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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LANKFORD (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Ms. HASSAN) introduced
the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee
on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

A BILL

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government contracting, and for other purposes.

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 “Ensuring Account-
5 ability and Dignity in Government Contracting Act of
6 2025”.

7 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATIONS TO ENDING TRAFFICKING IN GOV-**
8 **ERNMENT CONTRACTING.**

9 (a) COMPLIANCE PLAN AND CERTIFICATION RE-
10 QUIREMENT.—Section 1703 of the National Defense Au-

1 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (22 U.S.C. 7104a)
2 is amended—

3 (1) in subsection (c), by striking “upon re-
4 quest” and inserting “at the time each certification
5 required under subsection (a) is made and upon re-
6 quest”; and

7 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
8 section:

9 “(e) INCIDENT REPORTING.—If, after a grant, con-
10 tract, or cooperative agreement is provided or entered into,
11 the duly designated representative of the recipient deter-
12 mines that the recipient, subcontractor or subgrantee, or
13 agent of the recipient or of a subcontractor or subgrantee
14 has engaged in any of the activities described in section
15 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000
16 (22 U.S.C. 7104(g)) during the term of the grant, con-
17 tract, or cooperative agreement, the representative shall
18 promptly submit to the relevant contracting or grant offi-
19 cer a report that describes the circumstances relating to
20 such activities and the remedial actions taken to address
21 such activities.”.

22 (b) MONITORING AND INVESTIGATION OF TRAF-
23 FICKING IN PERSONS.—Section 1704 of the National De-
24 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (22 U.S.C.
25 7104b) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)(2), by inserting after the
2 first sentence the following: “In the event that a
3 duly designated representative of the recipient sub-
4 mits a report described in section 1703(e), the In-
5 specter General shall conduct an investigation of the
6 activities and remedial actions described in the re-
7 port.”;

8 (2) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the
9 following: “If the rationale for not completing an in-
10 vestigation includes that a recipient acknowledged
11 the activity occurred and has, according to the In-
12 specter General, taken appropriate corrective action
13 to remediate it, the Inspector General shall notify
14 the head of the executive agency that awarded the
15 contract, grant, or cooperative agreement and the
16 relevant agency suspension and debarment official.”;
17 and

18 (3) in subsection (c)(1)—

19 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph

20 (A)—

21 (i) by striking “, as amended by sec-
22 tion 1702,” and inserting “or failed to
23 take appropriate corrective action to ad-
24 dress such activities,”; and

1 (ii) by inserting “, suspend payments
2 under the grant, contract, or cooperative
3 agreement until the recipient has taken ap-
4 propriate remedial action,” after “debar-
5 ment official”;

6 (B) by striking subparagraph (C); and

7 (C) by redesignating subparagraphs (D),
8 (E), and (F) as subparagraphs (C), (D), and
9 (E), respectively.

10 **SEC. 3. OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET REPORT.**

11 Not later than 18 months after the date of the enact-
12 ment of this Act, the Director of the Office of Manage-
13 ment and Budget shall submit to Congress a report on
14 the feasibility of—

15 (1) amending section 1703 of the National De-
16 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (22
17 U.S.C. 7104a), as amended by section 2(a) of this
18 Act, to require contracting officials, including those
19 at the Department of Homeland Security, the De-
20 partment of Defense, the Department of State, and
21 the United States Agency for International Develop-
22 ment, to assess compliance of contractor anti-traf-
23 ficking plans for product and service categories and
24 geographic locations that Federal agencies identify
25 as higher risk for human trafficking;

1 (2) streamlining agency reporting required by
2 Federal trafficking victims protection laws to pro-
3 mote efficiency while meeting congressional informa-
4 tion needs; and

5 (3) requiring Federal agencies, such as the De-
6 partment of Homeland Security, the Department of
7 Defense, the Department of State, and the United
8 States Agency for International Development, to
9 track and report whether contracting personnel have
10 taken anti-trafficking acquisition training explaining
11 their responsibilities to combat human trafficking.

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