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# H. R. 836

To establish the Interdiction for the Protection of Child Victims of Exploitation and Human Trafficking Program to train law enforcement officers to identify and assist victims of child exploitation and human trafficking.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McCAUL (for himself and Mr. CUELLAR) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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 “Interdiction for the  
5       Protection of Child Victims of Exploitation and Human  
6       Trafficking Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INTERDICTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILD**  
 2 **VICTIMS OF EXPLOITATION AND HUMAN**  
 3 **TRAFFICKING.**

4 (a) AMENDMENT.—Title II of the Trafficking Vic-  
 5 tims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2005 (34 U.S.C.  
 6 20701 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
 7 lowing:

8 **“SEC. 208. INTERDICTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILD**  
 9 **VICTIMS OF EXPLOITATION AND HUMAN**  
 10 **TRAFFICKING.**

11 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

12 “(1) the term ‘human trafficking’ has the  
 13 meaning given the term ‘severe forms of trafficking  
 14 in persons’ in section 103 of the Trafficking Victims  
 15 Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7102); and

16 “(2) the term ‘pilot program’ means the Inter-  
 17 diction for the Protection of Child Victims of Exploi-  
 18 tation and Human Trafficking Program required to  
 19 be established under subsection (b).

20 “(b) INTERDICTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILD  
 21 VICTIMS OF EXPLOITATION AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
 22 PROGRAM.—

23 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Attorney General  
 24 shall establish a pilot program, which shall be known  
 25 as the ‘Interdiction for the Protection of Child Vic-  
 26 tims of Exploitation and Human Trafficking Pro-

1 gram' to provide training to Federal, State, Tribal,  
2 territorial, and local law enforcement officers and  
3 other relevant professionals on child exploitation and  
4 human trafficking in accordance with the purposes  
5 described in paragraph (2).

6 “(2) PURPOSES.—The pilot program shall pro-  
7 vide training for law enforcement officers and other  
8 relevant professionals, including first responders and  
9 child welfare professionals, on—

10 “(A) identifying potential child victims of  
11 human trafficking;

12 “(B) identifying children who are missing;

13 “(C) identifying children who are at risk of  
14 being trafficked, exploited, or sexually abused;

15 “(D) identifying individuals who are likely  
16 to engage in trafficking, exploitation, or sexual  
17 abuse of child victims;

18 “(E) implementing proper protocols and  
19 procedures for—

20 “(i) communicating with potential  
21 child victims; and

22 “(ii) encouraging their cooperation  
23 with law enforcement investigations and  
24 any resulting prosecutions when appro-  
25 priate;

1           “(F) implementing proper protocols and  
2 procedures for referring such victims to appro-  
3 priate social or victims service agencies or orga-  
4 nizations;

5           “(G) implementing proper protocols and  
6 procedures for interacting with victims in a  
7 manner that are trauma-informed, culturally  
8 and linguistically relevant, gender responsive,  
9 and age appropriate; and

10           “(H) establishing a train-the-trainer pro-  
11 gram in which law enforcement officers who  
12 complete the pilot program training described  
13 in this subsection are given further instruction  
14 on how to train other law enforcement officers  
15 in order to increase the availability of the train-  
16 ing program.

17           “(3) FUNCTIONS.—

18           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The pilot program—

19           “(i) shall incorporate the functions of  
20 the Interdiction for the Protection of Chil-  
21 dren Program funded through the Office of  
22 Community Oriented Policing Services of  
23 the Department of Justice that was oper-  
24 ating on the day before the date of enact-  
25 ment of the Interdiction for the Protection

1 of Child Victims of Exploitation and  
2 Human Trafficking Act;

3 “(ii) shall incorporate the functions of  
4 the initiatives authorized under subpara-  
5 graphs (B) and (C);

6 “(iii) may engage stakeholders, in-  
7 cluding victims of child exploitation and  
8 any Federal, State, Tribal, territorial, or  
9 local partners, to develop a flexible training  
10 module—

11 “(I) for achieving the purposes  
12 described in paragraph (2); and

13 “(II) that adapts to various  
14 needs and settings of law enforcement  
15 officers and other relevant profes-  
16 sionals;

17 “(iv) may engage with, and continue  
18 the data collection, analysis, and sharing of  
19 criminal incidents and reports conducted  
20 by, Federal, State, Tribal, territorial, and  
21 local partners, including fusion centers and  
22 the Behavioral Analysis Unit of the United  
23 States Marshals Service related to the  
24 Interdiction for the Protection of Children  
25 Program that was operating on the day be-

1 fore the date of enactment of the Interdic-  
2 tion for the Protection of Child Victims of  
3 Exploitation and Human Trafficking Act;

4 “(v) may provide technical assistance  
5 for law enforcement education programs,  
6 in furtherance of the purposes described in  
7 paragraph (2)—

8 “(I) to implement nationwide law  
9 enforcement protocols; or

10 “(II) to develop and distribute  
11 continuing education training mate-  
12 rials;

13 “(vi) may develop a strategy, as the  
14 Attorney General considers appropriate, to  
15 incentivize—

16 “(I) the implementation of na-  
17 tionwide law enforcement officer pro-  
18 tocols referred to in clause (v)(I); and

19 “(II) the utilization of the train-  
20 ing materials developed under clause  
21 (v)(II);

22 “(vii) may develop a reliable method-  
23 ology for collecting, sharing, and reporting  
24 data among Federal, State, Tribal, terri-  
25 torial, and local law enforcement partners,

1 including fusion centers, on the number of  
2 missing, at-risk, or exploited children iden-  
3 tified and served by law enforcement offi-  
4 cers or other relevant professionals; and

5 “(viii) may conduct an independent  
6 evaluation of the effectiveness of training  
7 provided under the pilot program.

8 “(B) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—

9 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney  
10 General, acting through the Director of  
11 Community Oriented Policing Services,  
12 shall award grants, on a competitive basis,  
13 to Federal, State, Tribal, territorial, and  
14 local law enforcement agencies that rep-  
15 resent diversity in geography, the demo-  
16 graphics of the population served, and the  
17 predominant types of cases encountered,  
18 including missing children, at-risk children,  
19 and victims of child exploitation and traf-  
20 ficking.

21 “(ii) USE OF FUNDS.—A law enforce-  
22 ment agency that receives a grant under  
23 this subparagraph shall—

1           “(I) provide training activities  
2           designed to achieve the purposes de-  
3           scribed in paragraph (2);

4           “(II) include relevant profes-  
5           sionals from State partner agencies in  
6           training to ensure multi-disciplinary  
7           understanding of issues and resources;

8           “(III) carry out the data collec-  
9           tion and reporting activities described  
10          in subparagraph (A)(iv) and sub-  
11          section (c); and

12          “(IV) share data and information  
13          related to incidents where trained offi-  
14          cers successfully identified a missing,  
15          at-risk, or exploited child with appro-  
16          priate Federal, State, Tribal, terri-  
17          torial, and local law enforcement part-  
18          ners, as specified by the Attorney  
19          General under subparagraph (A)(iv).

20          “(C) DUTIES.—The Attorney General shall  
21          support—

22                 “(i) the training activities described in  
23                 paragraph (2); and

24                 “(ii) the data collection, analysis, and  
25                 sharing of criminal incidents and reports

1 conducted by Federal, State, Tribal, terri-  
2 torial, and local law enforcement partners  
3 that provide ongoing support for the pilot  
4 program and the Interdiction for the Pro-  
5 tection of Children Program that was oper-  
6 ating on the day before the date of enact-  
7 ment of the Interdiction for the Protection  
8 of Child Victims of Exploitation and  
9 Human Trafficking Act.

10 “(4) TERMINATION.—The pilot program shall  
11 terminate on October 1, 2023.

12 “(c) DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING REQUIRE-  
13 MENTS.—

14 “(1) DATA COLLECTION.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—During each of fiscal  
16 years 2020 through 2023, the Attorney General  
17 shall collect data regarding—

18 “(i) the total number of grants award-  
19 ed under the pilot program—

20 “(I) during the previous fiscal  
21 year; and

22 “(II) before the previous fiscal  
23 year;

24 “(ii) the total number of law enforce-  
25 ment agencies, law enforcement officers,

1 and other relevant professionals trained  
2 through the pilot program during each of  
3 the periods described in subclauses (I) and  
4 (II) of clause (i); and

5 “(iii) the number of children, and the  
6 demographic data of the children when  
7 available, who are successfully identified as  
8 missing, at-risk, or victims of exploitation  
9 by law enforcement officers who received  
10 training through the pilot program.

11 “(B) INITIAL REPORT.—In addition to the  
12 data required to be collected under subpara-  
13 graph (A), the Attorney General shall collect  
14 data, for purposes of the initial report to be  
15 submitted under paragraph (3), regarding—

16 “(i) the total number of trainings con-  
17 ducted under the Interdiction for the Pro-  
18 tection of Children Program referred to in  
19 subsection (b)(3)(A)(i); and

20 “(ii) the total number of law enforce-  
21 ment agencies, law enforcement officers,  
22 and other relevant professionals trained  
23 through such program.

24 “(2) REPORTING.—Not later than December  
25 31, 2019, and annually thereafter through December

1 31, 2023, the Attorney General shall submit a re-  
2 port to Congress that contains the data collected  
3 pursuant to paragraph (1).

4 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Of the  
5 amount authorized to be appropriated under section  
6 113(d) of the Trafficking Victims Prevention Act of 2000  
7 (22 U.S.C. 7110(d)), the Attorney General may use such  
8 sums as may be necessary to carry out this section for  
9 each of fiscal years 2020 through 2023.”.

10 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—  
11 The table of contents in section 1(b) of the Trafficking  
12 Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2004 (Public  
13 Law 109–164; 119 Stat. 3558) is amended by inserting  
14 after the item relating to section 207 the following:

“Sec. 208. Interdiction for the protection of child victims of exploitation and  
human trafficking.”.

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