

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 906

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 28, 2013

Mr. CARTER (for himself, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. BLUMENAUER, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Human Trafficking
3 Reporting Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds the following:

6 (1) Human trafficking is a form of modern-day
7 slavery.

8 (2) According to the Trafficking Victims Pro-
9 tection Act of 2000 “severe forms of trafficking in
10 persons” means—

11 (A) sex trafficking in which a commercial
12 sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion,
13 or in which the person induced to perform such
14 act has not attained 18 years of age; or

15 (B) the recruitment, harboring, transpor-
16 tation, provision, or obtaining of a person for
17 labor or services, through the use of force,
18 fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection
19 to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage,
20 or slavery.

21 (3) There is an acute need for better data col-
22 lection of incidents of human trafficking across the
23 United States in order to effectively combat severe
24 forms of trafficking in persons.

25 (4) The State Department’s 2011 Trafficking
26 in Persons report found that—

1 (A) the United States is a “source, transit
2 and destination country for men, women, and
3 children, subjected to forced labor, debt bond-
4 age, domestic servitude and sex trafficking,”;
5 and

6 (B) the United States needs to “improve
7 data collection on human trafficking cases at
8 the federal, state and local levels”.

9 (5) The International Organization for Migra-
10 tion has reported that in order to effectively combat
11 human trafficking there must be reliable and stand-
12 ardized data, however, the following barriers for
13 data collection exist:

14 (A) The illicit and underground nature of
15 human trafficking.

16 (B) The reluctance of victims to share in-
17 formation with authorities.

18 (C) Insufficient human trafficking data
19 collection and research efforts by governments
20 world-wide.

21 (6) A 2009 report to the Department of Health
22 and Human Services entitled Human Trafficking
23 Into and Within the United States: A Review of the
24 Literature found that “the data and methodologies
25 for estimating the prevalence of human trafficking

globally and nationally are not well developed, and therefore estimates have varied widely and changed significantly over time”.

(7) The Federal Bureau of Investigation compiles national crime statistics through the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

(8) Under current law, State and local governments receiving Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance grants are required to share data on part 1 violent crimes with the Federal Bureau of Investigation for inclusion in the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

(9) The addition of severe forms of trafficking in persons to the definition of part 1 violent crimes will ensure that statistics on this heinous crime will be compiled and available through the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Uniform Crime Report.

**SEC. 3. HUMAN TRAFFICKING TO BE INCLUDED IN PART 1
VIOLENT CRIMES FOR PURPOSES OF BYRNE
GRANTS.**

Section 505 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3755) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(i) PART 1 VIOLENT CRIMES TO INCLUDE HUMAN TRAFFICKING.—For purposes of this section, the term

1 ‘part 1 violent crimes’ shall include severe forms of traf-
2 ficking in persons, as defined in section 103(8) of the
3 Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000.’’.

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