#### 115TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION H.R. 1372

### AN ACT

- To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to ensure that the needs of children are considered in homeland security planning, and for other purposes.
  - 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 "Homeland Security3 for Children Act".

## 4 SEC. 2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR 5 STRATEGY, POLICY, AND PLANS.

Paragraph (6) of section 709(c) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 349(c)) is amended by inserting ", including feedback from organizations representing
the needs of children," after "stakeholder feedback".

#### 10 SEC. 3. TECHNICAL EXPERT AUTHORIZED.

Paragraph (2) of section 503(b) of the Homeland Security Act (6 U.S.C. 313(b)) is amended—

13 (1) in subparagraph (G), by striking "and" at14 the end;

15 (2) in subparagraph (H), by striking the period
16 at the end and inserting "; and"; and

17 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-18 paragraph:

19 "(I) identify and integrate the needs of 20 children into activities to prepare for, protect 21 against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate 22 against the risk of natural disasters, acts of ter-23 rorism, and other manmade disasters, including 24 catastrophic incidents, including by appointing 25 a technical expert, who may consult with rel-26 evant outside organizations and experts, as necessary, to coordinate such integration, as nec essary.".

#### 3 SEC. 4. REPORT.

4 Not later than one year after the date of the enact-5 ment of this Act and annually thereafter for five years, the Under Secretary for Strategy, Policy, and Plans of the 6 7 Department of Homeland Security shall submit to the 8 Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Rep-9 resentatives and the Committee on Homeland Security 10 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a report describing the efforts the Department has undertaken to review 11 12 and incorporate feedback from organizations representing 13 the needs of children into Department policy in accordance with paragraph (6) of section 709(c) of the Homeland Se-14 15 curity Act of 2002 (as added by section 2 of this Act), including information on the following: 16

17 (1) The designation of any individual respon-18 sible for carrying out such paragraph (6).

(2) Any review, formal or informal, of Department policies, programs, or activities to assess the
suitability of such policies, programs, or activities
for children and where feedback from organizations
representing the needs of children should be reviewed and incorporated.

(3) Any review, change, modification, or pro mulgation of Department policies, programs, or ac tivities to ensure that such policies, programs, or ac tivities are appropriate for children.

5 (4) Coordination with organizations or experts
6 outside the Department pursuant to such paragraph
7 (6) conducted to inform any such review, change,
8 modification, or promulgation of such policies, pro9 grams, or activities.

Passed the House of Representatives April 25, 2017. Attest:

Clerk.

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