

113TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5253

To amend the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 to require consultation with States before awarding grants or contracts for housing facilities for unaccompanied alien children.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 29, 2014

Mr. SENSENBRENNER (for himself, Mr. TURNER, Mr. COLE, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. ROONEY, Mrs. BLACK, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. COBLE, and Mr. WOMACK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “UAC State Authority
5 Act of 2014”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING CONSULTATION WITH STATE AND**
2 **LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS AND A PUBLIC**
3 **HEARING BEFORE AWARDING GRANTS OR**
4 **CONTRACTS FOR HOUSING FACILITIES FOR**
5 **UNACCOMPANIED ALIEN CHILDREN.**

6 Section 235(i) of the William Wilberforce Trafficking
7 Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 (8 U.S.C.
8 1232(i)) is amended by adding at the end the following:
9 “Before awarding any grant or contract under this sub-
10 section that provides for housing of unaccompanied alien
11 children, the Secretary shall—

12 “(1) consult with State elected officials and
13 agencies regarding the location of the facility as well
14 as the duration of the award and the safety, secu-
15 rity, and funding of the facility;

16 “(2) conduct a public hearing, no earlier than
17 90 days after the announcement of a potential loca-
18 tion for such facility, for which—

19 “(A) advance public notice has been pro-
20 vided, in mediums available for general circula-
21 tion in the proposed jurisdiction, at least 10
22 days before the date of the hearing; and

23 “(B) a representative of the Department of
24 Health and Human Services is in attendance in
25 an official capacity for the purpose of receiving
26 public comments; and

1 “(3) provide for a 10-day period, beginning
2 after the conclusion of the 90-day notification period
3 described in paragraph (2), during which the gov-
4 ernor of the State in which the facility would be lo-
5 cated may submit to the Secretary an objection to
6 the contract, which, if timely submitted, shall pre-
7 clude the Secretary from awarding the grant or con-
8 tract.”.

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