

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 3597

To strengthen protections for child trafficking victims testifying against human traffickers.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 11, 2018

Mr. HELLER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

To strengthen protections for child trafficking victims testifying against human traffickers.

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 “Protecting Child Traf-  
5 ficking Victim Witnesses Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. VICTIM-CENTERED PROTOCOLS.**

7 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-  
8 ment of this Act, the Attorney General shall issue guid-  
9 ance directing Federal prosecutors to institute victim-cen-

1 tered protocols to strengthen protections for child traf-  
 2 ficking victims testifying against human traffickers.

3 **SEC. 3. TRAINING FOR FEDERAL PROSECUTORS.**

4 Subsection (c)(1)(B) of the Combat Human Traf-  
 5 ficking Act of 2015 (42 U.S.C. 14044g(c)(1)(B)) is  
 6 amended—

7 (1) by striking “training on seeking restitution”  
 8 and inserting the following: “training on—

9 “(i) seeking restitution”;

10 (2) by striking the period at the end and insert-  
 11 ing “; and”; and

12 (3) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(ii) specific, victim-centered protocols  
 14 to strengthen protections for child traf-  
 15 ficking victims testifying against human  
 16 traffickers, including training to minimize  
 17 the need for child trafficking victim wit-  
 18 nesses.”.

19 **SEC. 4. ADDITIONAL USES FOR VICTIM-CENTERED CHILD**  
 20 **HUMAN TRAFFICKING DETERRENCE BLOCK**  
 21 **GRANT.**

22 Section 203(b)(1) of the Trafficking Victims Protec-  
 23 tion Reauthorization Act of 2005 (34 U.S.C. 20703(b)(1))  
 24 is amended—

1           (1) in subparagraph (D), by striking “and” at  
2 the end;

3           (2) in subparagraph (E), by adding “and” at  
4 the end; and

5           (3) by adding at the end the following:

6           “(F) strengthen protections for child traf-  
7 ficking victims testifying against human traf-  
8 fickers, including training to minimize the need  
9 for child trafficking victim witnesses.”.

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