

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 4653
OFFERED BY MR. SMITH OF NEW JERSEY**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “United States Commis-
3 sion on International Religious Freedom Reauthorization
4 Act of 2014”.

5 SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION.

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 201 of
7 the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22
8 U.S.C. 6431) is amended by inserting before the period
9 at the end the following: “, which shall be an independent
10 Federal Government advisory body”.

11 (b) SELECTION.—Subparagraph (A) of section
12 201(b)(2) of the International Religious Freedom Act of
13 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6431(b)(2)) is amended by inserting at
14 the end the following new sentence: “The Commission as
15 a whole shall also have expertise on the variety of faiths
16 practiced around the world.”.

17 (c) MEMBERSHIP.—Subsection (b)(3) of section 201
18 of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22

1 U.S.C. 6431) is amended by striking “The appointments
2 required by paragraph (1) shall be made not later than
3 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.”
4 and inserting the following: “An appointment required by
5 subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) should be made within
6 90 days of a vacancy on the Commission.”.

7 (d) VACANCIES.—Subsection (g) of section 201 of the
8 International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C.
9 6431) is amended by striking the second sentence.

10 **SEC. 3. TRAINING FOR FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS.**

11 Subsection (a) of section 708 of the Foreign Service
12 Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4028) is amended—

13 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),

14 (A) by striking “and the director” and in-
15 serting “the director”; and

16 (B) inserting “and members of the United
17 States Commission on International Religious
18 Freedom,” after “Training Center,”; and

19 (2) in paragraph (2)—

20 (A) by striking “and the various” and in-
21 serting “the various”; and

22 (B) by inserting “, the relationship be-
23 tween religious freedom and security, and the
24 role of religious freedom in United States for-

1 eign policy” after “violations of religious free-
2 dom”.

3 **SEC. 4. COMMISSION PERSONNEL MATTERS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 204 of
5 the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22
6 U.S.C. 6432b) is amended in the second sentence, by in-
7 serting “voting” after “nine”.

8 (b) COMPENSATION.—Subsection (b) of section 204
9 of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22
10 U.S.C. 6432b) is amended by inserting “voting members
11 of the” after “The”.

12 (c) SECURITY CLEARANCES.—Subsection (e) of sec-
13 tion 204 of the International Religious Freedom Act of
14 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6432b) is amended by adding at the end
15 the following new sentence: “The Department of State is
16 encouraged to allow Commissioners and Commission staff
17 with the appropriate security clearance access to classified
18 information, in order to fulfill the duties and responsibil-
19 ities of their positions.”.

20 **SEC. 5. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT AND DISCLOSURE.**

21 Paragraph (2) of section 208(d)(2) of the Inter-
22 national Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C.
23 6435a(d)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
24 lowing new subparagraph:

1 “(H) Intern, fellowship, and volunteer pro-
2 grams that are primarily of educational benefit
3 to the intern, fellow, or volunteer. Sponsoring
4 private parties may provide compensation and
5 benefits to interns, fellows, and volunteers, pro-
6 vided that no conflict of interest arises. The
7 number, duration, and funding source of any
8 such internship, fellowship, or volunteer pro-
9 grams shall be described in the annual financial
10 report required by subsection (e).”.

11 **SEC. 6. EXTENSION AND TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.**

12 The International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 is
13 amended—

14 (1) in subsection (a) of section 207 (22 U.S.C.
15 6435), by striking “2014” and inserting “2019”;
16 and

17 (2) in section 209 (22 U.S.C. 6436), by striking
18 “September 30, 2014” and inserting “September
19 30, 2019”.

