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To amend title 18, United States Code, to increase the punishment for certain offenses involving children, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VASQUEZ (for himself and Mr. McCAUL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Homeland Security, and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Stop Coyotes’ Oppres-
5 sion and Organized Trafficking, and Ensuring Safety
6 Act” or the “Stop COYOTES Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASED PUNISHMENT FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES**
2 **INVOLVING CHILDREN.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 110 of title 18, United
4 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 2251A
5 the following:

6 **“§ 2251B. Offenses involving children**

7 “(a) OFFENSE.—Any person who commits a felony
8 offense involving a minor under section 1201, 1466A,
9 1470, 1591, 1594, 2241, 2242, 2243, 2244, 2245, 2251,
10 2251A, 2260, 2421, 2422, 2423, or 2425, within 1,000
11 feet of the real property comprising a public or private
12 elementary, vocational, or secondary school or a public or
13 private college, junior college, or university, school-spon-
14 sored activity, or a playground, or housing facility owned
15 by a public housing authority, or within 100 feet of a pub-
16 lic or private youth center, public park, public playground,
17 public swimming pool, or video arcade facility, shall be
18 sentenced to a term of imprisonment of up to 10 years
19 in addition to the imprisonment imposed for the offense
20 under that provision. The sentence imposed under this
21 section shall be consecutive to any sentence imposed for
22 the offense under that provision.

23 “(b) MINOR DEFINED.—In this section, the term
24 ‘minor’ means an individual who has not attained 18 years
25 of age.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 110 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 2251A the following new item:

“2251B. Offenses involving children.”.

SEC. 3. INCREASED PUNISHMENT FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES INVOLVING FENTANYL.

Section 401(b)(1) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 841(b)(1)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), in the matter following clause (viii)—

(A) by inserting “(or, in the case of a violation involving a substance described in clause (vi), \$15,000,000)” after “\$10,000,000”;

(B) by inserting “(or, in the case of a violation involving a substance described in clause (vi), \$75,000,000)” after “\$50,000,000”;

(C) by inserting “(or, in the case of a violation involving a substance described in clause (vi), \$30,000,000)” after “\$20,000,000”; and

(D) by inserting “(or, in the case of a violation involving a substance described in clause (vi), \$112,500,000)” after “\$75,000,000”; and

(2) in subparagraph (B), in the matter following clause (viii)—

1 (A) by inserting “(or, in the case of a vio-
 2 lation involving a substance described in clause
 3 (vi), \$7,500,000)” after “\$5,000,000”;

4 (B) by inserting “(or, in the case of a vio-
 5 lation involving a substance described in clause
 6 (vi), \$37,500,000)” after “\$25,000,000”;

7 (C) by inserting “(or, in the case of a vio-
 8 lation involving a substance described in clause
 9 (vi), \$12,000,000)” after “\$8,000,000”; and

10 (D) by inserting “(or, in the case of a vio-
 11 lation involving a substance described in clause
 12 (vi), \$75,000,000)” after “\$50,000,000”.

13 **SEC. 4. INFORMATION SHARING AND REPORTING.**

14 (a) INFORMATION SHARING.—The Secretary of
 15 Homeland Security shall ensure that the Director of Im-
 16 migration and Customs Enforcement and the Commis-
 17 sioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection share the
 18 information described in subsection (c) that is collected
 19 by each respective department with each other, and with—

20 (1) State law enforcement agencies in States
 21 along a land border of the United States; and

22 (2) local law enforcement agencies that serve
 23 jurisdictions located not more than 100 miles from
 24 a land border of the United States.

1 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—On the date that is 180
2 days after the date of enactment of this Act, and every
3 180 days thereafter, the Secretary of Homeland Security
4 shall report to Congress the information described in sub-
5 section (c) that has been collected during the previous
6 180-day period by Immigration and Customs Enforcement
7 and U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

8 (c) INFORMATION DESCRIBED.—The information de-
9 scribed in this subsection is information about the fol-
10 lowing:

11 (1) The unlawful entry of aliens along the
12 southern border of the United States.

13 (2) Severe forms of trafficking in persons and
14 sex trafficking (as defined in section 103 of the
15 Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22
16 U.S.C. 7102)) occurring in the United States, in-
17 cluding cases in which the victim of trafficking was
18 smuggled into the United States from Mexico.

19 (3) The smuggling of aliens as described in sec-
20 tion 274(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act
21 (8 U.S.C. 1324(a)).

22 (4) The kidnapping of aliens outside of the
23 United States for the purpose of smuggling such
24 aliens into and trafficking such aliens in the United
25 States.

1 (5) Abuse and assault of aliens committed by
2 traffickers and smugglers.

3 (6) The smuggling of controlled substances (as
4 such term is defined in section 102 of the Controlled
5 Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 802)) and firearms (as
6 such term is defined in section 921 of title 18,
7 United States Code) into the United States.

8 (7) The prevalence of the involvement of gangs
9 and transnational criminal organizations in the ac-
10 tivities described in paragraphs (1) through (6).

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