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To establish the Unaccompanied Alien Child Anti-Trafficking Program, and
for other purposes.

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Ms. MACE (for herself, Mr. BURCHETT, and Mr. GOSAR) introduced the
following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “No More Missing Chil-
5 dren Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. UNACCOMPANIED ALIEN CHILD ANTI-TRAFFICKING**
7 **PROGRAM.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Health and
9 Human Services (referred to in this Act as the “Sec-
10 retary”), in coordination with the Secretary of Homeland

1 Security, shall establish a program to be known as the
2 “Unaccompanied Alien Child Anti-Trafficking Program”
3 (referred to in this Act as the “Program”) to prevent the
4 trafficking, disappearance, or loss of unaccompanied alien
5 children.

6 (b) ENROLLMENT.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall enroll in
8 the Program—

9 (A) each unaccompanied alien child re-
10 leased from the custody of the Secretary on or
11 after the date of enactment of this Act; and

12 (B) each unaccompanied alien child re-
13 leased from the custody of the Secretary before
14 the date of enactment of this Act who is phys-
15 ically present in the United States as of such
16 date of enactment.

17 (2) DURATION.—Each unaccompanied alien
18 child enrolled in the Program shall remain so en-
19 rolled until the earliest of—

20 (A) the removal of the child, if ordered re-
21 moved;

22 (B) the date on which the child attains the
23 age of 18; or

24 (C) the child obtains lawful status under
25 the immigration laws.

1 (c) DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.—In carrying out
2 the Program, the Secretary shall do the following:

3 (1) Ensure that any sponsor to whom an unac-
4 companied alien child is released under section 235
5 of the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Pro-
6 tection Reauthorization Act of 2008 (8 U.S.C. 1232)
7 is vetted in accordance with subsection (d), and is
8 not ineligible to serve as a sponsor under subsection
9 (e).

10 (2) Require each unaccompanied alien child and
11 each sponsor of such child to be continuously mon-
12 itored by GPS for the duration of the period that
13 the child resides with the sponsor.

14 (3) In the case of an unaccompanied alien child
15 who has attained the age of 4, require telephonic re-
16 porting for both the sponsor and the child, not less
17 than once per month.

18 (4) Collect the DNA of each unaccompanied
19 alien child, each sponsor of such child, and each
20 adult member of the household of such sponsor, and
21 in the case of a sponsor who asserts that they are
22 a biological parent or biological relative of an unac-
23 companied alien child, confirm such relationship
24 using DNA testing.

1 (5) Immediately take custody of any unaccom-
2 panied alien child the Secretary has reason to believe
3 may be subject to exploitation, abuse, or subject to
4 unsafe conditions, and notify the Secretary of Home-
5 land Security.

6 (6) Conduct home visits as follows:

7 (A) Visit and inspect the household in
8 which each unaccompanied alien child is pro-
9 posed to be placed before such child may be re-
10 leased from the custody of the Secretary.

11 (B) Conduct not fewer than 6 unan-
12 nounced, in-person visits during the first year
13 of a placement of an unaccompanied alien child,
14 and not fewer than 4 unannounced, in-person
15 visits per year thereafter.

16 (d) VETTING OF SPONSORS.—

17 (1) INITIAL VETTING.—Before releasing an un-
18 accompanied alien child from the custody of the Sec-
19 retary into the custody of a sponsor, the Secretary
20 shall require such sponsor, and any adult member of
21 the household of such sponsor, to provide the Sec-
22 retary with their biometric information, and in con-
23 sultation with the Attorney General, conduct a back-
24 ground check and vetting process that includes—

25 (A) an in-person interview and inspection;

1 (B) a public records check;

2 (C) a check of the Combined DNA Index
3 System;

4 (D) a Federal Bureau of Investigation Na-
5 tional Criminal History check;

6 (E) an interagency check through the Na-
7 tional Vetting Center;

8 (F) a check of the National Counterter-
9 rorism Center and Terrorism Screening Center;

10 (G) a child abuse and neglect check in rel-
11 evant States;

12 (H) a check of the criminal history reposi-
13 tory of the relevant States, localities, and any
14 foreign country in which the sponsor has re-
15 sided (to the greatest extent possible);

16 (I) a check of all Department of Homeland
17 Security databases, to include a determination
18 of immigration status;

19 (J) a check of the National Sex Offender
20 Registry; and

21 (K) a synthetic identity check against
22 fraudulent identities.

23 (2) SUPPLEMENTARY BACKGROUND CHECKS.—
24 After placing an unaccompanied alien child into the
25 custody of a sponsor, the Secretary shall, on an on-

1 going basis, and not less frequently than quarterly,
2 conduct supplementary background checks and vet-
3 ting to ensure that the sponsor and any adult mem-
4 ber of the household of such sponsor continue to be
5 eligible to have custody of the unaccompanied alien
6 child.

7 (e) SPONSOR ELIGIBILITY.—The Secretary of Health
8 and Human Services may not release an unaccompanied
9 alien child to the custody of a sponsor, if such sponsor,
10 or an adult member of the household of such sponsor—

11 (1) is an alien unlawfully present in the United
12 States, unless such alien is the parent, legal guard-
13 ian, or a biological relative of such unaccompanied
14 alien child;

15 (2) is an associate or member of—

16 (A) a transnational criminal organization;

17 (B) a criminal street gang;

18 (C) an enterprise involved in a pattern of
19 racketeering activity or through the collection of
20 an unlawful debt;

21 (D) a foreign terrorist organization, des-
22 ignated pursuant to section 219 of the Immi-
23 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189); or

24 (E) an entity designated as Specially Des-
25 ignated Global Terrorist, pursuant to the Inter-

1 national Emergency Economic Powers Act (50
2 U.S.C. 1702);

3 (3) is a sex offender who is required to register
4 on the National Sex Offender Registry under section
5 113 of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety
6 Act of 2006 (34 U.S.C. 20913);

7 (4) has been convicted of crime under the laws
8 of the United States, a State, or a political subdivi-
9 sion of a State, which—

10 (A) carries a maximum sentence of 1 year
11 or greater; or

12 (B) carries a maximum sentence of less
13 than 1 year, during the 10-year period pre-
14 ceeding the custody determination made by the
15 Secretary;

16 (5) has been convicted of a crime of violence
17 under the laws a foreign country; or

18 (6) has been charged with a crime under the
19 laws of the United States, a State, or a political sub-
20 division of a State, with respect to which the dispo-
21 sition is pending.

22 (f) FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CONDITIONS OF RE-
23 LEASE.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—If, at any time, a sponsor
25 fails to ensure that an unaccompanied alien child in

1 the custody of the sponsor complies with the condi-
2 tions of their release from the custody of the Sec-
3 retary or the conditions of the Program, the Sec-
4 retary shall—

5 (A) terminate the placement of the unac-
6 companied alien child with such sponsor;

7 (B) take custody of the unaccompanied
8 alien child; and

9 (C) prohibit such sponsor from sponsoring
10 that unaccompanied alien child or any other un-
11 accompanied alien child.

12 (2) FAILURE TO COMPLY.—In this subsection,
13 failure to comply with the conditions of release in-
14 cludes failing to attend a court proceeding and vio-
15 lating an order of an immigration judge.

16 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

17 (1) The term “adult” means an individual who
18 is 18 years of age or older.

19 (2) The terms “alien” and “immigration laws”
20 have the meanings given such terms in section
21 101(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
22 U.S.C. 1101(a)).

23 (3) The term “continuously monitored by GPS”
24 means uninterrupted tracking of a person’s location

1 and movement history using satellite technology
2 through a body worn device.

3 (4) The term “crime of violence” has the mean-
4 ing given such term in section 16(a) of title 18,
5 United States Code.

6 (5) The term “criminal street gang” has the
7 meaning given such term in section 521(a) of title
8 18, United States Code.

9 (6) The terms “enterprise”, “racketeering ac-
10 tivity”, “pattern of racketeering activity”, and “un-
11 lawful debt” have the meanings given to such terms
12 in 1961 of title 18, United States Code.

13 (7) The term “member of the household”
14 means, with respect to any person, any individual
15 sharing a common abode as part of a single family
16 unit with the person, including a domestic employee.

17 (8) The term “telephonic reporting” means a
18 telephone call that compares the voice of the person
19 calling to a biometric voiceprint of the person re-
20 quired to place such call.

21 (9) The term “transnational criminal organiza-
22 tion” has the meaning given such term in section
23 3003 of the FEND Off Fentanyl Act (21 U.S.C.
24 2341).

1 (10) The term “unaccompanied alien child” has
2 the meaning given such term in section 462(g) of
3 the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C.
4 279(g)).

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