

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5300

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Add at the end the following:

1 **TITLE VIII—REPORTS REQUIRED**

2 **SEC. 801. DATABASE ON CASES INVOLVING DIPLOMATIC**
3 **IMMUNITY.**

4 (a) COLLECTION OF INFORMATION.—The Assistant
5 Secretary for Diplomatic Security, in coordination with
6 the Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, shall collect
7 the following information with respect to diplomatic immu-
8 nity:

9 (1) The number of persons residing in the
10 United States who enjoy full immunity from the
11 criminal jurisdiction of the United States under laws
12 extending diplomatic privileges and immunities.

13 (2) Each case involving an alien described in
14 paragraph (1) in which an appropriate authority of
15 a State, a political subdivision of a State, or the
16 United States reported to the Department that such
17 authority had reasonable cause to believe the alien
18 committed a serious criminal offense within the
19 United States, and any additional information pro-
20 vided to the Assistant Secretary and Director relat-

1 ing to other serious criminal offenses that any such
2 authority had reasonable cause to believe the alien
3 committed prior to committing such serious criminal
4 offense.

5 (3) The number of United States citizens who
6 are residing in a receiving state and who enjoy full
7 immunity from the criminal jurisdiction of such
8 state under laws extending diplomatic privileges and
9 immunities.

10 (4) Each case involving a United States citizen
11 described in paragraph (4) in which the United
12 States has been requested by the government of a
13 receiving state to waive the immunity from criminal
14 jurisdiction of the United States citizen.

15 (b) DATABASE.—

16 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Assistant Secretary
17 for Diplomatic Security, in coordination with the Di-
18 rector of the Office of Foreign Missions, shall estab-
19 lish and maintain a database containing the infor-
20 mation collected under subsection (a).

21 (2) CLASSIFIED FORM.—Information contained
22 in the database established in paragraph (1) may be
23 classified to the extent necessary to protect intel-
24 ligence sources and methods.

1 (3) INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO CONGRESS.—

2 Information contained within the database omitted
3 from the public database pursuant to paragraph (2)
4 shall be made available to the appropriate congressional
5 committees upon request.

6 (c) NOTIFICATION OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS.—The Assistant
7 Secretary for Diplomatic Security, in coordination
8 with the Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, should
9 periodically notify each foreign mission of United States
10 policies relating to criminal offenses committed by individuals
11 with immunity from criminal jurisdiction of the
12 United States.

13 (d) SERIOUS CRIMINAL OFFENSE DEFINED.—In this
14 section, the term “serious criminal offense” means—

15 (1) any felony under Federal, State, or local
16 law;

17 (2) any Federal, State, or local offense punishable
18 by a term of imprisonment of more than 1 year;

19 (3) any crime of violence, as such term is defined
20 in section 16 of title 18, United States Code;

21 (4) driving under the influence of alcohol or
22 drugs;

23 (5) reckless driving; and

24 (6) driving while intoxicated.

1 **SEC. 802. PERSONNEL AND STAFFING DATABASE.**

2 (a) COLLECTION OF INFORMATION.—The Assistant
3 Secretary for Human Resources shall collect the following
4 information with respect to the civil service, Foreign Serv-
5 ice, eligible family members, locally employed staff, con-
6 tractor workforce, and personal services contractors em-
7 ployed by the Department:

8 (1) On-board personnel levels, hiring, and attri-
9 tion, on an operating unit-by-operating unit basis.

10 (2) Progress toward fiscal year hiring plans for
11 the Foreign Service and civil service.

12 (3) The number of personal services contractors
13 employed.

14 (4) The expected and actual length of employ-
15 ment of such contractors.

16 (5) The relevant bureau contracting with such
17 contractors.

18 (6) The purpose for using such contractors.

19 (7) Disaggregated demographic data of such
20 contractors.

21 (8) An indication of how many such contractors
22 were previously employees of the Department.

23 (9) The justification for the employment of
24 such contractors, including the exigent cir-
25 cumstances requiring such use.

1 (10) Such other information as the Assistant
2 Secretary shall prescribe.

3 (b) DATABASE.—

4 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Assistant Secretary
5 for Human Resources shall establish and maintain a
6 database containing the information collected under
7 subsection (a).

8 (2) CLASSIFIED FORM.— Information contained
9 in the database established in paragraph (1) may be
10 classified to the extent necessary to protect intel-
11 ligence sources and methods.

12 (c) INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO CONGRESS.—Infor-
13 mation in the database established in paragraph (1) shall
14 be made available to the appropriate committees of Con-
15 gress upon request.

16 (d) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—In
17 this section, the term “appropriate committees of Con-
18 gress” means—

19 (1) the Committee on Appropriations and the
20 Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
21 resentatives; and

22 (2) the Committee on Appropriations and the
23 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

1 **SEC. 803. ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORDS SYSTEM.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
3 date of enactment of this Act, the Assistant Secretary for
4 Human Resources shall ensure that all medical records
5 maintained by the Bureau of Medical Services are con-
6 verted to and stored in an electronic format that is acces-
7 sible, and secure.

8 (b) ELEMENTS.—In carrying out subsection (a), the
9 Assistant Secretary shall—

10 (1) ensure that such records are integrated with
11 other Department systems, as appropriate;

12 (2) comply with applicable Federal standards
13 for the maintenance and protection of health infor-
14 mation;

15 (3) ensure that records are readily accessible to
16 medical professionals at overseas posts and in the
17 United States, consistent with privacy protections;
18 and

19 (4) provide training to personnel of the Bureau
20 of Medical Services on the use of the electronic med-
21 ical record system.

22 (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 90 days after the date
23 of the enactment of this Act, the Assistant Secretary shall
24 brief the appropriate congressional committees on the im-
25 plementation of this section.

1 **SEC. 804. SEMIANNUAL REPORT ON PASSPORT WAIT TIMES.**

2 Not later than 30 days after the date of the enact-
3 ment of this Act, and semiannually thereafter, the Assist-
4 ant Secretary for Consular Affairs shall submit to the ap-
5 propriate congressional committees a report that de-
6 scribes—

7 (1) the current estimated wait times for pass-
8 port processing;

9 (2) the steps that have been taken by the De-
10 partment to reduce wait times to a reasonable time;

11 (3) efforts to improve the rollout of the online
12 passport renewal processing program, including how
13 much of passport revenues the Department is spend-
14 ing on consular systems modernization;

15 (4) the demand for urgent passport services,
16 disaggregated by major metropolitan area;

17 (5) the steps that have been taken by the De-
18 partment to reduce and meet the demand for urgent
19 passport services, particularly in areas that are
20 greater than 5 hours driving time from the nearest
21 passport agency; and

22 (6) how the Department details its staff and re-
23 sources to passport services programs.

1 **SEC. 805. REPORTS ON DENIAL OF VISAS AND VISA**
2 **ISSUANCE TO INADMISSIBLE ALIENS.**

3 (a) DENIAL OF VISAS REPORT.—The Assistant Sec-
4 retary for Consular Affairs shall, on a semiannual basis,
5 submit to the to the appropriate committees of Congress
6 a report describing all instances in which a consular post
7 has denied a visa on the grounds of terrorist activities or
8 foreign policy; including—

9 (1) the name and nationality of each individual
10 denied a visa on such grounds; and

11 (2) a factual statement of the basis for such de-
12 nial.

13 (b) VISA ISSUANCE TO INADMISSIBLE ALIENS.—The
14 Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs shall, on a semi-
15 annual basis, submit to the appropriate committees of
16 Congress a report describing every instance during the pe-
17 riod covered by the report in which a consular post or the
18 Visa Office of the Department issued an immigrant or
19 nonimmigrant visa to an alien who is inadmissible to the
20 United States based upon terrorist activity or failed to ob-
21 ject to the issuance of an immigrant or nonimmigrant visa
22 to an alien notwithstanding any such ground of inadmis-
23 sibility, including—

24 (1) the name and nationality of such alien;

25 (2) the issuing post; and

1 (3) a brief factual statement of the basis for
2 issuance of the visa or the failure to object.

3 (c) FORM.—The reports required by this section may
4 be submitted in classified or unclassified form.

5 (d) LIMITATION.—Information contained in the re-
6 ports required by this section may be classified to the ex-
7 tent necessary to protect intelligence sources and methods.

8 (e) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—In
9 this section the term “appropriate committees of Con-
10 gress” means—

11 (1) the Committee on the Judiciary and the
12 Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
13 resentatives; and

14 (2) the Committee on the Judiciary and the
15 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

16 **SEC. 806. BRIEFING ON IMPLEMENTATION OF CRISIS RE-**
17 **SPONSE OPERATIONS.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
19 date of the enactment of this Act, and every 180 days
20 thereafter, the Assistant Secretary for Diplomatic Security
21 shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees,
22 the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
23 resentatives, and the Committee on Appropriations of the
24 Senate a briefing outlining the steps taken to implement
25 section 6404 of the National Defense Authorization Act

1 for the Fiscal Year 2024 (22 U.S.C. 4865 note), along
2 with any other recommendations to improve the Depart-
3 ment's crisis management and response operations.

4 (b) CONTENTS.—Each briefing submitted pursuant
5 to subsection (a) shall include—

6 (1) an assessment of the Department's crisis
7 management and response capabilities;

8 (2) a description of any changes made to im-
9 prove such capabilities;

10 (3) identification of any additional resources
11 needed to support such capabilities; and

12 (4) any other matters the Assistant Secretary
13 for Diplomatic Security considers relevant.

14 (c) SUNSET.—This section shall terminate on the
15 date that is 5 years after the date of the enactment of
16 this Act.

17 **SEC. 807. REPORT ON EMBASSY CONSTRUCTION COSTS.**

18 (a) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after
19 the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter,
20 the Assistant Secretary for Asset Management shall sub-
21 mit to the appropriate congressional committees a report
22 on ongoing capital construction projects of the Bureau of
23 Overseas Buildings Operations and the Bureau of Diplo-
24 matic Security.

1 (b) CONTENTS.—Each report required under sub-
2 section (a) shall include the following with respect to each
3 ongoing overseas capital construction project and major
4 embassy security upgrade project:

5 (1) The initial cost estimate as specified in the
6 proposed allocation of capital construction and main-
7 tenance funds required by the Committees on Appro-
8 priations for Acts making appropriations for the De-
9 partment, foreign operations, and related programs.

10 (2) The current cost estimate.

11 (3) The value of each request for equitable ad-
12 justment received by the Department to date.

13 (4) The value of each certified claim received by
14 the Department to date.

15 (5) The value of any usage of the project's con-
16 tingency fund to date and the value of the remainder
17 of the project's contingency fund.

18 (6) An enumerated list of each request for ad-
19 justment and certified claim that remains out-
20 standing or unresolved.

21 (7) An enumerated list of each request for equi-
22 table adjustment and certified claim that has been
23 fully adjudicated or that the Department has settled,
24 and the final dollar amount of each adjudication or
25 settlement.

1 (8) The date of estimated completion specified
2 in the proposed allocation of capital construction
3 and maintenance funds required by the Committees
4 on Appropriations not later than 45 days after the
5 date of enactment of an Act making appropriations
6 for the Department, foreign operations, and related
7 programs.

8 (9) The current date of estimated completion.

9 (c) SUNSET.—This section shall terminate on the
10 date that is 6 years after the date of the enactment of
11 this Act.

12 **SEC. 808. ANNUAL REPORT ON INTERCOUNTRY ADOP-**
13 **TIONS.**

14 (a) REPORTS REQUIRED.—The Assistant Secretary
15 for Consular Affairs, in consultation with the Attorney
16 General and other appropriate agencies, shall annually
17 submit to the Committee on Ways and Means and the
18 Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representa-
19 tives and the Committee on Finance and the Committee
20 on the Judiciary of the Senate a report describing the ac-
21 tivities of the Central Authority of the United States dur-
22 ing the preceding year.

23 (b) REPORT ELEMENTS.—Each report under sub-
24 section (a) shall set forth, with respect to the year con-
25 cerned, the following:

1 (1) The number of intercountry adoptions in-
2 volving immigration to the United States, regardless
3 of whether the adoption occurred under the Conven-
4 tion, including the country from which each child
5 emigrated, the State to which each child immigrated,
6 and the country in which the adoption was finalized.

7 (2) The number of intercountry adoptions in-
8 volving emigration from the United States, regard-
9 less of whether the adoption occurred under the
10 Convention, including the country to which each
11 child immigrated and the State from which each
12 child emigrated.

13 (3) The number of Convention placements for
14 adoption in the United States that were disrupted,
15 including—

16 (A) the country from which the child emi-
17 grated;

18 (B) the age of the child;

19 (C) the date of the placement for adoption;

20 (D) the reasons for the disruption;

21 (E) the resolution of the disruption;

22 (F) the agencies that handled the place-
23 ment for adoption; and

24 (G) the plans for the child after the date
25 of the submission of the report.

1 (4) The average time required for completion of
2 a Convention adoption, disaggregated by country
3 from which the child emigrated.

4 (5) The current list of agencies accredited and
5 persons approved to provide adoption services.

6 (6) The names of the agencies and persons tem-
7 porarily or permanently debarred from providing
8 adoption services, and the reasons for the debar-
9 ment.

10 (7) The range of adoption fees charged in con-
11 nection with Convention adoptions involving immi-
12 gration to the United States and the median of such
13 fees set forth by the country of origin.

14 (8) The range of fees charged for accreditation
15 of agencies and the approval of persons in the
16 United States engaged in providing adoption services
17 under the Convention.

18 (9) A list of countries that have established or
19 maintained a significant law or regulation that pre-
20 vented or prohibited adoptions involving immigration
21 to the United States, regardless of whether such
22 adoptions occurred under the Convention.

23 (10) For each country listed under paragraph
24 (9), the date on which the law or regulation was im-
25 plemented.

1 (11) Information regarding efforts taken with
2 respect to a country listed under paragraph (9) to
3 encourage the resumption of halted or stalled adop-
4 tion proceedings involving immigration to the United
5 States, regardless of whether the adoptions would
6 have occurred under the Convention.

7 (12) Information regarding any action the As-
8 sistant Secretary for Consular Affairs carried out
9 that prevented, prohibited, or halted any adoptions
10 involving immigration to the United States, regard-
11 less of whether the adoptions occurred under the
12 Convention.

13 (13) For each country listed pursuant to para-
14 graph (12), a description of—

15 (A) what policies, procedures, resources,
16 and safeguards the country lacks, or other
17 shortcomings or circumstances, that caused the
18 action to be carried out;

19 (B) what progress the country has made to
20 alleviate those shortcomings; and

21 (C) what steps the Department has taken
22 in order to assist the country to reopen inter-
23 country adoptions.

24 (14) An assessment of the impact of the fee
25 schedule of the Intercountry Adoption Accreditation

1 and Maintenance Entity on families seeking to adopt
2 internationally, especially low-income families, fami-
3 lies seeking to adopt sibling groups, or families seek-
4 ing to adopt children with disabilities.

5 (c) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF REPORT.—The Assist-
6 ant Secretary for Consular Affairs shall make the informa-
7 tion contained in the report required under subsection (a)
8 available to the public on the website of the Department.

9 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (1) CENTRAL AUTHORITY.—The term “central
11 authority” means the entity designated as such by
12 any Convention country under Article 6(1) of the
13 Convention.

14 (2) CONVENTION.—The term “Convention”
15 means the Convention on Protection of Children and
16 Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption,
17 done at The Hague on May 29, 1993.

18 **SEC. 809. REPORT ON GLOBAL FOOTPRINT OF THE DE-**
19 **PARTMENT.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
21 date of enactment of this Act, and every 180 days there-
22 after, the Assistant Secretary for Human Resources shall
23 submit to the appropriate congressional committees, the
24 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representa-

1 tives, and the Committee on appropriations of the Senate
2 a report on the global footprint of the Department.

3 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under sub-
4 section (a) shall include, for each diplomatic post—

5 (1) the number and type of Department em-
6 ployees assigned to the post; and

7 (2) the number of allocated positions that re-
8 main unfilled.

9 (c) FORM.—The report required under subsection (a)
10 shall be submitted in classified form.

11 (d) SUNSET.—This section shall terminate on the
12 date that is 5 years after the date of the enactment of
13 this Act.

14 **SEC. 810. REPORT REGARDING EMPLOYEE ASSIGNMENT**
15 **PRECLUSIONS AND RESTRICTIONS.**

16 (a) ASSIGNMENT RESTRICTIONS.—The requirements
17 in section 6115 of the National Defense Authorization Act
18 for Fiscal Year 2024 (22 U.S.C. 2734h) shall apply with
19 respect to assignment restrictions imposed by the Depart-
20 ment.

21 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—The requirements in such
22 section 6115 shall be implemented by the Assistant Sec-
23 retary for Diplomatic Security in a manner that ensures—

1 (1) any assignment restriction imposed by the
2 Department is narrowly tailored to address a com-
3 pelling national security interest;

4 (2) individuals subject to such restrictions are
5 informed, to the maximum extent practicable, of the
6 reasons for such restrictions, consistent with the
7 protection of intelligence sources and methods;

8 (3) there exists a process for employees to ap-
9 peal such restrictions, consistent with section 414 of
10 the Department of State Authorities Act, Fiscal
11 Year 2017 (22 U.S.C. 2734c); and

12 (4) assignment restrictions are subject to peri-
13 odic review, in accordance with such section 6115.

14 (c) APPEALS.—The Assistant Secretary for Diplo-
15 matic Security shall maintain an appeal process as di-
16 rected by such section 414.

17 (d) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after
18 the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually there-
19 after, the Assistant Secretary for Diplomatic Security
20 shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees,
21 the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
22 resentatives, and the Committee on Appropriations of the
23 Senate a report that contains the following:

24 (1) A rationale for the use of assignment re-
25 strictions by the Department, including specific case

1 studies related to cleared United States Foreign
2 Service and civil service employees of the Depart-
3 ment that demonstrate country-specific restrictions
4 serve a counterintelligence role beyond that which is
5 already covered by the security clearance process.

6 (2) The number of such Department employees
7 subject to assignment restrictions over the previous
8 year, with data disaggregated by—

9 (A) identification as a Foreign Service offi-
10 cer, civil service employee, eligible family mem-
11 ber, or other employment status;

12 (B) the ethnicity, national origin, and race
13 of the precluded employee;

14 (C) gender; and

15 (D) the country of restriction.

16 (3) A description of the considerations and cri-
17 teria used by the Bureau of Diplomatic Security to
18 determine whether an assignment restriction is war-
19 ranted.

20 (4) The number of restrictions that were ap-
21 pealed and the success rate of such appeals.

22 (5) The impact of assignment restrictions in
23 terms of unused language skills as measured by For-
24 eign Service Institute language scores of such pre-
25 cluded employees.

1 (6) Measures taken to ensure the diversity of
2 adjudicators and contracted investigators, with ac-
3 companying data on results.

4 **SEC. 811. QUARTERLY BRIEFINGS ON CERTAIN EMBASSY**
5 **AND CONSULATE PROJECTS.**

6 (a) REQUIREMENT.—The Assistant Secretary for
7 Asset Management shall provide quarterly briefings to the
8 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representa-
9 tives and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate
10 on the Beirut Embassy, Mexico City Embassy, New Delhi
11 Embassy, and Erbil Consulate projects until the earlier
12 of the date that is 3 years after the date of the enactment
13 of this Act and the date such projects are completed.

14 (b) ELEMENTS.—Each briefing required under sub-
15 section (a) shall include—

16 (1) a detailed breakout of the project factors
17 that formed the basis of the initial cost estimate
18 used to justify such project to the Committees on
19 Appropriations;

20 (2) a comparison of the current project factors
21 with those submitted pursuant to paragraph (1),
22 and an explanation of any changes;

23 (3) an assessment of the impact of currency ex-
24 change rate fluctuations on project costs; and

1 (4) the most current working estimate that sup-
2 ports the basis for each briefing.

3 **SEC. 812. REPORT ON CURTAILMENTS OF DEPARTMENT**
4 **PERSONNEL FROM OVERSEAS POSTS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the
6 date of any curtailment of operations at a United States
7 diplomatic post, the Assistant Secretary for Diplomatic
8 Security shall submit to the appropriate congressional
9 committees a report on the decision to make such curtail-
10 ment.

11 (b) CONTENTS.—Each report submitted under sub-
12 section (a) shall include—

13 (1) a detailed justification for the curtailment;

14 (2) an assessment of the effect of the curtail-
15 ment on United States foreign policy and national
16 security interests; and

17 (3) a description of plans for the resumption of
18 full operations, if applicable.

19 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) CURTAILMENT OF OPERATIONS.—The term
21 “curtailment of operations” means a reduction of
22 the official United States presence at a diplomatic
23 post, including ordered departure or authorized de-
24 parture of United States personnel or family mem-
25 bers.

1 (2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
2 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
3 mittees” means—

4 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and
5 the Committee on Appropriations of the House
6 of Representatives; and

7 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations
8 and the Committee on Appropriations of the
9 Senate.

10 **SEC. 813. ANNUAL VULNERABILITY DISCLOSURE POLICY**
11 **REPORT.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
13 date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter,
14 the Assistant Secretary for Diplomatic Security shall de-
15 sign, establish, and make publicly known a Vulnerability
16 Disclosure Policy (referred to in this section as the
17 “VDP”) to improve Department cybersecurity by—

18 (1) creating Department policy and infrastruc-
19 ture to receive reports of and remediate discovered
20 vulnerabilities in line with existing policies of the Of-
21 fice of Management and Budget and the Depart-
22 ment of Homeland Security Binding Operational Di-
23 rective 20–01 or any subsequent directive; and

24 (2) providing a report on such policy and infra-
25 structure to Congress.

1 (b) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not later than 180 days
2 after the establishment of the VDP pursuant to subsection
3 (a), and annually thereafter, the Assistant Secretary shall
4 submit to the appropriate congressional committees, the
5 Committee on Homeland Security and the Permanent Se-
6 lect Committee on Intelligence of the House of Represent-
7 atives, and the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-
8 ernmental Affairs and the Select Committee on Intel-
9 ligence of the Senate a report on the VDP that includes
10 information relating to—

11 (1) the number and severity of all security
12 vulnerabilities reported;

13 (2) the number of previously unidentified secu-
14 rity vulnerabilities remediated as a result of such re-
15 ports;

16 (3) the current number of outstanding pre-
17 viously unidentified security vulnerabilities and De-
18 partment remediation plans;

19 (4) the average time between the reporting of a
20 security vulnerability and the remediation of such
21 vulnerability;

22 (5) the resources, surge staffing, roles, and re-
23 sponsibilities within the Department used to imple-
24 ment the VDP and complete security vulnerability
25 remediation;

1 (6) how the VDP identified vulnerabilities are
2 incorporated into existing Department vulnerability
3 prioritization and management processes;

4 (7) any challenges in implementing the VDP
5 and plans for expansion or contraction in the scope
6 of the VDP across Department information systems;
7 and

8 (8) any other topic that the Assistant Secretary
9 determines to be relevant.

10 (c) SUNSET.—This section shall terminate on Decem-
11 ber 31, 2030.

12 **SEC. 814. DATABASE ON ABSENCES FROM POST OF CHIEFS**
13 **OF MISSION.**

14 (a) DATABASE REQUIRED.—The Assistant Secretary
15 for Human Resources shall establish and maintain a data-
16 base that identifies, for each quarter—

17 (1) each individual serving as a chief of mission
18 or other principal officer who was approved by the
19 Assistant Secretary for Human Resources to be
20 away from the country of assignment for purposes
21 other than official travel or travel pursuant to ap-
22 proved temporary duty orders; and

23 (2) the number of days each such individual
24 spent away from the country of assignment, other

1 than for official travel or travel pursuant to ap-
2 proved temporary duty orders.

3 (b) AVAILABILITY.—The database required under
4 subsection (a) shall be made available on an ongoing basis
5 to —

6 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
7 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
8 resentatives; and

9 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
10 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.

11 **SEC. 815. REPORT TO CONTROL OF EXEMPTIONS FROM**
12 **TERRORIST-RELATED BARS.**

13 (a) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 90
14 days after the last day of each fiscal year, the Assistant
15 Secretary for Consular Affairs and the Secretary of Home-
16 land Security shall each provide to the appropriate com-
17 mittees of Congress a report on the aliens to whom such
18 Assistant Secretary or Secretary has applied an exemption
19 from the terrorist-related inadmissibility grounds set forth
20 in section 212(a)(3)(B) of the Immigration and Nation-
21 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(3)(B)).

22 (b) GROUP EXEMPTIONS.—Not later than one week
23 after applying an exemption from clause (vi)(III) of such
24 section to a group, the Assistant Secretary for Consular
25 Affairs and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall pro-

1 vide to the appropriate committees of Congress a report
2 described in subsection (a).

3 (c) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
4 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
5 tees of Congress” means—

6 (1) the appropriate congressional committees;

7 (2) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
8 House of Representatives;

9 (3) the Committee on Homeland Security of the
10 House of Representatives; and

11 (4) the Committee on the Judiciary of the Sen-
12 ate.

13 **SEC. 816. REPORT ON EXPENDITURES FOR EMERGENCIES**
14 **IN THE DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR SERV-**
15 **ICES.**

16 (a) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after
17 the last day of each fiscal year, the Assistant Secretary
18 for Administration shall provide to the appropriate con-
19 gressional committees, the Committee on Appropriations
20 of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on
21 Appropriations of the Senate a complete report of all ex-
22 penditures made from the appropriation for “Emergencies
23 in the Diplomatic and Consular Service” for that fiscal
24 year, including, for each expenditure, amount, payee, and
25 purpose.

1 (b) UNCLASSIFIED ITEMS.—Items included in each
2 such report concerning representation, official travel, and
3 gifts shall be submitted in unclassified form.

4 **SEC. 817. REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL CHILD ABDUCTION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than April 30 of each
6 year, the Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs shall
7 submit to the appropriate congressional committees and
8 make available on a publicly accessible website of the De-
9 partment an annual report on international child abduc-
10 tion.

11 (b) CONTENTS.—Each report required by subsection
12 (a) shall include—

13 (1) a list of all countries in which there were
14 1 or more abduction cases during the preceding cal-
15 endar year, relating to a child whose habitual resi-
16 dence is the United States, including a description
17 of whether each such country—

18 (A) is a Convention country;

19 (B) is a bilateral procedures country;

20 (C) has other procedures for resolving such
21 abductions; or

22 (D) adheres to no protocols with respect to
23 child abduction;

24 (2) for each country with respect to which there
25 were 5 or more pending abduction cases during the

1 preceding year, relating to a child whose habitual
2 residence is the United States—

3 (A) the number of such new abduction and
4 access cases, respectively, reported during the
5 preceding year and the number of children in-
6 volved;

7 (B) for Convention and bilateral proce-
8 dures countries—

9 (i) the number of abduction and ac-
10 cess cases that the Central Authority of
11 the United States transmitted to the Cen-
12 tral Authority of such country; and

13 (ii) the number of abduction and ac-
14 cess cases that were not submitted by the
15 Central Authority to the judicial or admin-
16 istrative authority, as applicable, of such
17 country;

18 (C) the reason for the delay in submission
19 of each case identified in subparagraph (B)(ii)
20 by the Central Authority of such country to the
21 judicial or administrative authority of that
22 country;

23 (D) the number of unresolved abduction
24 and access cases, respectively, the number of

1 children involved, and the length of time each
2 case has been pending;

3 (E) the number and percentage of unre-
4 solved abduction cases in which law enforce-
5 ment authorities have—

6 (i) not located the abducted child;

7 (ii) failed to undertake serious efforts
8 to locate the abducted child; and

9 (iii) failed to enforce a return order
10 rendered by the judicial or administrative
11 authorities of such country;

12 (F) the total number and the percentage of
13 the total number of abduction and access cases,
14 respectively, resolved during the preceding year;

15 (G) recommendations to improve the reso-
16 lution of abduction and access cases; and

17 (H) the average time it takes to locate a
18 child;

19 (3) the number of abducted children whose ha-
20 bitual residence is in the United States and who
21 were returned to the United States from—

22 (A) Convention countries;

23 (B) bilateral procedures countries;

24 (C) countries having other procedures for
25 resolving such abductions; or

1 (D) countries adhering to no protocols with
2 respect to child abduction;

3 (4) a list of Convention countries and bilateral
4 procedures countries that have failed to comply with
5 any of their obligations under the Hague Abduction
6 Convention or bilateral procedures, as applicable,
7 with respect to the resolution of abduction and ac-
8 cess cases;

9 (5) a list of countries demonstrating a pattern
10 of noncompliance and a description of the criteria on
11 which the determination of a pattern of noncompli-
12 ance for each country is based;

13 (6) information on efforts by the Assistant Sec-
14 retary of State for Consular Affairs to encourage
15 non-Convention countries—

16 (A) to ratify or accede to the Hague Ab-
17 duction Convention;

18 (B) to enter into or implement other bilat-
19 eral procedures, including memoranda of under-
20 standing, with the United States; and

21 (C) to address pending abduction and ac-
22 cess cases;

23 (7) the number of cases resolved without ab-
24 ducted children being returned to the United States
25 from Convention countries, bilateral procedures

1 countries, or other non-Convention countries, and
2 number of children involved in such cases;

3 (8) a list of countries that became Convention
4 countries with respect to the United States during
5 the preceding year;

6 (9) information about efforts to seek resolution
7 of abduction cases of children whose habitual resi-
8 dence is in the United States and whose abduction
9 occurred before the Hague Abduction Convention en-
10 tered into force with respect to the United States;
11 and

12 (10) the total number of pending cases the De-
13 partment has assigned to case officers and number
14 of children involved for each country and as a total
15 for all countries.

16 (c) EXCEPTIONS.—Unless a left-behind parent pro-
17 vides written permission to the Central Authority of the
18 United States to include personally identifiable informa-
19 tion about the parent or the child in the report required
20 by subsection (a), such report may not include any person-
21 ally identifiable information about any such parent, child,
22 or party to an abduction or access case involving such par-
23 ent or child.

24 (d) ADDITIONAL SECTIONS.—Each report required
25 by subsection (a) shall also include—

1 (1) information on the number of unresolved
2 abduction cases affecting military parents;

3 (2) a description of the assistance offered to
4 such military parents;

5 (3) information on the use of airlines in abduc-
6 tions, voluntary airline practices to prevent abduc-
7 tions, and recommendations for best airline practices
8 to prevent abductions;

9 (4) information on actions taken by the Central
10 Authority of the United States to train domestic
11 judges in the application of the Hague Abduction
12 Convention; and

13 (5) information on actions taken by the Central
14 Authority of the United States to train United
15 States Armed Forces legal assistance personnel,
16 military chaplains, and military family support cen-
17 ter personnel about—

18 (A) abductions;

19 (B) the risk of loss of contact with chil-
20 dren; and

21 (C) the legal means available to resolve
22 such cases.

23 (e) NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS ON COUNTRIES IN
24 NONCOMPLIANCE.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Secretary
2 shall include, in a separate section of the report re-
3 quired by subsection (a), the Assistant Secretary’s
4 determination, pursuant to the provisions under sec-
5 tion 202(b) of the Sean and David Goldman Inter-
6 national Child Abduction Prevention and Return Act
7 of 2014 (22 U.S.C. 9122(b)) of whether each coun-
8 try listed in the report has engaged in a pattern of
9 noncompliance in cases of child abduction during the
10 preceding 12 months.

11 (2) CONTENTS.—The section described in para-
12 graph (1)—

13 (A) shall identify any action described in
14 section 202(d) of such Act (22 U.S.C. 9122(d))
15 (or commensurate action as provided in section
16 202(e) of such Act (22 U.S.C. 9122(e))) that
17 has been taken by the Assistant Secretary with
18 respect to each country;

19 (B) shall describe the basis for the Assist-
20 ant Secretary’s determination of the pattern of
21 noncompliance by each country; and

22 (C) shall indicate whether noneconomic
23 policy options designed to resolve the pattern of
24 noncompliance have reasonably been exhausted,

1 including the consultations required under sec-
2 tion 202(h) of such Act (22 U.S.C. 9122(h)).

3 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) ABDUCTION.—The term “abduction” means
5 the alleged wrongful removal of a child from the
6 child’s country of habitual residence, or the wrongful
7 retention of a child outside such country, in violation
8 of a left-behind parent’s custodial rights, including
9 the rights of a military parent.

10 (2) ABDUCTION CASE.—The term “abduction
11 case” means—

12 (A) a case that—

13 (i) has been reported to the Central
14 Authority of the United States by a left-be-
15 hind parent for the resolution of an abduc-
16 tion; and

17 (ii) meets the criteria for an inter-
18 national child abduction under the Hague
19 Abduction Convention, regardless of
20 whether the country at issue is a Conven-
21 tion country; and

22 (B) includes any case reported involving an
23 application filed with the Central Authority of
24 the United States or directly with the foreign

1 central authority by a parent seeking rights of
2 access or return.

3 (3) CONVENTION COUNTRY.—The term “Con-
4 vention country” means a country for which the
5 Hague Abduction Convention has entered into force
6 with respect to the United States.

7 (4) HAGUE ABDUCTION CONVENTION.—The
8 term “Hague Abduction Convention” means the
9 Convention on the Civil Aspects of International
10 Child Abduction, done at The Hague October 25,
11 1980.

12 (5) LEFT-BEHIND PARENT.—The term “left-be-
13 hind parent” means an individual or legal custodian
14 who alleges that an abduction has occurred that is
15 in breach of rights of custody attributed to such in-
16 dividual.

17 **SEC. 818. SUNSET.**

18 This title shall terminate on the day that is 3 years
19 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

