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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 9, 2025

Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. DAINES, Ms. ERNST, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. ROUNDS, and Mr. SHEEHY) 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 TITLES.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Preventing the Recy-
 5 cling of Immigrants is Necessary for Trafficking Suspen-
 6 sion Act” or the “PRINTS Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF FINGERPRINTING OF NONCIT-**
 8 **IZEN CHILDREN ENTERING THE UNITED**
 9 **STATES TO REDUCE CHILD TRAFFICKING.**

10 Section 262(c) of the Immigration and Nationality
 11 Act (8 U.S.C. 1302(c)) is amended to read as follows:

12 “(c) The Secretary of Homeland Security, working
 13 through U.S. Customs and Border Protection, in order to
 14 reduce the number of children who are trafficked into the
 15 United States, shall obtain a set of fingerprints from any
 16 alien younger than 14 years of age who is entering the
 17 United States if a U.S. Customs and Border Protection
 18 officer suspects that such child is a victim of human traf-
 19 ficking, in accordance with the standards established pur-
 20 suant to the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000
 21 (34 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.).”.

22 **SEC. 3. CRIMINALIZING RECYCLING OF MINORS.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 69 of title 18, United
 24 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 25 lowing:

1 **“§ 1430. Recycling of minors**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Any person 18 years of age or
3 older who knowingly uses, for the purpose of gaining entry
4 into the United States, a minor to whom the individual
5 is not a relative or guardian, shall be fined under this title,
6 imprisoned not more than 10 years, or both.

7 “(b) RELATIVE.—In this section, the term ‘relative’
8 means an individual related by consanguinity within the
9 second degree, as determined by common law.”.

10 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
11 for chapter 69 of title 18, United States Code, is amended
12 by adding at the end the following:

“1430. Recycling of minors.”.

13 **SEC. 4. INFORMATION SHARING.**

14 With respect to any unaccompanied alien child (as
15 defined in section 462(g) of the Homeland Security Act
16 of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 279(g))) who is transferred from the
17 custody of the Secretary of Homeland Security to the cus-
18 tody of the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the
19 Secretary of Homeland Security shall, on request, share
20 with the Secretary of Health and Human Services the fin-
21 gerprints collected under section 262(c) of the Immigra-
22 tion and Nationality Act, as added by section 2.

23 **SEC. 5. REPORTS.**

24 (a) ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary
25 of Homeland Security shall submit an annual report to

1 Congress that identifies the number of minors who were
2 fingerprinted during the most recently completed fiscal
3 year pursuant to the authority granted under section
4 262(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as added
5 by section 2.

6 (b) ONLINE PUBLICATION.—The Secretary of Home-
7 land Security shall post, on a monthly basis on a publicly
8 accessible U.S. Customs and Border Protection website,
9 the number of apprehensions during the previous month
10 involving child traffickers who falsely claimed that a child
11 accompanying them into the United States was a close rel-
12 ative.

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