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To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Secretary of Education to carry out programs to combat human trafficking in schools.

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Mr. YOHO (for himself, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. CUELLAR, and Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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 “Prevent Trafficking
5 in Our Schools Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING**
7 **AWARENESS TRAINING.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning not later than 150
9 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secre-

1 taries concerned shall jointly carry out a pilot program
2 under which qualified personnel of the Department of
3 Homeland Security provide annual human trafficking
4 awareness training—

5 (1) to personnel of the Department of Edu-
6 cation; and

7 (2) to teachers, school leaders, and other per-
8 sonnel of elementary schools and secondary schools.

9 (b) TRAINING.—The annual training provided under
10 subsection (a) shall consist of training consistent with the
11 anti-human trafficking campaign of the Department of
12 Homeland Security commonly known as the “Blue Cam-
13 paign”, including the following:

14 (1) Instruction in methods that the personnel
15 described in subsection (a) can use to identify and
16 respond to suspected victims and perpetrators of
17 human trafficking.

18 (2) Training tailored to the specific location or
19 environment in which the personnel receiving the
20 training perform official duties.

21 (3) An explanation of trends and topics deter-
22 mined by the Secretaries concerned to increase the
23 likelihood that human trafficking will be detected
24 and investigated in classrooms and the environment
25 in the school system.

1 (4) Best practices for referring human traf-
2 ficking cases to the Department of Homeland Secu-
3 rity, the Department of Justice, and State and local
4 law enforcement agencies.

5 (c) MODE OF TRAINING.—The training under sub-
6 section (a) may be provided through—

7 (1) in-class instruction, which may include in-
8 struction at the facilities of local law enforcement
9 agencies; or

10 (2) distance education (as that term is defined
11 in section 103(7) of the Higher Education Act of
12 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1003(7))).

13 (d) TERMINATION.—The authority to carry out the
14 training program under this section shall terminate on the
15 date that is four years after the date of the enactment
16 of this Act.

17 (e) REPORT.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than three years
19 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
20 retary of Education shall submit to the appropriate
21 congressional committees a report on the training
22 program carried out under this section.

23 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report under paragraph
24 (1) shall include the following:

1 (A) An assessment of the effectiveness of
2 the training program at the Federal, State, and
3 local levels.

4 (B) The number of educators and adminis-
5 trative personnel who received training under
6 the program.

7 (C) The number of human trafficking
8 cases identified and referred to Federal, State,
9 and local authorities as a result of the training
10 program.

11 (D) A description of the data metrics used
12 to track—

13 (i) local, State, and Federal cases re-
14 ferred to social or victims service agencies
15 or organizations; and

16 (ii) the outcomes of such referrals.

17 (E) A recommendation concerning whether
18 the training program should be permanently au-
19 thorized.

20 **SEC. 3. HUMAN TRAFFICKING PUBLIC AWARENESS PRO-**
21 **GRAM.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Education shall
23 develop and implement a public awareness program to pro-
24 vide information to the public on the threat of human traf-
25 ficking in the education system.

1 (b) ELEMENTS.—In carrying out the program under
2 subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

3 (1) leverage partnerships to educate students,
4 parents, and the larger community on the threat of
5 human trafficking in the education system; and

6 (2) assist human trafficking victims in obtain-
7 ing rehabilitative services by providing such victims
8 with information on private, public, or nonprofit or-
9 ganizations that offer such services.

10 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

11 In this Act:

12 (1) ESEA TERMS.—The terms “elementary
13 school”, “school leader”, and “secondary school”
14 have the meanings given the terms in section 8101
15 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of
16 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

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

22 (3) SECRETARIES CONCERNED.—The term
23 “Secretaries concerned” means the Secretary of
24 Education and the Secretary of Homeland Security.

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