

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1177

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 18, 2017

Mr. BLUNT introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. INCLUSION IN ANNUAL COUNTRY REPORTS ON**
 2 **HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES OF INFORMA-**
 3 **TION ON CHILDREN LIVING WITHOUT FAMI-**
 4 **LIES.**

5 Section 116(d) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961
 6 (22 U.S.C. 2151n(d)) is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (11)(C), by striking “and” at
 8 the end;

9 (2) in paragraph (12)(C)(ii), by striking the pe-
 10 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

12 “(13)(A) the institutionalization of children in
 13 orphanages and large and small group homes, when
 14 such institutionalization can be avoided by prompt-
 15 ly—

16 “(i) reunifying children with nurturing
 17 parents of origin; or

18 “(ii) placing them in adoptive homes in the
 19 country of origin or abroad; and

20 “(B) the related subjection of children to—

21 “(i) cruel, inhuman, or degrading treat-
 22 ment;

23 “(ii) unnecessary detention; or

24 “(iii) the denial of the right to life, liberty,
 25 and the security of persons.”.

1 **SEC. 2. DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2 This Act shall take effect on the date that is one year
3 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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