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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 12, 2015

Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. KIRK) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Combating Human  
3 Trafficking Act of 2015”.

4 **TITLE I—ENHANCING SERVICES**  
5 **FOR RUNAWAY AND HOME-**  
6 **LESS VICTIMS OF YOUTH**  
7 **TRAFFICKING**

8 **SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.**

9 This title may be cited as the “Enhancing Services  
10 for Runaway and Homeless Victims of Youth Trafficking  
11 Act of 2015”.

12 **SEC. 102. AMENDMENTS TO THE RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS**  
13 **YOUTH ACT.**

14 The Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C.  
15 5701 et seq.) is amended—

16 (1) in section 343(b)(5) (42 U.S.C. 5714–  
17 23(b)(5))—

18 (A) in subparagraph (A) by inserting “, se-  
19 vere forms of trafficking in persons (as defined  
20 in section 103(9) of the Trafficking Victims  
21 Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7102(9))),  
22 and sex trafficking (as defined in section  
23 103(10) of such Act (22 U.S.C. 7102(10)))”  
24 before the semicolon at the end;

25 (B) in subparagraph (B) by inserting “,  
26 severe forms of trafficking in persons (as de-

1            fined in section 103(9) of the Trafficking Vic-  
 2            tims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C.  
 3            7102(9))), or sex trafficking (as defined in sec-  
 4            tion 103(10) of such Act (22 U.S.C.  
 5            7102(10)))” after “assault”; and

6            (C) in subparagraph (C) by inserting “, in-  
 7            cluding such youth who are victims of traf-  
 8            ficking (as defined in section 103(15) of the  
 9            Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22  
 10           U.S.C. 7102(15)))” before the semicolon at the  
 11           end; and

12           (2) in section 351(a) (42 U.S.C. 5714–41(a))  
 13           by striking “or sexual exploitation” and inserting  
 14           “sexual exploitation, severe forms of trafficking in  
 15           persons (as defined in section 103(9) of the Traf-  
 16           ficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C.  
 17           7102(9))), or sex trafficking (as defined in section  
 18           103(10) of such Act (22 U.S.C. 7102(10)))”.

19           **TITLE II—IMPROVING THE RE-**  
 20           **SPONSE TO VICTIMS OF**  
 21           **CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING**

22           **SEC. 201. RESPONSE TO VICTIMS OF CHILD SEX TRAF-**  
 23           **FICKING.**

24           Section 404(b)(1)(P)(iii) of the Missing Children’s  
 25           Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5773(b)(1)(P)(iii)) is amended

1 by striking “child prostitution” and inserting “child sex  
2 trafficking, including child prostitution”.

3 **TITLE III—INTERAGENCY TASK**  
4 **FORCE TO MONITOR AND**  
5 **COMBAT TRAFFICKING**

6 **SEC. 301. SHORT TITLE.**

7 This title may be cited as the “Human Trafficking  
8 Prevention, Intervention, and Recovery Act of 2015”.

9 **SEC. 302. VICTIM OF TRAFFICKING DEFINED.**

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

13 **SEC. 303. INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE REPORT ON CHILD**  
14 **TRAFFICKING PRIMARY PREVENTION.**

15 (a) REVIEW.—The Interagency Task Force to Mon-  
16 itor and Combat Trafficking, established under section  
17 105 of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22  
18 U.S.C. 7103), shall conduct a review that, with regard to  
19 trafficking in persons in the United States—

20 (1) in consultation with nongovernmental orga-  
21 nizations that the Task Force determines appro-  
22 priate, surveys and catalogs the activities of the  
23 Federal Government and State governments—

24 (A) to deter individuals from committing  
25 trafficking offenses; and

1 (B) to prevent children from becoming vic-  
2 tims of trafficking;

3 (2) surveys academic literature on—

4 (A) deterring individuals from committing  
5 trafficking offenses;

6 (B) preventing children from becoming vic-  
7 tims of trafficking;

8 (C) the commercial sexual exploitation of  
9 children; and

10 (D) other similar topics that the Task  
11 Force determines to be appropriate;

12 (3) identifies best practices and effective strate-  
13 gies—

14 (A) to deter individuals from committing  
15 trafficking offenses; and

16 (B) to prevent children from becoming vic-  
17 tims of trafficking; and

18 (4) identifies current gaps in research and data  
19 that would be helpful in formulating effective strate-  
20 gies—

21 (A) to deter individuals from committing  
22 trafficking offenses; and

23 (B) to prevent children from becoming vic-  
24 tims of trafficking.

1 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
2 of the enactment of this Act, the Interagency Task Force  
3 to Monitor and Combat Trafficking shall provide to Con-  
4 gress, and make publicly available in electronic format, a  
5 report on the review conducted pursuant to subparagraph  
6 (a).

7 **SEC. 304. GAO REPORT ON INTERVENTION.**

8 On the date that is 1 year after the date of the enact-  
9 ment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United  
10 States shall submit a report to Congress that includes in-  
11 formation on—

12 (1) the efforts of Federal and select State law  
13 enforcement agencies to combat human trafficking  
14 in the United States; and

15 (2) each Federal grant program, a purpose of  
16 which is to combat human trafficking or assist vic-  
17 tims of trafficking, as specified in an authorizing  
18 statute or in a guidance document issued by the  
19 agency carrying out the grant program.

20 **SEC. 305. PROVISION OF HOUSING PERMITTED TO PRO-**  
21 **TECT AND ASSIST IN THE RECOVERY OF VIC-**  
22 **TIMS OF TRAFFICKING.**

23 Section 107(b)(2)(A) of the Trafficking Victims Pro-  
24 tection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7105(b)(2)(A)) is amended

- 1 by inserting “, including programs that provide housing
- 2 to victims of trafficking” before the period at the end.

