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To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to train Department of Homeland Security personnel how to effectively deter, detect, disrupt, and prevent human trafficking during the course of their primary roles and responsibilities, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. JOHNSON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 the “Human Trafficking
5 Detection Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) DEPARTMENT.—The term “Department”
2 means the Department of Homeland Security.

3 (2) HUMAN TRAFFICKING.—The term “human
4 trafficking” means an act or practice described in
5 paragraph (9) or (10) of section 103 of the Traf-
6 ficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C.
7 7102).

8 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
9 the Secretary of Homeland Security.

10 **SEC. 3. TRAINING FOR DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL TO IDEN-**
11 **TIFY HUMAN TRAFFICKING.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
13 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall im-
14 plement a program—

15 (1) to train and periodically retrain relevant
16 Transportation Security Administration, U.S. Cus-
17 toms and Border Protection, and other Department
18 personnel that the Secretary considers appropriate,
19 on the best way—

20 (A) to effectively deter, detect, and disrupt
21 human trafficking; and

22 (B) to interdict a suspected perpetrator of
23 human trafficking during the course of their
24 primary roles and responsibilities; and

1 (2) to ensure that the personnel referred to in
2 paragraph (1) regularly receive current information
3 on matters related to the detection of human traf-
4 ficking, including information that becomes available
5 outside of the Department's initial or periodic re-
6 training schedule, to the extent relevant to their offi-
7 cial duties and consistent with applicable informa-
8 tion and privacy laws.

9 (b) TRAINING DESCRIBED.—The training referred to
10 in subsection (a) may be conducted through in-class or
11 virtual learning capabilities, and shall include—

12 (1) methods for identifying suspected victims of
13 human trafficking and, as appropriate, perpetrators
14 of human trafficking;

15 (2) for appropriate personnel, methods to ap-
16 proach a suspected victim of human trafficking, as
17 appropriate, in a manner that is sensitive to the sus-
18 pected victim and is not likely to alert a suspected
19 perpetrator of human trafficking;

20 (3) training that is most appropriate for a par-
21 ticular location or environment in which the per-
22 sonnel receiving such training perform their official
23 duties;

24 (4) other topics that the Secretary determines
25 to be appropriate; and

1 (5) a post-training evaluation for personnel re-
2 ceiving the training.

3 (c) TRAINING CURRICULUM REVIEW.—The Secretary
4 shall annually reassess the training program established
5 under this section to ensure that the program is consistent
6 with current techniques, patterns, and trends associated
7 with human trafficking.

8 **SEC. 4. CERTIFICATION AND REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

9 (a) CERTIFICATION.—Not later than 1 year after the
10 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall sub-
11 mit a certification to the appropriate congressional com-
12 mittees confirming that all the personnel referred to in
13 section 3(a) have successfully completed the training re-
14 quired under that section.

15 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 1 year
16 after the date of the enactment of this Act and annually
17 thereafter, the Secretary shall submit a report to the ap-
18 propriate congressional committees that—

19 (1) describes the overall effectiveness of the
20 program established pursuant to section 3;

21 (2) identifies the number of cases reported by
22 Department personnel in which human trafficking
23 was suspected; and

1 (3) identifies the number of cases identified
2 under paragraph (2) that were confirmed cases of
3 human trafficking.

4 **SEC. 5. ASSISTANCE TO NON-FEDERAL ENTITIES.**

5 Upon the request from any State, local, or tribal gov-
6 ernment or private organization, the Secretary may pro-
7 vide such entity with training curricula to assist such enti-
8 ty to establish a training program to identify human traf-
9 ficking.

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