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H. R. 1201

To combat human trafficking.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 2, 2015

Ms. GRANGER (for herself, Ms. BASS, and Mr. POE of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To combat human trafficking.

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 “Combat Human Traf-
5 ficking Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. REDUCING DEMAND FOR SEX TRAFFICKING; LOWER**

7 **MENS REA FOR SEX TRAFFICKING OF UNDER-**
8 **AGE VICTIMS.**

9 (a) CLARIFICATION OF RANGE OF CONDUCT PUN-
10 ISHED AS SEX TRAFFICKING.—Section 1591 of title 18,
11 United States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “or main-
2 tains” and inserting “maintains, patronizes, or solie-
3 its”;

4 (2) in subsection (b)—

5 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “or ob-
6 tained” and inserting “obtained, patronized, or
7 solicited”; and

8 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “or ob-
9 tained” and inserting “obtained, patronized, or
10 solicited”; and

11 (3) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the
12 following:

13 “(c) In a prosecution under subsection (a)(1), the
14 Government need not prove that the defendant knew, or
15 recklessly disregarded the fact, that the person recruited,
16 enticed, harbored, transported, provided, obtained, main-
17 tained, patronized, or solicited had not attained the age
18 of 18 years.”.

19 (b) DEFINITION AMENDED.—Section 103(10) of the
20 Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C.
21 7102(10)) is amended by striking “or obtaining” and in-
22 serting “obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting”.

23 (c) MINIMUM PERIOD OF SUPERVISED RELEASE FOR
24 CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT COMMERCIAL CHILD SEX TRAF-

1 FICKING.—Section 3583(k) of title 18, United States
2 Code, is amended by inserting “1594(c),” after “1591,”.

3 **SEC. 3. BUREAU OF JUSTICE STATISTICS REPORT ON**
4 **STATE ENFORCEMENT OF SEX TRAFFICKING**
5 **PROHIBITIONS.**

6 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

7 (1) the terms “commercial sex act”, “severe
8 forms of trafficking in persons”, “State”, and “Task
9 Force” have the meanings given those terms in sec-
10 tion 103 of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act
11 of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7102);

12 (2) the term “covered offense” means the provi-
13 sion, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a com-
14 mercial sex act involving a person subject to severe
15 forms of trafficking in persons; and

16 (3) the term “State law enforcement officer”
17 means any officer, agent, or employee of a State au-
18 thorized by law or by a State government agency to
19 engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, in-
20 vestigation, or prosecution of any violation of crimi-
21 nal law.

22 (b) REPORT.—The Director of the Bureau of Justice
23 Statistics shall—

24 (1) prepare an annual report on—

25 (A) the rates of—

1 (i) arrest of individuals by State law
2 enforcement officers for a covered offense;

3 (ii) prosecution (including specific
4 charges) of individuals in State court sys-
5 tems for a covered offense; and

6 (iii) conviction of individuals in State
7 court systems for a covered offense; and

8 (B) sentences imposed on individuals con-
9 victed in State court systems for a covered of-
10 fense; and

11 (2) submit the annual report prepared under
12 paragraph (1) to—

13 (A) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
14 House of Representatives;

15 (B) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
16 Senate;

17 (C) the Task Force;

18 (D) the Senior Policy Operating Group es-
19 tablished under section 105(g) of the Traf-
20 ficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22
21 U.S.C. 7103(g)); and

22 (E) the Attorney General.

23 **SEC. 4. LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, PROSECUTORS,**
24 **AND JUDGES.**

25 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

1 (1) the terms “commercial sex act”, “severe
2 forms of trafficking in persons”, and “State” have
3 the meanings given those terms in section 103 of the
4 Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22
5 U.S.C. 7102);

6 (2) the term “covered offender” means an indi-
7 vidual who obtains, patronizes, or solicits a commer-
8 cial sex act involving a person subject to severe
9 forms of trafficking in persons;

10 (3) the term “Federal law enforcement officer”
11 has the meaning given the term in section 115 of
12 title 18, United States Code;

13 (4) the term “local law enforcement officer”
14 means any officer, agent, or employee of a unit of
15 local government authorized by law or by a local
16 government agency to engage in or supervise the
17 prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of
18 any violation of criminal law; and

19 (5) the term “State law enforcement officer”
20 means any officer, agent, or employee of a State au-
21 thorized by law or by a State government agency to
22 engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, in-
23 vestigation, or prosecution of any violation of crimi-
24 nal law.

25 (b) TRAINING.—

1 (1) LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.—The At-
2 torney General shall ensure that each anti-human
3 trafficking program operated by the Department of
4 Justice, including each anti-human trafficking train-
5 ing program for Federal, State, or local law enforce-
6 ment officers, includes technical training on—

7 (A) effective methods for investigating and
8 prosecuting covered offenders; and

9 (B) facilitating the provision of physical
10 and mental health services by health care pro-
11 viders to persons subject to severe forms of
12 trafficking in persons.

13 (2) FEDERAL PROSECUTORS.—The Attorney
14 General shall ensure that each anti-human traf-
15 ficking program operated by the Department of Jus-
16 tice for United States attorneys or other Federal
17 prosecutors includes training on seeking restitution
18 for offenses under chapter 77 of title 18, United
19 States Code, to ensure that each United States at-
20 torney or other Federal prosecutor, upon obtaining
21 a conviction for such an offense, requests a specific
22 amount of restitution for each victim of the offense
23 without regard to whether the victim requests res-
24 titution.

1 (3) JUDGES.—The Federal Judicial Center
2 shall provide training to judges relating to the appli-
3 cation of section 1593 of title 18, United States
4 Code, with respect to ordering restitution for victims
5 of offenses under chapter 77 of such title.

6 (c) POLICY FOR FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OF-
7 FICERS.—The Attorney General shall ensure that Federal
8 law enforcement officers are engaged in activities, pro-
9 grams, or operations involving the detection, investigation,
10 and prosecution of covered offenders.

11 **SEC. 5. WIRETAP AUTHORITY FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING**
12 **VIOLATIONS.**

13 Section 2516 of title 18, United States Code, is
14 amended—

15 (1) in paragraph (1)(c)—

16 (A) by inserting before “section 1591” the
17 following: “section 1581 (peonage), section
18 1584 (involuntary servitude), section 1589
19 (forced labor), section 1590 (trafficking with re-
20 spect to peonage, slavery, involuntary servitude,
21 or forced labor),”; and

22 (B) by inserting before “section 1751” the
23 following: “section 1592 (unlawful conduct with
24 respect to documents in furtherance of traf-

1 ficking, peonage, slavery, involuntary servitude,
2 or forced labor),”; and

3 (2) in paragraph (2), by inserting “human traf-
4 ficking, child sexual exploitation, child pornography
5 production,” after “kidnapping.”

6 **SEC. 6. STRENGTHENING CRIME VICTIMS’ RIGHTS.**

7 (a) NOTIFICATION OF PLEA AGREEMENT OR OTHER
8 AGREEMENT.—Section 3771(a) of title 18, United States
9 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

10 “(9) The right to be informed in a timely man-
11 ner of any plea agreement or deferred prosecution
12 agreement.”.

13 (b) APPELLATE REVIEW OF PETITIONS RELATING
14 TO CRIME VICTIMS’ RIGHTS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 3771(d)(3) of title
16 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting
17 after the fifth sentence the following: “In deciding
18 such application, the court of appeals shall apply or-
19 dinary standards of appellate review.”.

20 (2) APPLICATION.—The amendment made by
21 paragraph (1) shall apply with respect to any peti-
22 tion for a writ of mandamus filed under section
23 3771(d)(3) of title 18, United States Code, that is
24 pending on the date of enactment of this Act.

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