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To direct the Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking to identify strategies to prevent children from becoming victims of trafficking and review trafficking prevention efforts, to protect and assist in the recovery of victims of trafficking, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 14, 2015

Mrs. NOEM (for herself, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. FLORES, Mr. COOK, Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. LANCE, Mr. PAULSEN, Mrs. WALORSKI, Ms. SPEIER, Mrs. BLACK, Mr. WALBERG, Ms. BASS, Mrs. WAGNER, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. COFFMAN, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. HUDSON, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. JENKINS of Kansas, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mrs. COMSTOCK, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. ROSKAM, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. REED, Mr. STIVERS, Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. SCHOCK, Mr. LAMALFA, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. PITTENGER, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. JOLLY, Mr. DENT, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. ISSA, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Ms. ESTY, Ms. HAHN, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. STEFANIK, Mrs. TORRES, Mr. HULTGREN, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. KATKO, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. ZINKE, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. MENG, and Mr. KING of New York) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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ficking prevention efforts, to protect and assist in the recovery of victims of trafficking, and for other purposes.

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 “Human Trafficking
5 Prevention, Intervention, and Recovery Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE REPORT ON CHILD**
7 **TRAFFICKING PRIMARY PREVENTION.**

8 (a) REVIEW.—The Interagency Task Force to Mon-
9 itor and Combat Trafficking, established under section
10 105 of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22
11 U.S.C. 7103), shall conduct a review that, with regard to
12 trafficking in persons in the United States—

13 (1) in consultation with nongovernmental orga-
14 nizations that the Task Force determines appro-
15 priate, surveys and catalogues the activities of the
16 Federal Government and State governments to deter
17 individuals from committing trafficking offenses and
18 to prevent children from becoming victims of traf-
19 ficking;

20 (2) surveys academic literature on deterring in-
21 dividuals from committing trafficking offenses, pre-
22 venting children from becoming victims of traf-
23 ficking, the commercial sexual exploitation of chil-

1 dren, and other similar topics that the Task Force
2 determines appropriate;

3 (3) identifies best practices and effective strate-
4 gies to deter individuals from committing trafficking
5 offenses and to prevent children from becoming vic-
6 tims of trafficking; and

7 (4) identifies current gaps in research and data
8 that would be helpful in formulating effective strate-
9 gies to deter individuals from committing trafficking
10 offenses and to prevent children from becoming vic-
11 tims of trafficking.

12 (b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
13 of the enactment of this Act, the Interagency Task Force
14 to Monitor and Combat Trafficking shall provide to Con-
15 gress, and make publicly available in electronic format, a
16 report on the review conducted pursuant to subparagraph
17 (a).

18 **SEC. 3. GAO REPORT ON INTERVENTION.**

19 On the date that is one year after the date of the
20 enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the
21 United States shall submit to Congress a report, which
22 shall include—

23 (1) information on the efforts of Federal and
24 select State law enforcement agencies to combat
25 human trafficking in the United States; and

1 (2) information on each Federal grant program,
2 a purpose of which is to combat human trafficking
3 or assist victims of trafficking, as specified in an au-
4 thorizing statute or in a guidance document issued
5 by the agency carrying out the grant program.

6 **SEC. 4. PROVISION OF HOUSING PERMITTED TO PROTECT**
7 **AND ASSIST IN THE RECOVERY OF VICTIMS**
8 **OF TRAFFICKING.**

9 Section 107(b)(2)(A) of the Trafficking Victims Pro-
10 tection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7105(b)(2)(A)) is amended
11 by inserting before the period at the end the following:
12 “, including programs that provide housing to victims of
13 trafficking”.

14 **SEC. 5. VICTIM OF TRAFFICKING DEFINED.**

15 In this Act, the term “victim of trafficking” has the
16 meaning given such term in section 103 of the Trafficking
17 Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7102).

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