

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 3597

To strengthen protections for child trafficking victims testifying against
human traffickers.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 11, 2018

Mr. HELLER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To strengthen protections for child trafficking victims
testifying against human traffickers.

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 “Protecting Child Traf-
5 ficking Victim Witnesses Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. VICTIM-CENTERED PROTOCOLS.**

7 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
8 ment of this Act, the Attorney General shall issue guid-
9 ance directing Federal prosecutors to institute victim-cen-

tered protocols to strengthen protections for child trafficking victims testifying against human traffickers.

SEC. 3. TRAINING FOR FEDERAL PROSECUTORS.

Subsection (c)(1)(B) of the Combat Human Trafficking Act of 2015 (42 U.S.C. 14044g(c)(1)(B)) is amended—

(1) by striking “training on seeking restitution” and inserting the following: “training on—

“(i) seeking restitution”;

(2) by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(ii) specific, victim-centered protocols to strengthen protections for child trafficking victims testifying against human traffickers, including training to minimize the need for child trafficking victim witnesses.”.

SEC. 4. ADDITIONAL USES FOR VICTIM-CENTERED CHILD HUMAN TRAFFICKING DETERRENCE BLOCK GRANT.

Section 203(b)(1) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2005 (34 U.S.C. 20703(b)(1)) is amended—

1 (1) in subparagraph (D), by striking “and” at
2 the end;

3 (2) in subparagraph (E), by adding “and” at
4 the end; and

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

6 “(F) strengthen protections for child traf-
7 ficking victims testifying against human traf-
8 fickers, including training to minimize the need
9 for child trafficking victim witnesses.”.

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