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S. 134

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 29, 2019

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

AN ACT

To amend title 18, United States Code, with regard to
stalking.

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 “Combat Online Preda-
3 tors Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. ENHANCED PENALTY FOR STALKERS OF CHILDREN.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 110A of title 18, United
6 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 2261A
7 the following:

8 **“§ 2261B. Enhanced penalty for stalkers of children**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
10 (b), if the victim of an offense under section 2261A is
11 under the age of 18 years, the maximum imprisonment
12 for the offense is 5 years greater than the maximum term
13 of imprisonment otherwise provided for that offense in sec-
14 tion 2261.

15 “(b) LIMITATION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to
16 a person who violates section 2261A if—

17 “(1) the person is subject to a sentence under
18 section 2261(b)(5); and

19 “(2)(A) the person is under the age of 18 at
20 the time the offense occurred; or

21 “(B) the victim of the offense is not less than
22 15 nor more than 17 years of age and not more
23 than 3 years younger than the person who com-
24 mitted the offense at the time the offense oc-
25 curred.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
 2 at the beginning of chapter 110A of title 18, United States
 3 Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to
 4 section 2261A the following new item:

“2261B. Enhanced penalty for stalkers of children.”.

5 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 2261A of
 6 title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking “sec-
 7 tion 2261(b) of this title” and inserting “section 2261(b)
 8 or section 2261B, as the case may be”.

9 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON BEST PRACTICES REGARDING EN-**
 10 **FORCEMENT OF ANTI-STALKING LAWS.**

11 Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment
 12 of this Act, the Attorney General shall submit a report
 13 to Congress, which shall—

14 (1) include an evaluation of Federal, Tribal,
 15 State, and local efforts to enforce laws relating to
 16 stalking; and

17 (2) identify and describe those elements of such
 18 efforts that constitute the best practices for the en-
 19 forcement of such laws.

Passed the Senate October 28, 2019.

Attest:

JULIE E. ADAMS,

Secretary.