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## AN ACT

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to ensure that the needs of children are considered in homeland security planning, and for other purposes.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Homeland Security  
3 for Children Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR**  
5 **STRATEGY, POLICY, AND PLANS.**

6 Paragraph (6) of section 709(c) of the Homeland Se-  
7 curity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 349(c)) is amended by insert-  
8 ing “, including feedback from organizations representing  
9 the needs of children,” after “stakeholder feedback”.

10 **SEC. 3. TECHNICAL EXPERT AUTHORIZED.**

11 Paragraph (2) of section 503(b) of the Homeland Se-  
12 curity Act (6 U.S.C. 313(b)) is amended—

13 (1) in subparagraph (G), by striking “and” at  
14 the end;

15 (2) in subparagraph (H), by striking the period  
16 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

17 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
18 paragraph:

19 “(I) identify and integrate the needs of  
20 children into activities to prepare for, protect  
21 against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate  
22 against the risk of natural disasters, acts of ter-  
23 rorism, and other manmade disasters, including  
24 catastrophic incidents, including by appointing  
25 a technical expert, who may consult with rel-  
26 evant outside organizations and experts, as nec-

1           essary, to coordinate such integration, as nec-  
2           essary.”.

3 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

4           Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment  
5 of this Act and annually thereafter for 5 years, the Under  
6 Secretary for Strategy, Policy, and Plans of the Depart-  
7 ment of Homeland Security shall submit to the Committee  
8 on Homeland Security and the Committee on Transpor-  
9 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives  
10 and the Committee on Homeland Security and Govern-  
11 mental Affairs of the Senate a report describing the ef-  
12 forts the Department has undertaken to review and incor-  
13 porate feedback from organizations representing the needs  
14 of children into Department policy in accordance with  
15 paragraph (6) of section 709(c) of the Homeland Security  
16 Act of 2002 (as amended by section 2 of this Act), includ-  
17 ing information on the following:

18           (1) The designation of any individual respon-  
19 sible for carrying out such paragraph (6).

20           (2) Any review, formal or informal, of Depart-  
21 ment policies, programs, or activities to assess the  
22 suitability of such policies, programs, or activities  
23 for children and where feedback from organizations  
24 representing the needs of children should be re-  
25 viewed and incorporated.

