

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DAINES (for himself and Ms. HASSAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 “Homeland Security  
5 for Children Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR**  
2 **STRATEGY, POLICY, AND PLANS.**

3 Section 709(c)(6) of the Homeland Security Act of  
4 2002 (6 U.S.C. 349(c)(6)) is amended by inserting “, in-  
5 cluding feedback from organizations representing the  
6 needs of children,” after “stakeholder feedback”.

7 **SEC. 3. TECHNICAL EXPERT AUTHORIZED.**

8 Section 503(b)(2) of the Homeland Security Act of  
9 2002 (6 U.S.C. 313(b)(2)) is amended—

10 (1) in subparagraph (G), by striking “and” at  
11 the end;

12 (2) in subparagraph (H), by striking the period  
13 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

14 (3) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(I) identify and integrate the needs of  
16 children into activities to prepare for, protect  
17 against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate  
18 against the risk of natural disasters, acts of ter-  
19 rorism, and other manmade disasters, including  
20 catastrophic incidents, including by appointing  
21 a technical expert, who may consult with rel-  
22 evant outside organizations and experts, as nec-  
23 essary, to coordinate such integration, as nec-  
24 essary.”.

1 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

2 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment  
3 of this Act and annually thereafter for 4 years, the Under  
4 Secretary for Strategy, Policy, and Plans of the Depart-  
5 ment of Homeland Security shall submit to the Committee  
6 on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the  
7 Senate and the Committee on Homeland Security of the  
8 House of Representatives a report describing the efforts  
9 the Department has undertaken to review and incorporate  
10 feedback from organizations representing the needs of  
11 children into Department policy in accordance with para-  
12 graph (6) of section 709(c) of the Homeland Security Act  
13 of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 349(c)) (as added by section 2 of this  
14 Act), and the effect of that review and incorporation on  
15 the efforts of the Department to combat human traf-  
16 ficking and drug trafficking and respond to natural and  
17 manmade disasters, including information on the fol-  
18 lowing:

19 (1) The designation of any individual respon-  
20 sible for carrying out the duties under such para-  
21 graph (6).

22 (2) Any review, formal or informal, of Depart-  
23 ment policies, programs, or activities to assess the  
24 suitability of the policies, programs, or activities for  
25 children and where feedback from organizations rep-

1       resenting the needs of children should be reviewed  
2       and incorporated.

3               (3) Any review, change, modification, or pro-  
4       mulgation of Department policies, programs, or ac-  
5       tivities to ensure that the policies, programs, or ac-  
6       tivities are appropriate for children.

7               (4) Coordination with organizations or experts  
8       outside the Department, under such paragraph (6),  
9       conducted to inform any review, change, modifica-  
10      tion, or promulgation of policies, programs, or activi-  
11      ties described in paragraph (2) or (3) of this sub-  
12      section.