

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1561

To require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide to the Secretary of Homeland Security certain information with respect to unaccompanied alien children, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 21, 2019

Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAWLEY, and Mr. COTTON) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Accountability for Care
5 of Unaccompanied Alien Children Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. INFORMATION SHARING WITH RESPECT TO UNAC-**
2 **COMPANIED ALIEN CHILDREN.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding any other provi-
4 sion of law, the Secretary of Health and Human Services
5 shall provide to the Secretary of Homeland Security infor-
6 mation relating to the sponsor, potential sponsor, and each
7 member of the household of the sponsor or potential spon-
8 sor, of an unaccompanied alien child (as defined in section
9 462(g) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C.
10 279(g)).

11 (b) **USE OF INFORMATION.**—Notwithstanding any
12 other provision of law, the Secretary of Homeland Security
13 may use the information provided under subsection (a) to
14 place in detention, remove, or refer for a decision whether
15 to initiate removal proceedings or initiate removal pro-
16 ceedings against, the sponsor, potential sponsor, or any
17 member of the household of the sponsor or potential spon-
18 sor, of an unaccompanied alien child.

19 (c) **AUTHORITY TO INVESTIGATE.**—Notwithstanding
20 any other provision of law, Federal, State, and local law
21 enforcement agencies may investigate any suspected viola-
22 tion of law by a sponsor, potential sponsor, or a member
23 of the household of a sponsor or potential sponsor, of an
24 unaccompanied alien child.

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