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H. R. 4636

To amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to allow State child protective services systems better to serve the needs of children who are victims of trafficking, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 9, 2014

Ms. BASS (for herself, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. MARINO, Ms. SLAUGHTER, and Mrs. BACHMANN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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 “Strengthening the
5 Child Welfare Response to Trafficking Act of 2014”.

1 **SEC. 2. STATE PLANS TO SERVE CHILD VICTIMS OF TRAF-**
2 **FICKING.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 106 of the Child Abuse
4 Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106a) is
5 amended—

6 (1) in subsection (b)(2)(B)—

7 (A) in clause (xxii), by striking “and” at
8 the end; and

9 (B) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(xxiv) provisions and procedures to
11 identify and assess reports involving child
12 trafficking (as described in section 103(15)
13 of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act
14 of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7102(15))); and

15 “(xxv) provisions and procedures for
16 training child protective services workers
17 about identifying children who are victims
18 described in clause (xxiv) and services
19 available to address their needs, including
20 those provided by State law enforcement,
21 juvenile justice, and social service agencies
22 such as runaway and homeless youth shel-
23 ters to serve this population; and”;

24 (2) in subsection (d), by adding at the end the
25 following:

1 “(17) The number of children determined to be
2 a victim of each type of trafficking described in sub-
3 paragraphs (A) and (B) of section 103(9) of the
4 Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22
5 U.S.C. 7102(9)).”.

6 (b) SPECIAL RULE.—Section 111 of the Child Abuse
7 Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106g) is
8 amended—

9 (1) by striking “For purposes” and inserting
10 the following:

11 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes”; and

12 (2) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(b) SPECIAL RULE.—For purposes of section 3(2)
14 and subsection (a)(4), a child shall be considered a victim
15 of ‘child abuse and neglect’ if the child is identified, by
16 a State or local agency employee of the State or locality
17 involved, as a victim of trafficking (as described in section
18 103(15) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000
19 (22 U.S.C. 7102(15))).”.

20 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided in
22 this section, the amendments made by this Act shall take
23 effect on the date that is 1 year after the date of the enact-
24 ment of this Act.

1 (b) DELAY PERMITTED IF STATE LEGISLATION RE-
2 QUIRED.—In the case of an approved State plan under
3 section 106(b) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treat-
4 ment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106a(b)) which the Secretary of
5 Health and Human Services determines requires State
6 legislation (other than legislation appropriating funds) in
7 order for the plan to meet the additional requirements im-
8 posed by this Act, the State plan shall not be regarded
9 as failing to comply with the requirements of such section
10 solely on the basis of the failure of the plan to meet such
11 additional requirements before the 1st day of the 1st cal-
12 endar quarter beginning after the close of the 1st regular
13 session of the State legislature that ends after the 1-year
14 period beginning with the date of the enactment of this
15 Act. For purposes of the preceding sentence, in the case
16 of a State that has a 2-year legislative session, each year
17 of the session is deemed to be a separate regular session
18 of the State legislature.

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