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To combat child human trafficking, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WILSON of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, Energy and Commerce, and Financial Services, 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

To combat child human trafficking, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Save Our Girls from
5 Sex Trafficking Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE ON DOMESTIC CHILD**
7 **HUMAN TRAFFICKING.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall estab-
9 lish an interagency task force on domestic child human
10 trafficking (as such term is defined in section 203(k)(3)

1 of the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act
2 of 2005 (34 U.S.C. 20703(k)(3))) with the Secretaries of
3 Health and Human Services, Treasury, Labor, Education,
4 Housing and Urban Development, and Homeland Security.
5 rity.

6 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The task force established
7 under subsection (a) shall—

8 (1) collaborate with industry experts to de-
9 crease child human trafficking, including through
10 demand reduction, prevention, and awareness edu-
11 cation; and

12 (2) coordinate holistic, victim-centered services
13 and victim-centered law enforcement response, in-
14 cluding through education, law enforcement identi-
15 fication of survivors and connection to service pro-
16 viders, screening arrested youth to determine wheth-
17 er they are victims of child sex trafficking, diversion
18 of victims of child human trafficking to non-judicial
19 rehabilitation services.

20 **SEC. 3. STUDY ON CHILD HUMAN TRAFFICKING.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General and the
22 Secretary of Health and Human Services shall conduct a
23 study on the child human trafficking, which shall in-
24 clude—

25 (1) how and why children enter the sex trade;

1 (2) profiling sex traffickers, minors vulnerable
2 to being trafficked, and those who purchase sex from
3 children;

4 (3) the physical and psychological effects of
5 child human trafficking on survivors; and

6 (4) the impact of large events on the child
7 human trafficking market.

8 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date
9 of the enactment of this Act, the Attorney General and
10 the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall submit
11 a report that contains the results of the study conducted
12 under subsection (a) to Congress.

13 **SEC. 4. SCHOOL GRANT PROGRAM.**

14 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of Education is
15 authorized to make grants to local educational agencies
16 to educate children about child human trafficking.

17 (b) APPLICATION.—A local educational agency seek-
18 ing a grant under this section shall submit to the Sec-
19 retary an application at such time, in such manner, and
20 containing such information as the Secretary may reason-
21 ably require.

22 (c) COLLABORATION.—Recipients of grants under
23 this section shall collaborate with organizations that have
24 an expertise in a victim-centered approach in identifying
25 and responding to child human trafficking.

1 **SEC. 5. FOSTER CARE GRANT PROGRAM.**

2 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of Health and
3 Human Services is authorized to make grants to agencies
4 that have custody of, or provide services to, foster children
5 to educate children about child human trafficking.

6 (b) APPLICATION.—An agency seeking a grant under
7 this section shall submit to the Secretary an application
8 at such time, in such manner, and containing such infor-
9 mation as the Secretary may reasonably require.

10 (c) COLLABORATION.—Recipients of grants under
11 this section shall collaborate with organizations that have
12 an expertise in a victim-centered approach in identifying
13 and responding to child human trafficking.

14 **SEC. 6. LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM.**

15 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Attorney General is au-
16 thorized to make grants to States, units of local govern-
17 ment, and Tribal governments to—

18 (1) train law enforcement officers and prosecu-
19 tors on how to identify victims of child human traf-
20 ficking;

21 (2) create pre-trial diversion programs for vic-
22 tims of child human trafficking; and

23 (3) provide protection for victims of child
24 human trafficking who testify against their exploit-
25 ers.

1 (b) APPLICATION.—The chief executive of a State or
2 unit of local government seeking a grant under this section
3 shall submit to the Attorney General an application at
4 such time, in such manner, and containing such informa-
5 tion as the Attorney General may reasonably require.

6 (c) ADDITIONAL AMOUNT AUTHORIZED.—The Attor-
7 ney General may increase the amount by up to 20 percent
8 that a grant recipient would otherwise receive under this
9 section in the case of a recipient that—

10 (1) will collaborate with a victim-centered multi-
11 disciplinary team organization with expertise in re-
12 sponding to child human trafficking;

13 (2) have a pre-trial diversion program or a pro-
14 gram that identifies sex trafficked minors for oper-
15 ations purposes; or

16 (3) have in place a policy not to prosecute or
17 otherwise punish victims of child human trafficking.

18 **SEC. 7. JOB TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM.**

19 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of Labor is au-
20 thorized to make grants to nonprofit organizations to pro-
21 vide job skills training and assistance in finding job oppor-
22 tunities for survivors of child human trafficking and chil-
23 dren at risk of being trafficked.

24 (b) APPLICATION.—A nonprofit organization seeking
25 a grant under this section shall submit to the Secretary

1 an application at such time, in such manner, and con-
2 taining such information as the Secretary may reasonably
3 require.

4 **SEC. 8. LONG-TERM CARE GRANT PROGRAM.**

5 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—Secretary of Health and
6 Human Services is authorized to make grants to nonprofit
7 organizations to—

8 (1) provide long-term care facilities for victims
9 of child human trafficking;

10 (2) provide long-term counseling and evidence-
11 based trauma-informed mental health services for
12 victims of child human trafficking; and

13 (3) provide long-term and transitional housing
14 for victims of child human trafficking.

15 (b) APPLICATION.—A nonprofit organization seeking
16 a grant under this section shall submit to the Secretary
17 an application at such time, in such manner, and con-
18 taining such information as the Secretary may reasonably
19 require.

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