

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4720

To amend the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 to provide for the expedited removal of unaccompanied alien children who are not victims of a severe form of trafficking in persons and who do not have a fear of returning to their country of nationality or last habitual residence, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 7, 2016

Mr. SALMON (for himself, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. BUCK, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. BARLETTA, and Mr. McCLINTOCK) 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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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Expedited Family Re-
3 unification Act of 2016”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds the following:

6 (1) President Obama, on June 15, 2012, during
7 the Rose Garden speech, announced a unilateral ad-
8 ministrative change in United States immigration
9 policy that the administration will not enforce broad
10 swaths of immigration laws, including that the ad-
11 ministration would not deport illegal immigrants
12 brought to the United States as young children.

13 (2) Over 176,000 unaccompanied alien children
14 have been apprehended in the United States since
15 the President’s speech (most of them from Central
16 America) with many more expected to arrive.

17 (3) These children are targeted by human traf-
18 fickers, drug cartels, and other criminal organiza-
19 tions, and run the risk of being kidnapped, raped,
20 killed, or otherwise harmed.

21 (4) Returning these illegal immigrants to their
22 families in their home countries would allow them to
23 be safe, free from harm, and help reduce future
24 flow.

1 **SEC. 3. REPATRIATION OF UNACCOMPANIED ALIEN CHIL-**
2 **DREN.**

3 Section 235(a) of the William Wilberforce Trafficking
4 Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 (8 U.S.C.
5 1232) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (2)—

7 (A) by amending the heading to read as
8 follows: “RULES FOR UNACCOMPANIED ALIEN
9 CHILDREN.”;

10 (B) in subparagraph (A), in the matter
11 preceding clause (i), by striking “who is a na-
12 tional or habitual resident of a country that is
13 contiguous with the United States”; and

14 (C) in subparagraph (C)—

15 (i) by amending the heading to read
16 as follows: “AGREEMENTS WITH FOREIGN
17 COUNTRIES”; and

18 (ii) in the matter preceding clause (i),
19 by inserting after “countries contiguous to
20 the United States” the following “, as well
21 as Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guate-
22 mala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, and
23 any other foreign country that the Sec-
24 retary determines appropriate,”; and

25 (2) in paragraph (5)(D), in the matter pre-
26 ceeding clause (i), by striking “, except for an unac-

1 accompanied alien child from a contiguous country
2 subject to the exceptions under subsection (a)(2),”
3 and inserting “who does not meet the criteria listed
4 in paragraph (2)(A)”.

5 **SEC. 4. APPLICABILITY.**

6 The amendments made by section 2 shall apply to
7 any unaccompanied alien child who was apprehended on
8 or after June 15, 2012.

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