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To require a report on detainees in the custody of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), and for other purposes.

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Mr. VASQUEZ (for himself, Ms. BUDZINSKI, and Mr. VARGAS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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

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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 “Humane Account-
5 ability Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORTS RELATING TO CERTAIN DETAINEES.**

2 (a) INFORMATION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 30
3 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
4 retary of Homeland Security shall submit to Congress a
5 report containing information relating to the following:

6 (1) The number of U.S. Customs and Border
7 Protection (CBP) and U.S. Immigration and Cus-
8 toms Enforcement (ICE) encounters that have oc-
9 curred since January 21, 2025, that have resulted in
10 the detention of a noncitizen, including the names
11 and nationalities of the individuals affected and an
12 identification of the legal or other authority under
13 which each such detention occurred.

14 (2) The number of CBP and ICE encounters
15 that have occurred since January 21, 2025, at sen-
16 sitive or protected locations, including schools, places
17 of worship, hospitals, child care centers, courthouses,
18 and other locations where minor children may be
19 present.

20 (3) The total number of removals that have oc-
21 curred since January 21, 2025, including the names,
22 nationalities, and alien numbers of the individuals
23 affected, an identification of the legal or other au-
24 thority under which each such removal occurred, and
25 an identification of the countries to which such indi-
26 viduals were removed.

1 (4) The names and nationalities of any nonciti-
2 zens who have been removed to the Terrorism Con-
3 finement Center (CECOT) in El Salvador or to
4 Guantanamo Bay, including those who were not sub-
5 ject to a final order of removal.

6 (b) REPORT ON DHS AND HHS DETAINEES.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after
8 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
9 of Homeland Security and the Secretary of Health
10 and Human Services shall jointly submit to Con-
11 gress and the Comptroller General of the United
12 States a report regarding detainees in the custody of
13 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), U.S.
14 Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), or
15 the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), as the
16 case may be. Such report shall include information
17 relating to the following:

18 (A) All instances of assault or abuse
19 against detainees while in custody either by an
20 officer, staff, or other detainee that requires
21 medical attention.

22 (B) All reports of sexual assault on detain-
23 ees while in custody, as well as any findings
24 from subsequent investigations into each such
25 assault.

1 (C) All reports of instances of local law en-
2 forcement being called to a facility, including
3 emergency responders.

4 (D) All reports of instances in which a de-
5 tainee was transferred from a facility for med-
6 ical care requiring overnight hospitalization.

7 (E) All instances of detainee deaths while
8 in custody.

9 (F) The frequency and topic of complaints
10 submitted to authorities at detention centers by
11 detainees or their families regarding abuse, sex-
12 ual assault, staff neglect, staff retaliation, lack
13 of proper resources or amenities, or deaths, as
14 well as any action taken by such authorities to
15 address and remedy such complaints.

16 (G) The frequency of complaints submitted
17 by detainees or their families relating to lack of
18 access to legal counsel as well as any action
19 taken by such authority to address and remedy
20 such complaints.

21 (2) GAO RECOMMENDATIONS.—Not later than
22 90 days after receipt of the report required under
23 paragraph (1), the Comptroller General of the
24 United States shall submit to Congress a list of rec-
25 ommendations to address the instances, reports, and

1 complaints included in such report, as well as addi-
2 tional recommendations relating to the following:

3 (A) The effects of closures of the United
4 States Citizenship and Immigration Services
5 (USCIS) Ombudsman, the Office for Civil
6 Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL) of the De-
7 partment of Homeland Security, and the Immi-
8 gration Detention Ombudsman (OIDO) of the
9 Department of Homeland Security on the abil-
10 ity to file reports of assaults, abuse, or im-
11 proper actions against those in the custody of
12 the Department of Homeland Security or the
13 Department of Health and Human Services, as
14 the case may be.

15 (B) Ensuring compliance with all applica-
16 ble legal visitation and access requirements.

17 (C) Ensuring the Offices of the Inspectors
18 General or the Department of Homeland Secu-
19 rity and the Department of Health and Human
20 Services increase regular reviews of detention
21 facilities and compliance with all applicable due
22 process and civil rights protections.

23 (D) Improving the process for tracking the
24 location of detainees while in custody, including
25 making publicly available information related to

1 current location of such detainees, all transfers
2 to facilities operated or controlled by the De-
3 partment of Homeland Security or the Office of
4 Refugee Resettlement of the Department of
5 Health and Human Services, as the case may
6 be, throughout the entirety of the relevant re-
7 moval process, and ensuring the ICE Online
8 Detainee Locator System reflects the final repa-
9 triation location for individuals who have been
10 removed.

11 (c) NOTICE RELATING TO DETENTION AT NON-TRA-
12 DITION LOCATIONS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days be-
14 fore the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Sec-
15 retary of Health and Human Services plans to uti-
16 lize a non-traditional location described in paragraph
17 (3) for the detention of a detainee (including a non-
18 citizen minor or family unit) in the custody of U.S.
19 Customs and Border Protection (CBP), U.S. Immi-
20 gration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), or the Of-
21 fice of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) of the Depart-
22 ment of Health and Human Services, as the case
23 may be, the Secretary of Homeland Security or the
24 Secretary of Health and Human Services, as appro-
25 priate, shall, in coordination with the Attorney Gen-

1 eral, the Secretary of Defense, and the head of any
2 other relevant Federal department or agency, submit
3 to Congress a notification regarding such plans.

4 (2) ELEMENTS.—A notification under para-
5 graph (1) shall also include information relating to
6 the following:

7 (A) The type and specific location for the
8 nontraditional detention location.

9 (B) A justification for utilization.

10 (C) The number of detention beds that will
11 be utilized.

12 (D) Details of efforts to ensure compliance
13 with all reporting, access, and due process re-
14 quirements.

15 (E) A copy of detention standard of care
16 that will be applied, including facilitation of ac-
17 cess to medical services.

18 (F) A timeline, estimated costs, budget,
19 and utilized funds.

20 (G) A copy of any agreements for use of
21 the nontraditional location, including a record
22 of any funding or proposed payments.

23 (3) NON-TRADITIONAL LOCATIONS DE-
24 SCRIBED.—A non-traditional location described in
25 this paragraph is any of the following:

1 (A) Any building, grounds, or property
2 under the jurisdiction, custody, or control of the
3 Department of Defense.

4 (B) Any building, grounds, or property lo-
5 cated on Indian lands (as such term is defined
6 in section 502.12 of title 25, Code of Federal
7 Regulations).

8 (C) Any lands outside the external bound-
9 ary of the continental United States.

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