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S. 2941

To combat human trafficking.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 19, 2014

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. PORTMAN) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To combat human trafficking.

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 “Combat Human Traf-
5 ficking Act of 2014”.

6 **SEC. 2. REDUCING DEMAND FOR SEX TRAFFICKING; LOWER**

7 **MENS REA FOR SEX TRAFFICKING OF UNDER-**

8 **AGE VICTIMS.**

9 (a) CLARIFICATION OF RANGE OF CONDUCT PUN-
10 IShed AS SEX TRAFFICKING.—Section 1591 of title 18,
11 United States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “or main-
2 tains” and inserting “maintains, patronizes, or solie-
3 its”;

4 (2) in subsection (b)—

5 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “or ob-
6 tained” and inserting “obtained, patronized, or
7 solicited”; and

8 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “or ob-
9 tained” and inserting “obtained, patronized, or
10 solicited”; and

11 (3) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the
12 following:

13 “(c) In a prosecution under subsection (a)(1), the
14 Government need not prove that the defendant knew, or
15 recklessly disregarded the fact, that the person recruited,
16 enticed, harbored, transported, provided, obtained, main-
17 tained, patronized, or solicited had not attained the age
18 of 18 years.”.

19 (b) DEFINITION AMENDED.—Section 103(10) of the
20 Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C.
21 7102(10)) is amended by striking “or obtaining” and in-
22 serting “obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting”.

23 (c) MINIMUM PERIOD OF SUPERVISED RELEASE FOR
24 CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT COMMERCIAL CHILD SEX TRAF-

1 FICKING.—Section 3583(k) of title 18, United States
 2 Code, is amended by inserting “1594(c),” after “1591,”.

3 **SEC. 3. BUREAU OF JUSTICE STATISTICS REPORT ON**
 4 **STATE ENFORCEMENT OF SEX TRAFFICKING**
 5 **PROHIBITIONS.**

6 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

7 (1) the terms “commercial sex act”, “severe
 8 forms of trafficking in persons”, “State”, and “Task
 9 Force” have the meanings given those terms in sec-
 10 tion 103 of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act
 11 of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7102);

12 (2) the term “covered offense” means the provi-
 13 sion, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a com-
 14 mercial sex act involving a person subject to severe
 15 forms of trafficking in persons; and

16 (3) the term “State law enforcement officer”
 17 means any officer, agent, or employee of a State au-
 18 thorized by law or by a State government agency to
 19 engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, in-
 20 vestigation, or prosecution of any violation of crimi-
 21 nal law.

22 (b) REPORT.—The Director of the Bureau of Justice
 23 Statistics shall—

24 (1) prepare an annual report on—

25 (A) the rates of—

1 (i) arrest of individuals by State law
2 enforcement officers for a covered offense;

3 (ii) prosecution (including specific
4 charges) of individuals in State court sys-
5 tems for a covered offense; and

6 (iii) conviction of individuals in State
7 court systems for a covered offense; and

8 (B) sentences imposed on individuals con-
9 victed in State court systems for a covered of-
10 fense; and

11 (2) submit the annual report prepared under
12 paragraph (1) to—

13 (A) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
14 House of Representatives;

15 (B) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
16 Senate;

17 (C) the Task Force;

18 (D) the Senior Policy Operating Group es-
19 tablished under section 105(g) of the Traf-
20 ficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22
21 U.S.C. 7103(g)); and

22 (E) the Attorney General.

23 **SEC. 4. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TRAINING AND POLICY.**

24 (a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section—

1 (1) the terms “commercial sex act”, “severe
2 forms of trafficking in persons”, and “State” have
3 the meanings given those terms in section 103 of the
4 Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22
5 U.S.C. 7102);

6 (2) the term “Federal law enforcement officer”
7 has the meaning given the term in section 115 of
8 title 18, United States Code;

9 (3) the term “local law enforcement officer”
10 means any officer, agent, or employee of a unit of
11 local government authorized by law or by a local
12 government agency to engage in or supervise the
13 prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of
14 any violation of criminal law; and

15 (4) the term “State law enforcement officer”
16 means any officer, agent, or employee of a State au-
17 thorized by law or by a State government agency to
18 engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, in-
19 vestigation, or prosecution of any violation of crimi-
20 nal law.

21 (b) TRAINING.—The Attorney General shall ensure
22 that each anti-human trafficking program operated by the
23 Department of Justice, including each anti-human traf-
24 ficking training program for Federal, State, or local law
25 enforcement officers, includes technical training on effec-

1 tive methods for investigating and prosecuting individuals
 2 who obtain, patronize, or solicit a commercial sex act in-
 3 volving a person subject to severe forms of trafficking in
 4 persons.

5 (c) POLICY FOR FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OF-
 6 FICERS.—The Attorney General shall ensure that Federal
 7 law enforcement officers are engaged in activities, pro-
 8 grams, or operations involving the detection, investigation,
 9 and prosecution of individuals described in subsection (b).

10 **SEC. 5. WIRETAP AUTHORITY FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING**
 11 **VIOLATIONS.**

12 Section 2516 of title 18, United States Code, is
 13 amended—

14 (1) in paragraph (1)(c)—

15 (A) by inserting before “section 1591” the
 16 following: “section 1581 (peonage), section
 17 1584 (involuntary servitude), section 1589
 18 (forced labor), section 1590 (trafficking with re-
 19 spect to peonage, slavery, involuntary servitude,
 20 or forced labor),”; and

21 (B) by inserting before “section 1751” the
 22 following: “section 1592 (unlawful conduct with
 23 respect to documents in furtherance of traf-
 24 ficking, peonage, slavery, involuntary servitude,
 25 or forced labor),”; and

1 (2) in paragraph (2), by inserting “human traf-
 2 ficking, child sexual exploitation, child pornography
 3 production,” after “kidnapping,”.

4 **SEC. 6. STRENGTHENING CRIME VICTIMS’ RIGHTS.**

5 (a) NOTIFICATION OF PLEA AGREEMENT OR OTHER
 6 AGREEMENT.—Section 3771(a) of title 18, United States
 7 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

8 “(9) The right to be informed in a timely man-
 9 ner of any plea agreement or deferred prosecution
 10 agreement.”.

11 (b) APPELLATE REVIEW OF PETITIONS RELATING
 12 TO CRIME VICTIMS’ RIGHTS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 3771(d)(3) of title
 14 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting
 15 after the fifth sentence the following: “In deciding
 16 such application, the court of appeals shall apply or-
 17 dinary standards of appellate review.”.

18 (2) APPLICATION.—The amendment made by
 19 paragraph (1) shall apply with respect to any peti-
 20 tion for a writ of mandamus filed under section
 21 3771(d)(3) of title 18, United States Code, that is
 22 pending on the date of enactment of this Act.

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