary of Health  
10 and Human Services, the Attorney General, the Director  
11 of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Director of  
12 National Intelligence, and the heads of other Federal de-  
13 partments and agencies, as appropriate, to ensure that  
14 such threat assessment is informed by current information  
15 about homeland security threats posed by transnational  
16 criminal organizations.

17 (c) RECOMMENDATIONS.—Upon completion of the  
18 threat assessment required under subsection (a), the Sec-  
19 retary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Sec-  
20 retary of Health and Human Services, shall make a deter-  
21 mination if any changes are required to address security  
22 vulnerabilities identified in such assessment that are ex-  
23 ploited by transnational criminal organizations in the un-  
24 accompanied alien children services program. If changes  
25 to the unaccompanied alien children services program are

1 required, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall direct  
2 the Department of Homeland Security component agen-  
3 cies, including U.S. Customs and Border Protection and  
4 U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, to address  
5 such vulnerabilities, as appropriate.

6 (d) DISTRIBUTION.—Upon completion of the threat  
7 assessment required under subsection (a), the Under Sec-  
8 retary for Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of  
9 Homeland Security shall disseminate such threat assess-  
10 ment to Federal partners, including the Secretary of  
11 Health and Human Services, the Attorney General, the  
12 Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Di-  
13 rector of National Intelligence, and State and local part-  
14 ners, including State, local, and regional fusion centers.

15 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL ORGANIZA-  
17 TION.—The term “transnational criminal organiza-  
18 tion” means a group of persons that includes one or  
19 more foreign persons that engages in an ongoing  
20 pattern of serious criminal activity involving the ju-  
21 risdictions of at least two foreign countries and that  
22 threatens the national security, foreign policy, or  
23 economy of the United States.

24 (2) UNACCOMPANIED ALIEN CHILDREN SERV-  
25 ICES PROGRAM.—The term “unaccompanied alien

1 children service program” means the program de-  
2 scribed in section 462 of the Homeland Security Act  
3 of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 279).

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