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To revise the duties of the Office of Refugee resettlement with respect to unaccompanied alien children, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. MOODY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 Government
5 Abandonment and Placement Scandals Act of 2025” or
6 the “Stop GAPS Act of 2025”.

7 **SEC. 2. SPONSORS FOR UNACCOMPANIED MINORS.**

8 The Secretary of Homeland Security shall amend sec-
9 tion 410.1201(a) of title 45, Code of Federal Regulations,
10 by striking paragraph (6).

1 **SEC. 3. DUTY OF OFFICE OF REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT.**

2 The Director of the Office of Refugee Resettlement
3 shall—

4 (1) track each unaccompanied alien child (as
5 defined in section 462(g) of the Homeland Security
6 Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 279(g))) released from the
7 custody of the Department of Homeland Security
8 while such unaccompanied alien child—

9 (A) is in the United States; and

10 (B) involved in ongoing immigration pro-
11 ceedings; and

12 (2) work with States to find placements for
13 such unaccompanied alien children.

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