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H. R. 5368

To direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to address the factors driving large numbers of unaccompanied alien children from El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala to seek admission to the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 31, 2014

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD (for herself, Mr. POLIS, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. FARR, Ms. CHU, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. SIRES, and Mr. LOWENTHAL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Security and Oppor-
5 tunity for Vulnerable Migrant Children Act of 2014”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress finds the following:

3 (1) Extreme violence, including sexual assault,
4 trafficking, and persecution, is a primary factor
5 driving dramatically increased levels of child migra-
6 tion from Central America.

7 (2) A true commitment by the Government of
8 the United States is essential to addressing the root
9 causes of child migration in the region, including ro-
10 bust efforts to enhance human security, augment
11 economic development, and promote the health, safe-
12 ty, and well-being of children.

13 (3) Existing human rights conditions on the
14 provision of United States assistance to El Salvador,
15 Honduras, and Guatemala continue to play an im-
16 portant role in addressing the root causes of child
17 migration by encouraging good governance and the
18 rule of law in these countries.

19 **SEC. 3. DEFINITION.**

20 For purposes of this Act, the term “unaccompanied
21 alien children” has the meaning given such term in section
22 462 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C.
23 279).

1 **SEC. 4. STRATEGY ADDRESSING FACTORS DRIVING UNAC-**
2 **COMPANIED ALIEN CHILDREN TO SEEK AD-**
3 **MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES.**

4 The Secretary of State, in consultation with the Ad-
5 ministrator of the United States Agency for International
6 Development, and the heads of other Federal agencies
7 that the Secretary determines appropriate, shall submit to
8 Congress a strategy to address the economic, social, and
9 security factors driving large numbers of unaccompanied
10 alien children from El Salvador, Honduras, and Guate-
11 mala to seek admission to the United States. The strategy
12 shall recommend future United States Government assist-
13 ance and technical support, and ensure the engagement
14 of the national and local governments of El Salvador,
15 Honduras, and Guatemala, and civil society organizations
16 located in such countries. In general, the strategy shall
17 prioritize the safety of vulnerable women and girls and
18 make recommendations for improving the sheltering of vic-
19 tims of sexual violence and trafficking in the region.

20 **SEC. 5. DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC POLICIES AND PRO-**
21 **GRAMMING TO PREVENT MIGRATION TO THE**
22 **UNITED STATES.**

23 The Administrator of the United States Agency for
24 International Development shall coordinate with the heads
25 of appropriate Federal agencies and the Governments of
26 El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala to promote public

1 policies which prioritize inclusive growth, poverty reduc-
2 tion, and sustainable alternatives to emigration. The Ad-
3 ministrator shall incorporate programming to assist com-
4 munities and economic sectors in such countries, including
5 communities—

6 (1) with high rates of migration to the United
7 States;

8 (2) in which individuals have been subjected to
9 a severe form of trafficking in persons, or in which
10 individuals are at a high risk of being subjected to
11 a severe form of trafficking in persons;

12 (3) which have a large number of individuals
13 who have been removed from the United States re-
14 turned to that community;

15 (4) affected by destabilizing levels of violence;

16 or

17 (5) that have developed partnerships with non-
18 governmental organizations based in the United
19 States.

20 **SEC. 6. REPATRIATION PROGRAM FOR UNACCOMPANIED**
21 **ALIEN CHILDREN.**

22 Section 235(a)(5)(A) of the William Wilberforce
23 Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of
24 2008 (8 U.S.C. 1232(a)(5)(A)) is amended—

25 (1) in the heading, by striking “PILOT”; and

1 (2) by striking “pilot”.

2 **SEC. 7. AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE FOR UNACCOMPANIED**
3 **ALIEN CHILDREN.**

4 The Secretary of State shall designate an Amba-
5 sador-at-Large for unaccompanied alien children. The
6 Ambassador-at-Large shall formulate policies and re-
7 sponses to address the factors leading to child migration
8 to the United States, and shall consult and coordinate
9 with the relevant bureaus of the Department of State and
10 the United States Agency for International Development,
11 as well as with the Governments of El Salvador, Hon-
12 duras, Guatemala and Mexico and with other regional gov-
13 ernments, to develop and implement policies to safeguard
14 the well-being of unaccompanied alien children, including
15 the protection and care of such children.

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