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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WEBB introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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 “Trafficking in Persons
5 Report Improvement Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS REPORT.**

2 Section 110 of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act
3 of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7107) is amended—

4 (1) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the
5 following:

6 “(b) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than June 1 of
7 each year, the Secretary of State shall submit a report
8 to the appropriate congressional committees that describes
9 the anti-trafficking efforts of the United States and for-
10 eign governments according to the minimum standards
11 and criteria set forth in section 108, the nature and scope
12 of trafficking in persons in each country, and analyzes the
13 trend lines for individual governmental efforts. The report
14 shall include—

15 “(1) a list of countries whose governments are
16 in full compliance with the applicable minimum
17 standards set forth in section 108, ranked on a sin-
18 gle scale according to their relative adherence to
19 such standards;

20 “(2) a list of countries whose governments are
21 not in full compliance with such standards, ranked
22 on a single scale according to their relative adher-
23 ence to such standards;

24 “(3) a section entitled ‘Exemplary Governments
25 and Practices in the Eradication of Trafficking in
26 Persons’ that highlights—

1 “(A) effective practices and use of innova-
2 tion and technology in prevention, protection,
3 prosecution, and partnerships, including by for-
4 eign governments, the private sector, and do-
5 mestic civil society actors; and

6 “(B) governments that have shown exem-
7 plary overall efforts to combat trafficking in
8 persons;

9 “(4) information on the measures taken by the
10 United Nations, the Organization for Security and
11 Cooperation in Europe, the North Atlantic Treaty
12 Organization, and, as appropriate, other multilateral
13 organizations in which the United States partici-
14 pates, to prevent the involvement of the organiza-
15 tion’s employees, contractor personnel, and peace-
16 keeping forces in trafficking in persons or the exploi-
17 tation of victims of trafficking;

18 “(5) reporting and analysis on the emergence or
19 shifting of global patterns in human trafficking, in-
20 cluding data on the number of victims trafficked to,
21 through, or from major source and destination coun-
22 tries, disaggregated by nationality, gender, and age,
23 to the extent possible; and

24 “(6) emerging issues in human trafficking.”;
25 and

1 (2) in subsection (c)—

2 (A) by striking “Not less” and inserting
3 the following:

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not fewer”;

5 (B) by striking “, on or after January 1,
6 2003, of an annual report under subsection
7 (b)(1) of this section, or an interim report
8 under subsection (b)(2) of this section,” and in-
9 serting “of an annual report under subsection
10 (b),”;

11 (C) in subparagraph (B), by striking “, as
12 described in subsection (b)(1)(C) of this sec-
13 tion”; and

14 (D) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(2) SIGNIFICANT EFFORTS.—In determining
16 under paragraph (1)(B) whether the government of
17 a country is making significant efforts to bring itself
18 into compliance with the minimum standards set
19 forth in section 108, the Secretary of State shall
20 consider—

21 “(A) the extent to which the country is a
22 country of origin, transit, or destination for se-
23 vere forms of trafficking;

24 “(B) the extent of noncompliance with the
25 minimum standards by the government and the

1 extent to which officials or employees of the
2 government have participated in, facilitated,
3 condoned, or are otherwise complicit in severe
4 forms of trafficking; and

5 “(C) what measures are reasonable to
6 bring the government into compliance with the
7 minimum standards in light of the resources
8 and capabilities of the government.”.

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