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To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to ensure that the needs of children are considered in homeland security, trafficking, and disaster recovery planning, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

Mr. DAINES (for himself, Ms. HASSAN, and Mrs. MCCASKILL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

JANUARY 30, 2018

Reported by Mr. JOHNSON, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

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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 “Homeland Security
3 for Children Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR**
5 **STRATEGY, POLICY, AND PLANS.**

6 Section 709(c)(6) of the Homeland Security Act of
7 2002 (6 U.S.C. 349(c)(6)) is amended by inserting “, in-
8 cluding feedback from organizations representing the
9 needs of children,” after “stakeholder feedback”.

10 **SEC. 3. TECHNICAL EXPERT AUTHORIZED.**

11 Section 503(b)(2) of the Homeland Security Act of
12 2002 (6 U.S.C. 313(b)(2)) is amended—

13 (1) in subparagraph (G), by striking “and” at
14 the end;

15 (2) in subparagraph (H), by striking the period
16 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

17 (3) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(I) identify and integrate the needs of
19 children into activities to prepare for, protect
20 against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate
21 against the risk of natural disasters, acts of ter-
22 rorism, and other manmade disasters, including
23 catastrophic incidents, including by appointing
24 a technical expert, who may consult with rel-
25 evant outside organizations and experts, as nec-

1 essary, to coordinate such integration, as nec-
 2 essary.”.

3 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

4 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
 5 of this Act and annually thereafter for 4 years, the Under
 6 Secretary for Strategy, Policy, and Plans of the Depart-
 7 ment of Homeland Security shall submit to the Committee
 8 on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the
 9 Senate and the Committee on Homeland Security of the
 10 House of Representatives a report describing the efforts
 11 the Department has undertaken to review and incorporate
 12 feedback from organizations representing the needs of
 13 children into Department policy in accordance with para-
 14 graph (6) of section 709(e) of the Homeland Security Act
 15 of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 349(e)) (as added by section 2 of this
 16 Act), and the effect of that review and incorporation on
 17 the efforts of the Department to combat human traf-
 18 ficking and drug trafficking and respond to natural and
 19 manmade disasters, including information on the fol-
 20 lowing:

21 (1) The designation of any individual respon-
 22 sible for carrying out the duties under such para-
 23 graph (6).

24 (2) Any review, formal or informal, of Depart-
 25 ment policies, programs, or activities to assess the

1 suitability of the policies, programs, or activities for
 2 children and where feedback from organizations rep-
 3 resenting the needs of children should be reviewed
 4 and incorporated.

5 (3) Any review, change, modification, or pro-
 6 mulgation of Department policies, programs, or ac-
 7 tivities to ensure that the policies, programs, or ac-
 8 tivities are appropriate for children.

9 (4) Coordination with organizations or experts
 10 outside the Department, under such paragraph (6),
 11 conducted to inform any review, change, modifica-
 12 tion, or promulgation of policies, programs, or activi-
 13 ties described in paragraph (2) or (3) of this sub-
 14 section.

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2 *Section 504 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6*
3 *U.S.C. 314) is amended by adding at the end the following:*

4 *“(c) NEEDS OF CHILDREN.—In carrying out the re-*
5 *sponsibilities under this section, the Administrator shall*
6 *identify and integrate the needs of children into activities*
7 *to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from,*
8 *and mitigate against the risk of natural disasters, acts of*
9 *terrorism, and other manmade disasters, including cata-*
10 *strophic incidents, including by appointing a technical ex-*
11 *pert, who may consult with relevant outside organizations*
12 *and experts, as necessary, to coordinate such integration,*
13 *as necessary.”.*

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