

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 5626, With an Amendment

(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)

115TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5626

To amend the Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000 to require the Secretary of State to report on intercountry adoptions from countries which have significantly reduced adoption rates involving immigration to the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 26, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mrs. LAWRENCE, and Mr. LAMBORN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Intercountry Adoption
3 Information Act of 2018”.

4 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN**
5 **ANNUAL REPORT ON INTERCOUNTRY ADOP-**
6 **TIONS.**

7 (a) **REPORT ELEMENTS.**—Section 104(b) of the
8 Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 14914(b))
9 is amended by adding at the end the following new para-
10 graphs:

11 “(9) A list of countries that established or
12 maintained a law or policy that prevented or prohib-
13 ited adoptions involving immigration to the United
14 States, regardless of whether such adoptions oc-
15 curred under the Convention.

16 “(10) For each country listed under paragraph
17 (9), the date on which the law or policy was initially
18 implemented.

19 “(11) Information on efforts taken with respect
20 to a country listed under paragraph (9) to encourage
21 the resumption of halted or stalled adoption pro-
22 ceedings involving immigration to the United States,
23 regardless of whether the adoptions would have oc-
24 curred under the Convention.

25 “(12) Information on any action the Secretary
26 carried out that prevented, prohibited, or halted any

1 adoptions involving immigration to the United
2 States, regardless of whether the adoptions occurred
3 under the Convention.”.

4 (b) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF REPORT.—Section 104
5 of the Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C.
6 14914) is amended by adding at the end the following new
7 subsection:

8 “(c) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF REPORT.—The Sec-
9 retary shall make the information contained in the report
10 required under subsection (a) available to the public on
11 the website of the Department of State.”.

12 (c) PRIVACY CONCERNS.—In complying with the
13 amendments made by subsections (a) and (b), the Sec-
14 retary shall avoid, to the maximum extent practicable, dis-
15 closing any personally identifiable information relating to
16 United States citizens or the adoptees of such citizens.

17 (d) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 104(a) of
18 the Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C.
19 14914(a)) is amended by striking “International Rela-
20 tions” and inserting “Foreign Affairs”.

21 (e) APPLICATION DATE.—The amendments made by
22 this section shall apply with respect to reports required
23 to be submitted under section 104 of the Intercountry
24 Adoption Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 14914) beginning on the

1 date that is 1 year after the date of enactment of this
2 Act.