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H. R. 5626

To amend the Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000 to require the Secretary of State to report on intercountry adoptions from countries which have significantly reduced adoption rates involving immigration to the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 26, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mrs. LAWRENCE, and Mr. LAMBORN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign 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 “Intercountry Adoption
5 Information Act of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN**
2 **ANNUAL REPORT ON INTERCOUNTRY ADOP-**
3 **TIONS.**

4 (a) REPORT ELEMENTS.—Section 104(b) of the
5 Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 14914(b))
6 is amended by adding at the end the following new para-
7 graphs:

8 “(9) A list of countries that established and
9 carried out a policy or law that, with respect to
10 adoptions involving immigration to the United
11 States, regardless of whether the adoptions occurred
12 under the Convention—

13 “(A) reduced the number of such adop-
14 tions; or

15 “(B) prevented or prohibited such adop-
16 tions.

17 “(10) Information on efforts taken with respect
18 to a country listed under paragraph (9) to encourage
19 the resumption of halted or stalled adoption pro-
20 ceedings involving immigration to the United States,
21 regardless of whether the adoptions would have oc-
22 curred under the Convention.”.

23 (b) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF REPORT.—Section 104
24 of the Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C.
25 14914) is amended by adding at the end the following new
26 subsection:

1 “(c) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF REPORT.—The Sec-
2 retary shall make the information contained in the report
3 required under subsection (a) available to the public on
4 the website of the Department of State.”.

5 (c) PRIVACY CONCERNS.—In complying with the
6 amendments made by subsections (a) and (b), the Sec-
7 retary shall avoid, to the maximum extent practicable, dis-
8 closing any personally identifiable information relating to
9 United States citizens or the adoptees of such citizens.

10 (d) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 104(a) of
11 the Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C.
12 14914(a)) is amended by striking “International Rela-
13 tions” and inserting “Foreign Affairs”.

14 (e) APPLICATION DATE.—The amendments made by
15 this section shall apply with respect to reports required
16 to be submitted under section 104 of the Intercountry
17 Adoption Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 14914) beginning on the
18 date that is 1 year after the date of enactment of this
19 Act.

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