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To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to train Department of Homeland Security personnel how to effectively deter, detect, disrupt, and prevent human trafficking during the course of their primary roles and responsibilities, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WALKER (for himself, Mr. McCAUL, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. KATKO, Mrs. WAGNER, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mr. ADERHOLT, and Mr. PITTENGER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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 direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to train Department of Homeland Security personnel how to effectively deter, detect, disrupt, and prevent human trafficking during the course of their primary roles and responsibilities, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Human Trafficking
3 Detection Act of 2015”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) DEPARTMENT.—The term “Department”
7 means the Department of Homeland Security.

8 (2) HUMAN TRAFFICKING.—The term “human
9 trafficking” means an act or practice described in
10 paragraph (9) or (10) of section 103 of the Traf-
11 ficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C.
12 7102).

13 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
14 the Secretary of Homeland Security.

15 **SEC. 3. TRAINING FOR DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL TO IDEN-
16 TIFY HUMAN TRAFFICKING.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
18 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall imple-
19 ment a program to—

20 (1) train and periodically retrain relevant
21 Transportation Security Administration, U.S. Cus-
22 toms and Border Protection, and other Department
23 personnel that the Secretary considers appropriate,
24 how to effectively deter, detect, and disrupt human
25 trafficking, and, where appropriate, interdict a sus-
26 pected perpetrator of human trafficking, during the

1 course of their primary roles and responsibilities;
2 and

3 (2) ensure that the personnel referred to in
4 paragraph (1) regularly receive current information
5 on matters related to the detection of human traf-
6 ficking, including information that becomes available
7 outside of the Department's initial or periodic re-
8 training schedule, to the extent relevant to their offi-
9 cial duties and consistent with applicable informa-
10 tion and privacy laws.

11 (b) TRAINING DESCRIBED.—The training referred to
12 in subsection (a) may be conducted through in-class or
13 virtual learning capabilities, and shall include—

14 (1) methods for identifying suspected victims of
15 human trafficking and, where appropriate, perpetra-
16 tors of human trafficking;

17 (2) for appropriate personnel, methods to ap-
18 proach a suspected victim of human trafficking,
19 where appropriate, in a manner that is sensitive to
20 the suspected victim and is not likely to alert a sus-
21 pected perpetrator of human trafficking;

22 (3) training that is most appropriate for a par-
23 ticular location or environment in which the per-
24 sonnel receiving such training perform their official
25 duties;

1 (4) other topics determined by the Secretary to
2 be appropriate; and

3 (5) a post-training evaluation for personnel re-
4 ceiving the training.

5 (c) TRAINING CURRICULUM REVIEW.—The Secretary
6 shall annually reassess the training program established
7 under subsection (a) to ensure it is consistent with current
8 techniques, patterns, and trends associated with human
9 trafficking.

10 **SEC. 4. CERTIFICATION AND REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

11 (a) CERTIFICATION.—Not later than one year after
12 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall
13 certify to the appropriate congressional committees that
14 all personnel referred to in section 3(a) have successfully
15 completed the training required under that section.

16 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than one year
17 after the date of the enactment of this Act and annually
18 thereafter, the Secretary shall report to the appropriate
19 congressional committees the overall effectiveness of the
20 program required by this Act, the number of cases re-
21 ported by Department personnel in which human traf-
22 ficking was suspected and, of those cases, the number of
23 cases that were confirmed cases of such trafficking.

1 **SEC. 5. ASSISTANCE TO NON-FEDERAL ENTITIES.**

2 The Secretary may provide training curricula to any
3 State, local, or tribal government or private organization
4 to assist such entity in establishing its program of training
5 to identify human trafficking, upon request from such en-
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