

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5300

OFFERED BY MR. CASTRO OF TEXAS

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following:

SEC. . REVIEW AND REPORT ON SUPPORT FOR UNITED STATES CITIZEN MINOR CHILDREN IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct a review of the conditions faced by United States citizen minor children living abroad after the deportation from the United States of one or both parents.

(b) SCOPE OF REVIEW.—The review required by subsection (a) shall take into account the following:

(1) Number of affected children, including an estimate of how many United States citizen minors are residing outside the United States due to a parent's deportation.

(2) Living conditions, including access to housing, education, health care, food security, and other basic needs in host countries.

(3) Safety and security, including exposure to violence, exploitation, or child labor in host countries.

(4) Psychological and social impacts, including effects of family separation, trauma, and barriers to reintegration if children attempt to return to the United States.

(5) Legal status abroad, including whether children have access to citizenship, residency, or services in their country of residence, or whether they are effectively stateless.

(6) Consular support, including actions taken by United States embassies and consulates to provide protection, services, or assistance to children.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report that contains—

(1) the contents of the review required by subsection (a);
and

(2) recommendations on actions that can be taken to support United States citizen minor children described in the review.