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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 24, 2017

Mr. MARINO (for himself, Mr. CICILLINE, and Mr. DONOVAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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. AMENDMENTS TO ANNUAL HUMAN RIGHTS RE-**
2 **PORTS UNDER THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE**
3 **ACT OF 1961.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Foreign Assistance Act of
5 1961 is amended—

6 (1) in section 116(d) (22 U.S.C. 2151n(d))—

7 (A) in paragraph (11), by striking “and”
8 at the end;

9 (B) in paragraph (12), by striking the pe-
10 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

11 (C) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(13) wherever applicable, a description of—

13 “(A) the institutionalization of children, in-
14 cluding in orphanages, and in large and small
15 group homes, if such institutionalization can be
16 avoided either by promptly reunifying such chil-
17 dren with nurturing parents of origin or by
18 promptly placing such children in adoptive
19 homes in the country of origin or abroad; and

20 “(B) the related subjection of children to
21 cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment, unnec-
22 essary detention, and denial of the right to life,
23 liberty, and the security of persons.”; and

24 (2) in section 502B (22 U.S.C. 2304), by add-
25 ing at the end the following:

1 “(j) The report required by subsection (b) shall in-
2 clude, wherever applicable, a description of—

3 “(1) the institutionalization of children, includ-
4 ing in orphanages, and in large and small group
5 homes, if such institutionalization can be avoided ei-
6 ther by promptly reunifying such children with nur-
7 turing parents of origin or by promptly placing such
8 children in adoptive homes in the country of origin
9 or abroad; and

10 “(2) the related subjection of children to cruel,
11 inhuman, or degrading treatment, unnecessary de-
12 tention, and denial of the right to life, liberty, and
13 the security of persons.”.

14 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
15 subsection (a)(1) take effect on the date of the enactment
16 of this Act and apply with respect to reports required to
17 be submitted under section 116(d) of the Foreign Assist-
18 ance Act of 1961 on or after such date of enactment. The
19 amendments made by subsection (a)(2) take effect on the
20 date of the enactment of this Act and apply with respect
21 to reports required to be submitted under section 502B(b)
22 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 on or after such
23 date of enactment.

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