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H. R. 509

To require the Attorney General to designate Human Trafficking Coordinators for Federal judicial districts, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BEATTY (for herself and Mrs. WAGNER) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Human Trafficking
5 Accountability Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. HUMAN TRAFFICKING COORDINATORS.**

7 Section 606 of the Justice for Victims of Trafficking
8 Act of 2015 (34 U.S.C. 20711) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (b)(1)—

10 (A) by striking subparagraph (B); and

1 (B) by redesignating subparagraphs (C)
2 and (D) as subparagraphs (B) and (C), respec-
3 tively; and

4 (2) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(c) HUMAN TRAFFICKING JUSTICE COORDINA-
6 TORS.—The Attorney General shall designate in each Fed-
7 eral judicial district not less than 1 Assistant United
8 States Attorney to serve as the Human Trafficking Coor-
9 dinator for the district, who, in addition to any other re-
10 sponsibilities, shall be responsible for—

11 “(1) implementing the National Strategy with
12 respect to all forms of human trafficking, including
13 labor trafficking and sex trafficking;

14 “(2) prosecuting or assisting in the prosecution
15 of human trafficking cases;

16 “(3) conducting public outreach and awareness
17 activities relating to human trafficking;

18 “(4) ensuring the collection of data related to
19 human trafficking required by law to be collected;

20 “(5) coordinating with other Federal agencies,
21 State, Tribal, and local law enforcement agencies,
22 and victim service providers to build partnerships on
23 activities relating to human trafficking; and

24 “(6) taking appropriate steps and, when nec-
25 essary, legal action to collect restitution for victims

1 as required to be ordered under section 1593 of title
2 18, United States Code, or under any other restitu-
3 tion order issued by a Federal court to be paid to
4 a victim in a human trafficking case.

5 “(d) DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COORDINATOR.—
6 Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this
7 subsection, the Attorney General shall designate a Deputy
8 Assistant Attorney General who is a career appointee (as
9 that term is defined in section 3132(a) of title 5, United
10 States Code) as the National Human Trafficking Coordi-
11 nator within the Department of Justice, who, in addition
12 to any other responsibilities, shall be responsible for—

13 “(1) coordinating, promoting, and supporting
14 the work of the Department of Justice relating to
15 human trafficking, including investigation, prosecu-
16 tion, training, outreach, victim support, grant-mak-
17 ing, and policy activities;

18 “(2) reviewing data collected by Human Traf-
19 ficking Justice Coordinators in the Federal judicial
20 districts and, when necessary, communicating with
21 the Coordinators to discuss such data;

22 “(3) making recommendations to the Deputy
23 Attorney General on where resources should be allo-
24 cated to combat human trafficking;

1 “(4) in consultation with survivors of human
2 trafficking, or anti-human trafficking organizations,
3 producing, and disseminating, including making
4 publicly available, when possible, replication guides
5 and training materials for law enforcement officers,
6 prosecutors, judges, emergency responders, individ-
7 uals working in crime victim services, schools and
8 school systems, adult and child protective services,
9 social services, and public safety, medical personnel,
10 mental health personnel, financial services personnel,
11 and any other individuals whose work may bring
12 them in contact with human trafficking regarding
13 how to—

14 “(A) identify signs of human trafficking;

15 “(B) conduct investigations in human traf-
16 ficking cases;

17 “(C) address evidentiary issues and other
18 legal issues in human trafficking cases; and

19 “(D) appropriately assess, respond to, and
20 interact with victims and witnesses in human
21 trafficking cases, including in administrative,
22 civil, and criminal judicial proceedings; and

23 “(5) carrying out such other duties as the At-
24 torney General determines necessary in connection
25 with enhancing the understanding, prevention, detec-

- 1 tion, investigation, and prosecution of, and response
- 2 to, human trafficking.”.

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