

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2367

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received

AN ACT

To reauthorize a comprehensive program of support for
victims of torture.

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 “Torture Victims Relief
3 Reauthorization Act of 1999”.

4 **SEC. 2. FOREIGN TREATMENT CENTERS FOR VICTIMS OF**
5 **TORTURE.**

6 (a) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—Of the
7 amounts authorized to be appropriated for fiscal years
8 2001, 2002, and 2003 pursuant to chapter 1 of part I
9 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, there are author-
10 ized to be appropriated to the President \$10,000,000 for
11 fiscal year 2001, \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2002, and
12 \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2003 to carry out section 130
13 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

14 (b) **AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.**—Amounts appro-
15 priated pursuant to this section shall remain available
16 until expended.

17 **SEC. 3. DOMESTIC TREATMENT CENTERS FOR VICTIMS OF**
18 **TORTURE.**

19 (a) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—Of the
20 amounts authorized to be appropriated for the Depart-
21 ment of Health and Human Services for fiscal years 2001,
22 2002, and 2003, there are authorized to be appropriated
23 to carry out subsection (a) of section 5 of the Torture Vic-
24 tims Relief Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 2152) \$10,000,000
25 for fiscal year 2001, \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2002, and
26 \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2003.

1 (b) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts appro-
2 priated pursuant to this section shall remain available
3 until expended.

4 **SEC. 4. MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE.**

5 (a) FUNDING.—Of the amounts authorized to be ap-
6 propriated for fiscal years 2001, 2002, and 2003 for “Vol-
7 untary Contributions to International Organizations” pur-
8 suant to chapter 3 of part I of the Foreign Assistance
9 Act of 1961, there are authorized to be appropriated for
10 a United States contribution to the United Nations Vol-
11 untary Fund for Victims of Torture (in this section re-
12 ferred to as the “Fund”) the following amounts for the
13 following fiscal years:

14 (1) FISCAL YEAR 2001.—For fiscal year 2001,
15 \$5,000,000.

16 (2) FISCAL YEAR 2002.—For fiscal year 2002,
17 \$5,000,000.

18 (3) FISCAL YEAR 2003.—For fiscal year 2003,
19 \$5,000,000.

20 (b) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts appro-
21 priated pursuant to subsection (a) shall remain available
22 until expended.

23 (c) SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the
24 Congress that the President, acting through the United

1 States Permanent Representative to the United Nations,
2 should—

3 (1) request the Fund—

4 (A) to find new ways to support and pro-
5 tect treatment centers and programs that are
6 carrying out rehabilitative services for victims
7 of torture; and

8 (B) to encourage the development of new
9 such centers and programs;

10 (2) use the voice and vote of the United States
11 to support the work of the Special Rapporteur on
12 Torture and the Committee Against Torture estab-
13 lished under the Convention Against Torture and
14 Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or
15 Punishment; and

16 (3) use the voice and vote of the United States
17 to establish a country rapporteur or similar proce-
18 dural mechanism to investigate human rights viola-
19 tions in a country if either the Special Rapporteur
20 or the Committee Against Torture indicates that a
21 systematic practice of torture is prevalent in that
22 country.

23 **SEC. 5. REPORTING REQUIREMENT.**

24 Not later than 90 days after the enactment of this
25 Act, the Secretary of State shall submit a report to the

1 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the
2 Committee on International Relations of the House of
3 Representatives on the specialized training for foreign
4 service officers required by section 7 of the Torture Vic-
5 tims Relief Act of 1998 (Public Law 105–320). The Re-
6 port shall include detailed information regarding—

7 (1) efforts by the Department of State to imple-
8 ment the specialized training requirement;

9 (2) the curriculum that is being used in the
10 specialized training;

11 (3) the number of foreign service officers who
12 have received the specialized training as of the date
13 of the Report; and

14 (4) the nongovernmental organizations that
15 have been involved in the development of the special-
16 ized training curriculum or in providing the special-
17 ized training, and the nature and extent of that in-
18 volvement.

19 **SEC. 6. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS RELATING TO THE SEC-**
20 **OND SECTION 129 OF THE FOREIGN ASSIST-**
21 **ANCE ACT OF 1961.**

22 (a) AMENDMENT TO FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF
23 1961.—The second section 129 of the Foreign Assistance
24 Act of 1961, as added by section 4(a) of the Torture Vic-

1 tims Relief Act of 1998 (Public Law 105–320), is redesign-
2 nated as section 130.

3 (b) AMENDMENT TO TORTURE VICTIMS RELIEF ACT
4 OF 1998.—Section 4(b)(1) of the Torture Victims Relief
5 Act of 1998 is amended by striking “section 129 of the
6 Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as added by subsection
7 (a)” and inserting “section 130 of the Foreign Assistance
8 Act of 1961 (as redesignated by section 6(a) of the Tor-
9 ture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act of 1999)”.

Passed the House of Representatives September 21,
1999.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk.