

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3120

To require notification of a Governor of a State if an unaccompanied alien child is placed for custody and care in the State.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 11, 2021

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska (for himself, Mr. FORTENBERRY, and Mr. BACON) 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 “UAC State Notifica-
5 tion Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. NOTIFICATION OF STATE GOVERNORS.**

7 Section 235 of the William Wilberforce Trafficking
8 Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 (8 U.S.C.
9 1232) is amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(j) NOTIFICATION TO STATES.—In the case of an
2 unaccompanied alien child who is in Federal custody by
3 reason of the child’s immigration status, the Secretary of
4 Health and Human Services or the Secretary of Homeland
5 Security shall notify the Governor of a State not later than
6 48 hours prior to the placement of the child in the care
7 of a proposed custodian located in such State.”.

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