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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 12, 2017

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. THUNE, Mr. NELSON, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. HELLER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

AUGUST 3, 2017

Reported by Mr. THUNE, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italie*]

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2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

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11 and agencies of the Federal Government; and

12 (2) in coordinating such efforts, take into ac-
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14 trafficking within different transportation modes.

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16 **GRAM.**

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21 recognition, prevention, and reporting of human traf-
22 ficking, while deferring to existing resources, as prac-
23 ticable.”.

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 2 **NANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

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7 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (E) as sub-
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9 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (D) the fol-
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1 **SEC. 5. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANS-**
2 **PORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON**
3 **HUMAN TRAFFICKING.**

4 (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—*The Secretary shall establish*
5 *an advisory committee on human trafficking.*

6 (b) *MEMBERSHIP.*—

7 (1) *COMPOSITION.*—*The Committee shall be com-*
8 *posed of not more than 15 external stakeholder mem-*
9 *bers whose diverse experience and background enable*
10 *them to provide balanced points of view with regard*
11 *to carrying out the duties of the Committee.*

12 (2) *SELECTION.*—*The Secretary shall appoint*
13 *the external stakeholder members to the Committee,*
14 *including representatives from—*

15 (A) *trafficking advocacy organizations;*

16 (B) *law enforcement; and*

17 (C) *trucking, bus, rail, aviation, maritime,*
18 *and port sectors, including industry and labor.*

19 (3) *PERIODS OF APPOINTMENT.*—*Members shall*
20 *be appointed for the life of the Committee.*

21 (4) *VACANCIES.*—*A vacancy in the Committee*
22 *shall be filled in the manner in which the original*
23 *appointment was made and shall not affect the pow-*
24 *ers or duties of the Committee.*

25 (5) *COMPENSATION.*—*Committee members shall*
26 *serve without compensation.*

1 (c) *AUTHORITY.*—Not later than 9 months after the
2 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall establish
3 and appoint all members of the Committee.

4 (d) *DUTIES.*—

5 (1) *RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT*
6 *OF TRANSPORTATION.*—Not later than 18 months
7 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Committee
8 shall make recommendations to the Secretary on ac-
9 tions the Department can take to help combat human
10 trafficking, including the development and implemen-
11 tation of—

12 (A) *successful strategies for identifying and*
13 *reporting instances of human trafficking; and*

14 (B) *recommendations for administrative or*
15 *legislative changes necessary to use programs,*
16 *properties, or other resources owned, operated, or*
17 *funded by the Department to combat human*
18 *trafficking.*

19 (2) *BEST PRACTICES AND RECOMMENDATIONS.*—

20 (A) *IN GENERAL.*—The Committee shall de-
21 velop recommended best practices for States and
22 State and local transportation stakeholders to
23 follow in combating human trafficking.

1 (B) *DEVELOPMENT.*—*The best practices*
2 *shall be based on multidisciplinary research and*
3 *promising, evidence-based models and programs.*

4 (C) *CONTENT.*—*The best practices shall be*
5 *user-friendly, incorporate the most up-to-date*
6 *technology, and include the following:*

7 (i) *Sample training materials.*

8 (ii) *Strategies to identify victims.*

9 (iii) *Sample protocols and rec-*
10 *ommendations, including—*

11 (I) *strategies to collect, document,*
12 *and share data across systems and*
13 *agencies;*

14 (II) *strategies to help agencies bet-*
15 *ter understand the types of trafficking*
16 *involved, the scope of the problem, and*
17 *the degree of victim interaction with*
18 *multiple systems; and*

19 (III) *strategies to identify effective*
20 *pathways for State agencies to utilize*
21 *their position in educating critical*
22 *stakeholder groups and assisting vic-*
23 *tims.*

24 (D) *INFORMING STATES OF BEST PRAC-*
25 *TICES.*—*The Secretary shall ensure that State*

1 *Governors and State departments of transpor-*
2 *tation are notified of the best practices and rec-*
3 *ommendations.*

4 *(e) REPORTS.—Not later than 2 years after the date*
5 *of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall—*

6 *(1) submit a report on the actions of the Com-*
7 *mittee described in subsection (d) to—*

8 *(A) the Committee on Commerce, Science,*
9 *and Transportation of the Senate; and*

10 *(B) the Committee on Transportation and*
11 *Infrastructure of the House of Representatives;*
12 *and*

13 *(2) make the report under paragraph (1) pub-*
14 *licly available both physically and online.*

15 *(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

16 *(1) COMMITTEE.—The term “Committee” means*
17 *the Department of Transportation Advisory Com-*
18 *mittee on Human Trafficking established under sub-*
19 *section (a).*

20 *(2) HUMAN TRAFFICKING.—The term “human*
21 *trafficking” means an act or practice described in*
22 *paragraph (9) or paragraph (10) of section 103 of the*
23 *Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C.*
24 *7102).*

- 1 (3) *SECRETARY*.—*The term “Secretary” means*
2 *the Secretary of Transportation.*

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