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To require certain actions related to resettlement of certain Afghan and Iraqi special immigrants, and for other purposes.

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Ms. MATSUI (for herself, Mr. CROW, Mr. NADLER, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. KEATING, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. CORREA, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. OMAR, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. GALLEGO, Ms. ROSS, Mr. JONES, Mr. KAHELE, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. WELCH, and Mr. KHANNA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, and Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Afghan and Iraqi Allies
5 Resettlement Improvement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SURVEY ON LONG-TERM OUTCOMES FOR CERTAIN**
2 **AFGHAN AND IRAQI SPECIAL IMMIGRANTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
4 Human Services, in conducting the next Annual Survey
5 of Refugees pursuant to section 413(b)(1) of the Immigra-
6 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1523(b)(1)), shall con-
7 duct a supplement to examine and report on long-term
8 outcomes for the special population described in sub-
9 section (b), including employment, job security, wage
10 growth, career advancement, housing, home ownership,
11 and educational attainment.

12 (b) POPULATION DESCRIBED.—The special popu-
13 lation described in this subsection is the cohort of individ-
14 uals who were admitted into the United States as a special
15 immigrant under one of the applicable provisions of law
16 within the five-fiscal-year period immediately preceding
17 the fiscal year in which the supplement is conducted.

18 **SEC. 3. IMPROVED DELIVERY OF INFORMATION ABOUT RE-**
19 **SETTLEMENT TO PROSPECTIVE AFGHAN AND**
20 **IRAQI SPECIAL IMMIGRANTS.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall iden-
22 tify and implement additional ways to deliver information
23 in Dari, Pashto, or Urdu to prospective SIV holders about
24 the United States resettlement program to assist with
25 post-arrival adjustment and expectations, including more
26 detailed or in-depth information on key issues. The Sec-

1 retary shall also identify and address potential gaps in dis-
2 seminating relevant information to SIV holders, such as
3 at embassies and online.

4 (b) DEFINITION.—For purposes of subsection (a),
5 the term “prospective SIV holder” means an alien who
6 has applied, or is considering applying, for admission into
7 the United States as a special immigrant under one of
8 the applicable provisions of law.

9 **SEC. 4. EMPLOYMENT FOR RESETTLED AFGHAN AND IRAQI**
10 **SPECIAL IMMIGRANTS.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
12 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
13 and the Secretary of State shall jointly establish and oper-
14 ate a temporary program to offer employment as trans-
15 lators, interpreters, or cultural awareness instructors to
16 individuals described in subsection (b).

17 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—Individuals referred to in sub-
18 section (a) are individuals who were admitted into the
19 United States as a special immigrant under one of the
20 applicable provisions of law.

21 (c) FUNDING.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
23 graph (2), the program established under subsection
24 (a) shall be funded from the annual general oper-
25 ating budget of the Department of Defense.

1 (2) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary of State shall
2 reimburse the Department of Defense for any costs
3 associated with individuals described in subsection
4 (b) whose work was for the Department of State.

5 (d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION REGARDING ACCESS TO
6 CLASSIFIED INFORMATION.—Nothing in this section may
7 be construed as affecting in any manner practices and pro-
8 cedures regarding the handling of or access to classified
9 information.

10 (e) INFORMATION SHARING.—The Secretary of De-
11 fense and the Secretary of State shall work with the Sec-
12 retary of Homeland Security, the Office of Refugee Reset-
13 tlement of the Department of Health and Human Serv-
14 ices, and nongovernmental organizations to ensure that in-
15 dividuals described in subsection (b) are informed of the
16 program established under subsection (a).

17 (f) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense, in co-
18 ordination with the Secretary of State, shall prescribe such
19 regulations as are necessary to carry out the program es-
20 tablished under subsection (a), including establishing pay
21 scales and hiring procedures, and determining the number
22 of positions required to be filled.

23 (g) TERMINATION.—The program established under
24 subsection (a) shall terminate on December 31, 2026.

1 **SEC. 5. DEFINITION.**

2 For purposes of this Act, the term “applicable provi-
3 sions of law” means the following:

4 (1) Section 1059 of the National Defense Au-
5 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (Public Law
6 109–163; 8 U.S.C. 1101 note).

7 (2) Section 1244 of the Refugee Crisis in Iraq
8 Act of 2007 (8 U.S.C. 1157 note).

9 (3) Section 602 of the Afghan Allies Protection
10 Act of 2009 (8 U.S.C. 1101 note).

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