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To require U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to take into custody certain aliens who have been charged in the United States with a crime that resulted in the death or serious bodily injury of another person, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. ERNST (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. BUDD, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAINES, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. SHEEHY, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. ROUNDS, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MULLIN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, and Mr. HAWLEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Sarah’s Law”.

1 **SEC. 2. MANDATORY DETENTION OF CERTAIN ALIENS**
 2 **CHARGED WITH A CRIME RESULTING IN**
 3 **DEATH OR SERIOUS BODILY INJURY.**

4 Section 236(c) of the Immigration and Nationality
 5 Act (8 U.S.C. 1226(c)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1)—

7 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking the
 8 comma at the end and inserting a semicolon;

9 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the
 10 comma at the end and inserting a semicolon;

11 (C) in subparagraph (C)—

12 (i) by striking “sentence” and insert-
 13 ing “sentenced”; and

14 (ii) by striking “, or” and inserting a
 15 semicolon;

16 (D) in subparagraph (D), by striking the
 17 comma at the end and inserting “; or”; and

18 (E) by inserting after subparagraph (D)
 19 the following:

20 “(E)(i)(I) was not inspected and admitted
 21 into the United States;

22 “(II) held a nonimmigrant visa (or other
 23 documentation authorizing admission into the
 24 United States as a nonimmigrant) that has
 25 been revoked under section 221(i); or

1 “(III) is described in section
2 237(a)(1)(C)(i); and

3 “(ii) has been charged by a prosecuting au-
4 thority in the United States with any crime
5 that resulted in the death or serious bodily in-
6 jury (as defined in section 1365(h)(3) of title
7 18, United States Code) of another person,”;
8 and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(3) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—Upon en-
11 countering or gaining knowledge of an alien de-
12 scribed in paragraph (1), the Assistant Secretary of
13 Homeland Security for Immigration and Customs
14 Enforcement shall make reasonable efforts—

15 “(A) to obtain information from law en-
16 forcement agencies and from other available
17 sources regarding the identity of any victims of
18 the crimes for which such alien was charged or
19 convicted; and

20 “(B) to provide the victim or, if the victim
21 is deceased, a parent, guardian, spouse, or clos-
22 est living relative of such victim, with informa-
23 tion, on a timely and ongoing basis, including—

24 “(i) the alien’s full name, aliases, date
25 of birth, and country of nationality;

1 “(ii) the alien’s immigration status
2 and criminal history;

3 “(iii) the alien’s custody status and
4 any changes related to the alien’s custody;
5 and

6 “(iv) a description of any efforts by
7 the United States Government to remove
8 the alien from the United States.”.

9 **SEC. 3. SAVINGS PROVISION.**

10 Nothing in this Act, or the amendments made by this
11 Act, may be construed to limit the rights of crime victims
12 under any other provision of law, including section 3771
13 of title 18, United States Code.

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