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To modify the responsibilities of the Coordinator for Afghan Relocation Efforts, and for other purposes.

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Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE (for herself, Mr. LAWLER, Ms. TITUS, Mr. McCAUL, Mr. PETERS, Mr. BERA, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. STANTON, Ms. NORTON, Ms. McBRIDE, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. KEATING, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, and Ms. JOHNSON of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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 modify the responsibilities of the Coordinator for Afghan Relocation Efforts, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Enduring Welcome Act
5 of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) The Enduring Welcome program is the
4 safest, most secure legal immigration pathway to the
5 United States.

6 (2) The resettlement of Afghan allies in the
7 Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) and the United States
8 Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP) P1/P2 pipe-
9 lines is critical to upholding United States credibility
10 and incentivizing future support for United States
11 servicemembers.

12 (3) Failing to reunite active-duty United States
13 military personnel and veterans with their Afghan
14 family members in the Afghan relocation pipeline is
15 harmful to the United States servicemember commu-
16 nity.

17 (4) A review conducted by Department of Jus-
18 tice's Office of Inspector General released on June
19 10, 2025, concluded that the process for vetting ap-
20 plicants for Afghan SIVs is rigorous and effective in
21 protecting United States national security.

22 (5) The permanent authorization of the Coordi-
23 nator for Afghan Relocation Efforts (CARE) under
24 section 7810 of the Servicemember Quality of Life
25 Improvement and National Defense Authorization
26 Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159) re-

1 flects a bipartisan commitment to fulfilling wartime
 2 promises and ensuring accountability in United
 3 States relocation policy.

4 **SEC. 3. OFFICE OF THE COORDINATOR FOR AFGHAN RELO-**
 5 **CATION EFFORTS.**

6 Section 7810 of the Servicemember Quality of Life
 7 Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for
 8 Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a)—

10 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking
 11 “OF COORDINATOR”; and

12 (B) in the matter preceding paragraph
 13 (1)—

14 (i) by inserting before “The Sec-
 15 retary” the following: “The Secretary shall
 16 establish an Office of the Coordinator for
 17 Afghan Relocation Efforts in the Depart-
 18 ment of State.”; and

19 (ii) by inserting before “who shall be
 20 responsible for” the following: “who shall
 21 be the head of the Office of the Coordi-
 22 nator for Afghan Relocation Efforts, and”;

23 (2) by redesignating subsections (c), (d), and
 24 (e) as subsections (d), (e), and (f), respectively; and

1 (3) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(c) ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Coordi-
4 nator shall be responsible for—

5 “(1) supporting the voluntary departure of cov-
6 ered persons who request assistance departing Af-
7 ghanistan;

8 “(2) leading coordination of interagency efforts
9 relating to vetting, security screening, and case proc-
10 essing of eligible Afghan allies in the Department of
11 State, in coordination with the Department of
12 Homeland Security and the Department of Defense;

13 “(3) facilitating relocation and resettlement lo-
14 gistics in coordination with resettlement support
15 centers and United States-based resettlement agen-
16 cies;

17 “(4) addressing family reunification barriers,
18 including cases involving United States active-duty
19 servicemembers and veterans;

20 “(5) coordinating integration support, including
21 trauma recovery and medical care, with other Fed-
22 eral agencies;

23 “(6) maintaining and analyzing a centralized,
24 secure database of Afghan applicants, beneficiaries,

1 and relocated individuals to inform operations and
2 ensure transparency; and

3 “(7) providing timely information to Congress
4 on the status of Afghan relocation efforts and
5 progress made under this mandate.”.

6 **SEC. 4. COLLECTION OF INFORMATION AND DATABASE.**

7 (a) COLLECTION OF INFORMATION.—The Coordi-
8 nator shall collect information on Afghan applicants, bene-
9 ficiaries, and relocated individuals to inform operations
10 and ensure transparency, including—

11 (1) the number of Afghan nationals pursuing
12 admission to the United States as a special immi-
13 grant under section 602 of the Afghan Allies Protec-
14 tion Act of 2009 (8 U.S.C. 1101 note), as a refugee
15 under section 207 of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1157)
16 (whether as priority one or priority 2), or as a pa-
17 rolee under section 212(d)(5)(A) of such Act (8
18 U.S.C. 1182(d)(5)(A)), disaggregated by whether
19 they are in Afghanistan, the United States, or a
20 third country;

21 (2) the number of family reunification cases
22 pending, approved, and completed;

23 (3) the average time between application, vet-
24 ting, relocation, and resettlement;

1 (4) the number of individuals who have been
2 denied or administratively closed out, and the reason
3 for such actions;

4 (5) the number of active-duty United States
5 military and veteran-linked cases involving family
6 separation; and

7 (6) such other information as the Secretary of
8 State or Coordinator for Afghan Relocation Efforts
9 may prescribe.

10 (b) DATABASE.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall
12 establish and maintain a secure, centralized data-
13 base to maintain the information collected pursuant
14 to subsection (a).

15 (2) FORM.—The information in the database
16 established pursuant to this subsection may be in
17 classified form to the extent necessary but such in-
18 formation shall be usable for operational reporting,
19 oversight, coordination across relevant Federal de-
20 partments and agencies, and regular reporting to
21 Congress.

22 (3) REPORT.—Beginning on the date that is 30
23 days after the date on which the database required
24 by this subsection is established, and every 90 days
25 thereafter, the Secretary of State shall submit to the

1 appropriate congressional committees a report on
2 the status of each metric with respect to information
3 that is being collected pursuant to subsection (a).

4 (c) NOTIFICATION.—Beginning on and after the date
5 specified in section 7(a), the Secretary of State shall con-
6 tinue to maintain this database required by this section
7 unless the Secretary, with prior consultation with the ap-
8 propriate congressional committees, provides notification
9 to the appropriate congressional committees that shall in-
10 clude—

11 (1) the number of covered persons with pending
12 relocation cases or appeals before the United States
13 Government; and

14 (2) the estimated population of eligible covered
15 persons which remains to be resettled.

16 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

17 In this Act:

18 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
19 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
20 mittees” means—

21 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
22 the House of Representatives; and

23 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
24 the Senate.

1 (2) COORDINATOR.—The term “Coordinator”
2 means the Coordinator for Afghan Relocation Ef-
3 forts appointed pursuant to section 3(a).

4 (3) COVERED PERSON.—The term “covered
5 person” means—

6 (A) a United States citizen;

7 (B) an immediate relative (as such term is
8 described in section 201(b) of the Immigration
9 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1151)) with re-
10 spect to whom a petition has been approved and
11 all required documents have been received;

12 (C) an alien who has been admitted to the
13 United States as a lawful permanent resident;

14 (D) a spouse or unmarried child under the
15 age of 21 of an alien described in subparagraph
16 (C) with respect to whom a petition has been
17 approved, all required documents have been re-
18 ceived, and who has a current priority date as
19 of the date on which the individual seeks assist-
20 ance from the Coordinator;

21 (E) a principal applicant for special immi-
22 grant status under section 602 of the Afghan
23 Allies Protection Act of 2009 (8 U.S.C. 1101
24 note);

1 (F) a spouse or unmarried child under the
2 age of 21 of an alien described in subparagraph
3 (E) who has been issued a visa or with respect
4 to whom the Chief of Mission has approved
5 their application, and with respect to whom all
6 documents have been received;

7 (G) an alien who has been approved to be
8 admitted to the United States as a refugee or
9 spouse or unmarried child under the age of 21
10 (as of August 14, 2021) of such an alien;

11 (H) a spouse or an unmarried child under
12 the age of 21 of an alien admitted to the
13 United States pursuant to the Operations Allies
14 Welcome program (or any successor program);
15 or

16 (I) the primary caregiver of a surviving
17 child described in section 602(b)(2)(C) of the
18 Afghan Allies Protection Act of 2009 (8 U.S.C.
19 1101 note), or a spouse or an unmarried child
20 under the age of 21 of such a primary care-
21 giver.

22 **SEC. 6. SUNSET.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in section
24 4(c), this Act and the authorities provided by this Act

1 shall terminate on the date that is 5 years after the date
2 of the enactment of this Act.

3 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection (f) of
4 section 7810 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Im-
5 provement and National Defense Authorization Act for
6 Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159), as redesignated
7 by section 3, is amended by striking “3” and inserting
8 “5”.

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