

**Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 4058, With an Amendment**

**(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)**

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# H. R. 4058

To prevent and address sex trafficking of youth in foster care.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. REICHERT (for himself, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. PAULSEN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. ROSKAM, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. LEWIS, Mr. YOUNG of Indiana, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. RENACCI, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mrs. WAGNER, Ms. BASS, and Mr. LANGEVIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

To prevent and address sex trafficking of youth in foster care.

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 “Preventing Sex Traf-  
5 ficking and Improving Opportunities for Youth in Foster  
6 Care Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

2 The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title.
- Sec. 2. Table of contents.
- Sec. 3. Findings.

TITLE I—IDENTIFYING AND PROTECTING YOUTH AT RISK OF  
SEX TRAFFICKING

- Sec. 101. Identifying and screening youth at risk of sex trafficking.
- Sec. 102. Documenting and reporting instances of sex trafficking.
- Sec. 103. State plan requirement to locate and respond to children who run away from foster care.
- Sec. 104. Increasing information on youth in foster care to prevent sex trafficking.

TITLE II—IMPROVING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH IN FOSTER  
CARE AND SUPPORTING PERMANENCY

- Sec. 201. Supporting normalcy for children in foster care.
- Sec. 202. Improvements to another planned permanent living arrangement as a permanency option.
- Sec. 203. Empowering foster youth age 14 and older in the development of their own case plan and transition planning for a successful adulthood.
- Sec. 204. Ensuring foster youth have a birth certificate, Social Security card, health insurance information, medical records, and a bank account.

TITLE III—IMPROVING DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING ON  
CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING

- Sec. 301. Including sex trafficking data in the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System.
- Sec. 302. Information on children in foster care in annual reports using AFCARS data; consultation.

TITLE IV—IMPROVING THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY TO INCREASE  
CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTIONS

- Sec. 401. Required electronic processing of income withholding.

3 **SEC. 3. FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress makes the following findings:

- 5 (1) Recent reports on sex trafficking estimate
- 6 that thousands of children are at risk for domestic
- 7 sex trafficking.

1           (2) The risk is compounded every year for the  
2 up to 30,000 young people who are “emancipated”  
3 from foster care.

4           (3) The current child welfare system does not  
5 effectively identify, prevent, or intervene when a  
6 child presents as trafficked or at risk for trafficking.

7           (4) Within the foster care system, many young  
8 adults are housed in congregate care facilities or  
9 group homes, which often are targeted by traf-  
10 fickers.

11           (5) Within the foster care system, children are  
12 routinely denied the opportunity to participate in  
13 normal, age or developmentally-appropriate activities  
14 such as joining 4–H and other clubs, participating  
15 in school plays, playing sports, going to camp, and  
16 visiting a friend.

17           (6) A lack of normalcy and barriers to partici-  
18 pation in age or developmentally-appropriate activi-  
19 ties contribute to increased vulnerability to traf-  
20 ficking, homelessness, and other negative outcomes  
21 for children in foster care.

22           (7) The latest research in adolescent brain de-  
23 velopment indicates that young people learn through  
24 experience and through trial and error, and that as  
25 part of healthy brain development young people need

1 to take on increasing levels of decisionmaking  
2 through their teenage years.

3 (8) In order to combat domestic sex trafficking  
4 and to improve outcomes for children in foster care,  
5 systemic changes need to be made to the child wel-  
6 fare system that focus on—

7 (A) the reduction of children in long-term  
8 foster care;

9 (B) greater child engagement in case plan-  
10 ning while in foster care;

11 (C) improved efforts to locate and respond  
12 to children who have run away from foster care  
13 and to reduce the number of foster children  
14 who are on the run;

15 (D) improved policies and procedures that  
16 encourage age or developmentally-appropriate  
17 activities for children in foster care and that  
18 permit more opportunities for such children to  
19 make meaningful and permanent connections  
20 with caring adults; and

21 (E) with regard to domestic sex traf-  
22 ficking, improved identification, prevention, and  
23 intervention by the child welfare agency in col-  
24 laboration with the courts, State and local law

1 enforcement agencies, schools, juvenile justice  
2 agencies, and other social service providers.

3 **TITLE I—IDENTIFYING AND PRO-**  
4 **TECTING YOUTH AT RISK OF**  
5 **SEX TRAFFICKING**

6 **SEC. 101. IDENTIFYING AND SCREENING YOUTH AT RISK**  
7 **OF SEX TRAFFICKING.**

8 Section 471(a)(9) of the Social Security Act (42  
9 U.S.C. 671(a)(9)) is amended—

- 10 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and”;  
11 (2) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “and”  
12 after the semicolon; and  
13 (3) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(C) not later than—  
15 “(i) 1 year after the date of the enact-  
16 ment of this subparagraph, demonstrate to  
17 the Secretary that the State agency has  
18 developed, in consultation with organiza-  
19 tions with experience in dealing with at-  
20 risk youth, policies and procedures for  
21 identifying and screening (including rel-  
22 evant training for caseworkers), and for  
23 determining appropriate State action and  
24 services with respect to—

1           “(I) any child over whom the  
2           State agency has responsibility for  
3           placement, care, or supervision (in-  
4           cluding children for whom a State  
5           child welfare agency has an open case  
6           file but who have not been removed  
7           from the home and youth who are not  
8           in foster care but are receiving serv-  
9           ices under section 477 of this Act)  
10          who the State has reasonable cause to  
11          believe—

12                   “(aa) is a victim of sex traf-  
13                   ficking (as defined in section  
14                   103(10) of the Trafficking Vic-  
15                   tims Protection Act of 2000 (22  
16                   U.S.C. 7102(10))) or a severe  
17                   form of trafficking in persons de-  
18                   scribed in section 103(9)(A) of  
19                   such Act (22 U.S.C.  
20                   7102(9)(A)); or

21                   “(bb) is at risk of being a  
22                   victim of either kind of traf-  
23                   ficking; and

24                   “(II) at the option of the State,  
25                   any individual, without regard to

1           whether the individual is or was in  
2           foster care under the responsibility of  
3           the State, who has not attained 26  
4           years of age; and

5           “(ii) 2 years after such date of enact-  
6           ment, demonstrate to the Secretary that  
7           the State agency is implementing, in con-  
8           sultation with the child protective services  
9           agency or unit for the State, the policies  
10          and procedures referred to in clause (i).”.

11 **SEC. 102. DOCUMENTING AND REPORTING INSTANCES OF**  
12 **SEX TRAFFICKING.**

13          (a) STATE PLAN REQUIREMENTS.—Section 471(a)  
14 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 671(a)) is amend-  
15 ed—

16           (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph  
17          (32);

18           (2) by striking the period at the end of para-  
19          graph (33) and inserting a semicolon; and

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

21           “(34) provides that, for each child over whom  
22          the State agency has responsibility for placement,  
23          care, or supervision (including any child for whom a  
24          State child welfare agency has an open case file but  
25          who has not been removed from the home, and any

1 youth who is not in foster care but is receiving serv-  
2 ices under section 477), the State agency shall—

3 “(A) not later than 2 years after the date  
4 of the enactment of this paragraph, identify  
5 and document appropriately in agency records  
6 each child who is identified as being a victim of  
7 sex trafficking (as defined in section 103(10) of  
8 the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000)  
9 or as being a victim of severe forms of traf-  
10 ficking in persons described in section  
11 103(9)(A) of such Act, as such a victim; and

12 “(B) report immediately, and in no case  
13 later than 24 hours after receiving—

14 “(i) information on children who have  
15 been identified as being victims of sex traf-  
16 ficking (as defined in subparagraph (A) of  
17 this paragraph) to the law enforcement au-  
18 thorities; and

19 “(ii) information on missing or ab-  
20 ducted children to the law enforcement au-  
21 thorities for entry into the National Crime  
22 Information Center (NCIC) database of  
23 the Federal Bureau of Investigation, estab-  
24 lished pursuant to section 534 of title 28,  
25 United States Code, and to the National

1 Center for Missing and Exploited Children;  
2 and

3 “(35) not later than 2 years after the date of  
4 the enactment of this paragraph, contains a regu-  
5 larly updated description, made available to the pub-  
6 lic on the Internet website of the State agency, of  
7 the specific measures taken by the State agency to  
8 protect and provide services to children who are vic-  
9 tims of sex trafficking (as defined in section 103(10)  
10 of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000),  
11 or victims of severe forms of trafficking in persons  
12 described in section 103(9)(A) of such Act, including  
13 efforts to coordinate with State and local law en-  
14 forcement, schools, juvenile justice agencies, and so-  
15 cial service agencies such as runaway and homeless  
16 youth shelters and transitional and other supportive  
17 housing providers to serve that population.”.

18 (b) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Health and  
19 Human Services shall promulgate regulations imple-  
20 menting the amendments made by subsection (a) of this  
21 section and shall provide uniform definitions for States to  
22 use for the reports required under section 471(a)(34)(B)  
23 of the Social Security Act, as added by such subsection  
24 (a).

1 **SEC. 103. STATE PLAN REQUIREMENT TO LOCATE AND RE-**  
2 **SPOND TO CHILDREN WHO RUN AWAY FROM**  
3 **FOSTER CARE.**

4 Section 471(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
5 671(a)), as amended by section 102 of this Act, is amend-  
6 ed—

7 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph  
8 (34);

9 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-  
10 graph (35) and inserting “; and”; and

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

12 “(36) provides that, not later than 1 year after  
13 the date of the enactment of this paragraph, the  
14 State shall develop and implement specific protocols  
15 for—

16 “(A) expeditiously locating any child miss-  
17 ing from foster care;

18 “(B) determining the primary factors that  
19 contributed to the child’s running away or oth-  
20 erwise being absent from care, and to the ex-  
21 tent possible and appropriate, responding to  
22 those factors in current and subsequent place-  
23 ments;

24 “(C) determining the child’s experiences  
25 while absent from care, including screening the  
26 child to determine if he or she is a possible vic-

1 tim of sex trafficking (as defined in paragraph  
2 (9)(C)); and

3 “(D) reporting such related information as  
4 required by the Secretary.”.

5 **SEC. 104. INCREASING INFORMATION ON YOUTH IN FOS-**  
6 **TER CARE TO PREVENT SEX TRAFFICKING.**

7 Not later than 2 years after the date of the enact-  
8 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human  
9 Services shall submit to the Congress a written report  
10 which summarizes the following:

11 (1) Information on children who run away from  
12 foster care and their risk of becoming victims of sex  
13 trafficking, using data reported by States under sec-  
14 tion 479 of the Social Security Act and information  
15 collected by States related to section 471(a)(36) of  
16 such Act, including—

17 (A) characteristics of children who run  
18 away from foster care;

19 (B) potential factors associated with chil-  
20 dren running away from foster care (such as  
21 reason for entry into care, length of stay in  
22 care, type of placement, and other factors that  
23 contributed to the child’s running away);

24 (C) information on children’s experiences  
25 while absent from care; and

1 (D) trends in the number of children re-  
2 ported as runaways in each fiscal year (includ-  
3 ing factors that may have contributed to  
4 changes in such trends).

5 (2) Information on State efforts to provide spe-  
6 cialized services, foster family homes, or child care  
7 institutions for children who are victims of sex traf-  
8 ficking.

9 (3) Information on State efforts to ensure chil-  
10 dren in foster care form and maintain long-lasting  
11 connections to caring adults, even when a child in  
12 foster care must move to another foster family home  
13 or when the child is placed under the supervision of  
14 a new caseworker.

15 **TITLE II—IMPROVING OPPORTU-**  
16 **NITIES FOR YOUTH IN FOS-**  
17 **TER CARE AND SUPPORTING**  
18 **PERMANENCY**

19 **SEC. 201. SUPPORTING NORMALCY FOR CHILDREN IN FOS-**  
20 **TER CARE.**

21 (a) REASONABLE AND PRUDENT PARENT STAND-  
22 ARD.—

23 (1) DEFINITIONS RELATING TO THE STAND-  
24 ARD.—Section 475 of the Social Security Act (42

1 U.S.C. 675) is amended by adding at the end the  
2 following:

3 “(9)(A) The term ‘reasonable and prudent par-  
4 ent standard’ means the standard characterized by  
5 careful and sensible parental decisions that maintain  
6 the health, safety, and best interests of a child while  
7 at the same time encouraging the emotional and de-  
8 velopmental growth of the child, that a caregiver  
9 shall use when determining whether to allow a child  
10 in foster care under the responsibility of the State  
11 to participate in extracurricular, enrichment, cul-  
12 tural, and social activities.

13 “(B) For purposes of subparagraph (A), the  
14 term ‘caregiver’ means a foster parent with whom a  
15 child in foster care has been placed or a designated  
16 official for a child care institution in which a child  
17 in foster care has been placed.

18 “(10) The term ‘age or developmentally-appro-  
19 priate’ means—

20 “(A) activities or items that are generally  
21 accepted as suitable for children of the same  
22 chronological age or level of maturity or that  
23 are determined to be developmentally-appro-  
24 priate for a child, based on the development of  
25 cognitive, emotional, physical, and behavioral

1 capacities that are typical for an age or age  
2 group; and

3 “(B) in the case of a specific child, activi-  
4 ties or items that are suitable for the child  
5 based on the developmental stages attained by  
6 the child with respect to the cognitive, emo-  
7 tional, physical, and behavioral capacities of the  
8 child.”.

9 (2) STATE PLAN REQUIREMENT.—Section  
10 471(a)(24) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 671(a)(24)) is  
11 amended—

12 (A) by striking “include” and inserting  
13 “includes”;

14 (B) by striking “and that such prepara-  
15 tion” and inserting “that the preparation”; and

16 (C) by inserting “, and that the prepara-  
17 tion shall include knowledge and skills relating  
18 to the reasonable and prudent parent standard  
19 for the participation of the child in age or de-  
20 velopmentally-appropriate activities, including  
21 knowledge and skills relating to the develop-  
22 mental stages of the cognitive, emotional, phys-  
23 ical, and behavioral capacities of a child, and  
24 knowledge and skills relating to applying the  
25 standard to decisions such as whether to allow

1 the child to engage in social, extracurricular,  
2 enrichment, cultural, and social activities, in-  
3 cluding sports, field trips, and overnight activi-  
4 ties lasting 1 or more days, and to decisions in-  
5 volving the signing of permission slips and ar-  
6 ranging of transportation for the child to and  
7 from extracurricular, enrichment, and social ac-  
8 tivities” before the semicolon.

9 (3) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary of  
10 Health and Human Services shall provide assistance  
11 to the States on best practices for devising strategies  
12 to assist foster parents in applying a reasonable and  
13 prudent parent standard in a manner that protects  
14 child safety, while also allowing children to experi-  
15 ence normal and beneficial activities, including meth-  
16 ods for appropriately considering the concerns of the  
17 biological parents of a child in decisions related to  
18 participation of the child in activities (with the un-  
19 derstanding that those concerns should not nec-  
20 essarily determine the participation of the child in  
21 any activity).

22 (b) NORMALCY FOR CHILDREN IN CHILD CARE IN-  
23 STITUTIONS.—Section 471(a)(10) of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
24 671(a)(10)) is amended to read as follows:

25 “(10) provides—

1           “(A) for the establishment or designation  
2 of a State authority or authorities that shall be  
3 responsible for establishing and maintaining  
4 standards for foster family homes and child  
5 care institutions which are reasonably in accord  
6 with recommended standards of national orga-  
7 nizations concerned with standards for the in-  
8 stitutions or homes, including standards related  
9 to admission policies, safety, sanitation, and  
10 protection of civil rights, and which shall permit  
11 use of the reasonable and prudent parenting  
12 standard;

13           “(B) that the standards established pursu-  
14 ant to subparagraph (A) shall be applied by the  
15 State to any foster family home or child care  
16 institution receiving funds under this part or  
17 part B and shall require, as a condition of any  
18 contract entered into by the State agency and  
19 a child care institution, the presence on-site of  
20 at least 1 official who, with respect to any child  
21 placed at the child care institution, is des-  
22 ignated to be the caregiver who is authorized to  
23 apply the reasonable and prudent parent stand-  
24 ard to decisions involving the participation of  
25 the child in age or developmentally-appropriate

1 activities, and who is provided with training in  
2 how to use and apply the reasonable and pru-  
3 dent parent standard in the same manner as  
4 prospective foster parents are provided the  
5 training pursuant to paragraph (24);

6 “(C) that the standards established pursu-  
7 ant to subparagraph (A) shall include policies  
8 related to the liability of foster parents and pri-  
9 vate entities under contract by the State involv-  
10 ing the application of the reasonable and pru-  
11 dent parent standard, to ensure appropriate li-  
12 ability for caregivers when a child participates  
13 in an approved activity and the caregiver ap-  
14 proving the activity acts in accordance with the  
15 reasonable and prudent parent standard; and

16 “(D) that a waiver of any standards estab-  
17 lished pursuant to subparagraph (A) may be  
18 made only on a case-by-case basis for nonsafety  
19 standards (as determined by the State) in rel-  
20 ative foster family homes for specific children in  
21 care;”.

22 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by  
24 this section shall take effect on the date that is 1  
25 year after the date of the enactment of this Act,

1 without regard to whether regulations to implement  
2 the amendments have been promulgated by that  
3 date.

4 (2) DELAY PERMITTED IF STATE LEGISLATION  
5 REQUIRED.—If the Secretary of Health and Human  
6 Services determines that State legislation (other  
7 than legislation appropriating funds) is required in  
8 order for a State plan developed pursuant to part E  
9 of title IV of the Social Security Act to meet the ad-  
10 ditional requirements imposed by the amendments  
11 made by this section, the plan shall not be regarded  
12 as failing to meet any of the additional requirements  
13 before the 1st day of the 1st calendar quarter begin-  
14 ning after the 1st regular session of the State legis-  
15 lature that begins after the date of the enactment of  
16 this Act. If the State has a 2-year legislative session,  
17 each year of the session is deemed to be a separate  
18 regular session of the State legislature.

19 **SEC. 202. IMPROVEMENTS TO ANOTHER PLANNED PERMA-**  
20 **NENT LIVING ARRANGEMENT AS A PERMA-**  
21 **NENCY OPTION.**

22 (a) ELIMINATION OF THE OPTION FOR CHILDREN  
23 UNDER AGE 16.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 475(5)(C)(i) of the  
25 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 675(5)(C)(i)) is

1 amended by inserting “only in the case of a child  
2 who has attained 16 years of age” before “(in cases  
3 where”.

4 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section  
5 422(b)(8)(A)(iii)(II) of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
6 622(b)(8)(A)(iii)(II)) is amended by inserting “,  
7 subject to the requirements of sections 475(5)(C)  
8 and 475A(a)” after “arrangement”.

9 (b) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Part E of title IV of such  
11 Act (42 U.S.C. 670 et seq.) is amended by inserting  
12 after section 475 the following:

13 **“SEC. 475A. ADDITIONAL CASE PLAN AND CASE REVIEW**  
14 **SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS.**

15 “(a) REQUIREMENTS FOR ANOTHER PLANNED PER-  
16 MANENT LIVING ARRANGEMENT.—In the case of any  
17 child for whom another planned permanent living arrange-  
18 ment is the permanency plan for the child, the following  
19 requirements shall apply for purposes of approving the  
20 case plan for the child and the case system review proce-  
21 dure for the child:

22 “(1) DOCUMENTATION OF INTENSIVE, ONGO-  
23 ING, UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORTS FOR FAMILY PLACE-  
24 MENT.—At each permanency hearing held with re-  
25 spect to the child, the State agency documents the

1 intensive, ongoing, and, as of the date of the hear-  
2 ing, unsuccessful efforts made by the State agency  
3 to return the child home or secure a placement for  
4 the child with a fit and willing relative (including  
5 adult siblings), a legal guardian, or an adoptive par-  
6 ent, including through efforts that utilize search  
7 technology (including social media) to find biological  
8 family members for children in the child welfare sys-  
9 tem.

10 “(2) REDETERMINATION OF APPROPRIATENESS  
11 OF PLACEMENT AT EACH PERMANENCY HEARING.—

12 The State agency shall implement procedures to en-  
13 sure that, at each permanency hearing held with re-  
14 spect to the child, the court or administrative body  
15 appointed or approved by the court conducting the  
16 hearing on the permanency plan for the child does  
17 the following:

18 “(A) Ask the child about the desired per-  
19 manency outcome for the child.

20 “(B) Make a judicial determination ex-  
21 plaining why, as of the date of the hearing, an-  
22 other planned permanent living arrangement is  
23 the best permanency plan for the child and pro-  
24 vide compelling reasons why it continues to not  
25 be in the best interests of the child to—

- 1                   “(i) return home;
- 2                   “(ii) be placed for adoption;
- 3                   “(iii) be placed with a legal guardian;
- 4                   or
- 5                   “(iv) be placed with a fit and willing
- 6                   relative.

7                   “(3) DEMONSTRATION OF SUPPORT FOR EN-

8                   GAGING IN AGE OR DEVELOPMENTALLY-APPRO-

9                   PRIATE ACTIVITIES AND SOCIAL EVENTS.—At each

10                  permanency hearing held with respect to the child,

11                  the State agency shall document the steps the State

12                  agency is taking to ensure the child’s foster family

13                  home or child care institution is following the rea-

14                  sonable and prudent parent standard.”.

15                  (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

16                   (A) STATE PLAN REQUIREMENTS.—

17                   (i) PART B.—Section 422(b)(8)(A)(ii)

18                   of such Act (42 U.S.C. 622(b)(8)(A)(ii)) is

19                   amended by inserting “and in accordance

20                   with the requirements of section 475A”

21                   after “section 475(5)”.

22                   (ii) PART E.—Section 471(a)(16) of

23                   such Act (42 U.S.C. 671(a)(16)) is amend-

24                   ed—

1 (I) by inserting “and in accord-  
2 ance with the requirements of section  
3 475A” after “section 475(1)”; and

4 (II) by striking “section  
5 475(5)(B)” and inserting “sections  
6 475(5) and 475A”.

7 (B) DEFINITIONS.—Section 475 of such  
8 Act (42 U.S.C. 675) is amended—

9 (i) in paragraph (1), in the matter  
10 preceding subparagraph (A), by inserting  
11 “meets the requirements of section 475A  
12 and” after “written document which”; and

13 (ii) in paragraph (5)(C)—

14 (I) by inserting “, as of the date  
15 of the hearing,” after “compelling rea-  
16 son for determining”; and

17 (II) by inserting “subject to sec-  
18 tion 475A(a),” after “another planned  
19 permanent living arrangement,”.

20 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by  
22 this section shall take effect on the date that is 1  
23 year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

24 (2) DELAY PERMITTED IF STATE LEGISLATION  
25 REQUIRED.—If the Secretary of Health and Human

1 Services determines that State legislation (other  
2 than legislation appropriating funds) is required in  
3 order for a State plan developed pursuant to part E  
4 of title IV of the Social Security Act to meet the ad-  
5 ditional requirements imposed by the amendments  
6 made by this section, the plan shall not be regarded  
7 as failing to meet any of the additional requirements  
8 before the 1st day of the 1st calendar quarter begin-  
9 ning after the 1st regular session of the State legis-  
10 lature that begins after the date of the enactment of  
11 this Act. If the State has a 2-year legislative session,  
12 each year of the session is deemed to be a separate  
13 regular session of the State legislature.

14 **SEC. 203. EMPOWERING FOSTER YOUTH AGE 14 AND OLDER**  
15 **IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR OWN CASE**  
16 **PLAN AND TRANSITION PLANNING FOR A**  
17 **SUCCESSFUL ADULTHOOD.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 475(1)(B) of the Social  
19 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 675(1)(B)) is amended by adding  
20 at the end the following: “With respect to a child who has  
21 attained 14 years of age, the plan developed for the child  
22 in accordance with this paragraph, and any revision or ad-  
23 dition to the plan, shall be developed in consultation with  
24 the child and, at the option of the child, with up to 2 mem-  
25 bers of the case planning team who are chosen by the child

1 and who are not a foster parent of, or caseworker for, the  
2 child. A State may reject an individual selected by a child  
3 to be a member of the case planning team at any time  
4 if the State has good cause to believe that the individual  
5 would not act in the best interests of the child. One indi-  
6 vidual selected by a child to be a member of the child's  
7 case planning team may be designated to be the child's  
8 advisor and, as necessary, advocate, with respect to the  
9 application of the reasonable and prudent parent standard  
10 to the child.”.

11 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO INCLUDE CHIL-  
12 DREN 14 AND OLDER IN TRANSITION PLANNING.—Sec-  
13 tion 475 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 675) is amended—

14 (1) in paragraph (1)(D), by striking “Where  
15 appropriate, for a child age 16” and inserting “For  
16 a child who has attained 14 years of age”; and

17 (2) in paragraph (5)—

18 (A) in subparagraph (C)—

19 (i) by striking “and” at the end of  
20 clause (ii); and

21 (ii) by adding at the end the fol-  
22 lowing: “and (iv) if a child has attained 14  
23 years of age, the permanency plan devel-  
24 oped for the child, and any revision or ad-  
25 dition to the plan, shall be developed in

1 consultation with the child and, at the op-  
2 tion of the child, with not more than 2  
3 members of the permanency planning team  
4 who are selected by the child and who are  
5 not a foster parent of, or caseworker for,  
6 the child, except that the State may reject  
7 an individual so selected by the child if the  
8 State has good cause to believe that the in-  
9 dividual would not act in the best interests  
10 of the child, and 1 individual so selected by  
11 the child may be designated to be the  
12 child’s advisor and, as necessary, advocate,  
13 with respect to the application of the rea-  
14 sonable and prudent standard to the  
15 child;” and

16 (B) in subparagraph (I), by striking “16”  
17 and inserting “14”.

18 (c) TRANSITION PLANNING FOR A SUCCESSFUL  
19 ADULTHOOD.—Paragraphs (1)(D), (5)(C)(i), and  
20 (5)(C)(iii) of section 475 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 675) are  
21 each amended by striking “independent living” and insert-  
22 ing “a successful adulthood”.

23 (d) LIST OF RIGHTS.—Section 475A of such Act, as  
24 added by section 202(b)(1) of this Act, is amended by add-  
25 ing at the end the following:

1           “(b) LIST OF RIGHTS.—The case plan for any child  
2 in foster care under the responsibility of the State who  
3 has attained 14 years of age shall include a document that  
4 describes the rights of the child with respect to education,  
5 health, visitation, and court participation, and to staying  
6 safe and avoiding exploitation, and a signed acknowledg-  
7 ment by the child that the child has been provided with  
8 a copy of the document and that the rights contained in  
9 the document have been explained to the child in an age-  
10 appropriate way.”.

11           (e) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date  
12 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and  
13 Human Services shall submit a report to Congress regard-  
14 ing the implementation of the amendments made by this  
15 section. The report shall include—

16           (1) an analysis of how States are administering  
17 the requirements of paragraphs (1)(B) and (5)(C) of  
18 section 475 of the Social Security Act, as amended  
19 by subsections (a) and (b) of this section, that a  
20 child in foster care who has attained 14 years of age  
21 be permitted to select up to 2 members of the case  
22 planning team or permanency planning team for the  
23 child from individuals who are not a foster parent  
24 of, or caseworker for, the child; and

1           (2) a description of best practices of States with  
2           respect to the administration of the requirements.

3           (f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

4           (1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by  
5           this section shall take effect on the date that is 1  
6           year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

7           (2) DELAY PERMITTED IF STATE LEGISLATION  
8           REQUIRED.—If the Secretary of Health and Human  
9           Services determines that State legislation (other  
10          than legislation appropriating funds) is required in  
11          order for a State plan developed pursuant to part E  
12          of title IV of the Social Security Act to meet the ad-  
13          ditional requirements imposed by the amendments  
14          made by this section, the plan shall not be regarded  
15          as failing to meet any of the additional requirements  
16          before the 1st day of the 1st calendar quarter begin-  
17          ning after the 1st regular session of the State legis-  
18          lature that begins after the date of the enactment of  
19          this Act. If the State has a 2-year legislative session,  
20          each year of the session is deemed to be a separate  
21          regular session of the State legislature.

1 **SEC. 204. ENSURING FOSTER YOUTH HAVE A BIRTH CER-**  
2 **TIFICATE, SOCIAL SECURITY CARD, HEALTH**  
3 **INSURANCE INFORMATION, MEDICAL**  
4 **RECORDS, AND A BANK ACCOUNT.**

5 (a) CASE REVIEW SYSTEM REQUIREMENT.—Section  
6 475(5)(I) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 675(5)(I))  
7 is amended—

8 (1) by striking “and receives assistance” and  
9 inserting “receives assistance”; and

10 (2) by inserting “, and, unless the child has  
11 been in foster care for less than 6 months or the  
12 child is being discharged from care to be reunited  
13 with the family of the child or to be adopted, is not  
14 discharged from care without being provided with an  
15 official birth certificate of the child, a social security  
16 card issued by the Commissioner of Social Security,  
17 health insurance information and medical records,  
18 and if the child has attained 18 years of age, a fee-  
19 free (or low-fee) transaction account (as defined in  
20 section 19(b)(1)(C) of the Federal Reserve Act (12  
21 U.S.C. 461(b)(1)(C))) established in the name of the  
22 child name at an insured depository institution (as  
23 defined in section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insur-  
24 ance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813)) or an insured credit  
25 union (as defined in section 101 of the Federal  
26 Credit Union Act (12 U.S.C. 1752)), unless the

1 child, after consultation with the members of the  
2 case planning team for the child selected by the child  
3 (if any), elects to not have such an account estab-  
4 lished” before the period.

5 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by  
7 this section shall take effect 1 year after the date of  
8 enactment of this Act.

9 (2) DELAY PERMITTED IF STATE LEGISLATION  
10 REQUIRED.—If the Secretary of Health and Human  
11 Services determines that State legislation (other  
12 than legislation appropriating funds) is required in  
13 order for a State plan developed pursuant to part E  
14 of title IV of the Social Security Act to meet the ad-  
15 ditional requirements imposed by the amendments  
16 made by this section, the plan shall not be regarded  
17 as failing to meet any of the additional requirements  
18 before the 1st day of the 1st calendar quarter begin-  
19 ning after the 1st regular session of the State legis-  
20 lature that begins after the date of the enactment of  
21 this Act. If the State has a 2-year legislative session,  
22 each year of the session is deemed to be a separate  
23 regular session of the State legislature.

1 **TITLE III—IMPROVING DATA**  
2 **COLLECTION AND REPORT-**  
3 **ING ON CHILD SEX TRAF-**  
4 **FICKING**

5 **SEC. 301. INCLUDING SEX TRAFFICKING DATA IN THE**  
6 **ADOPTION AND FOSTER CARE ANALYSIS AND**  
7 **REPORTING SYSTEM.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 479(c)(3) of the Social  
9 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 679(c)(3)) is amended—

10 (1) in subparagraph (C)(iii), by striking “and”  
11 after the comma; and

12 (2) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(E) the annual number of children in fos-  
14 ter care who are identified as victims of sex  
15 trafficking (as defined in section 103(10) of the  
16 Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22  
17 U.S.C. 7102(10))) or a severe form of traf-  
18 ficking in persons described in section  
19 103(9)(A) of such Act—

20 “(i) who were such victims before en-  
21 tering foster care; and

22 “(ii) who were such victims while in  
23 foster care; and”.

24 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Beginning in fiscal year  
25 2016, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall

1 submit an annual report to Congress that contains the an-  
2 nual aggregate number of children in foster care who are  
3 identified as victims of sex trafficking (as defined in sec-  
4 tion 103(10) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of  
5 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7102(10))) or a severe form of traf-  
6 ficking in persons described in section 103(9)(A) of such  
7 Act, together with such other information as the Secretary  
8 determines appropriate relating to the identification of,  
9 and provision of services for, that population of children.

10 **SEC. 302. INFORMATION ON CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE IN**  
11 **ANNUAL REPORTS USING AFCARS DATA; CON-**  
12 **SULTATION.**

13 Section 479A of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
14 679b) is amended—

15 (1) by striking “The Secretary” and inserting  
16 the following:

17 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary”;

18 (2) in paragraph (5), by striking “and” after  
19 the semicolon;

20 (3) in paragraph (6)(C), by striking the period  
21 at the end and inserting a semicolon;

22 (4) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(7) include in the report submitted pursuant  
24 to paragraph (5) for fiscal year 2016 or any suc-  
25 ceeding fiscal year, State-by-State data on children

1 in foster care who have been placed in a child care  
2 institution or other setting that is not a foster fam-  
3 ily home, including—

4 “(A) the number of children in the place-  
5 ments and their ages, including separately, the  
6 number and ages of children who have a perma-  
7 nency plan of another planned permanent living  
8 arrangement;

9 “(B) the duration of the placement in the  
10 settings (including for children who have a per-  
11 manency plan of another planned permanent  
12 living arrangement);

13 “(C) the types of child care institutions  
14 used (including group homes, residential treat-  
15 ment, shelters, or other congregate care set-  
16 tings);

17 “(D) with respect to each child care insti-  
18 tution or other setting that is not a foster fam-  
19 ily home, the number of children in foster care  
20 residing in each such institution or non-foster  
21 family home;

22 “(E) any clinically diagnosed special need  
23 of such children; and

1           “(F) the extent of any specialized edu-  
2           cation, treatment, counseling, or other services  
3           provided in the settings; and

4           “(8) include in the report submitted pursuant  
5           to paragraph (5) for fiscal year 2016 or any suc-  
6           ceeding fiscal year, State-by-State data on children  
7           in foster care who are pregnant or parenting.”; and

8           (5) by adding at the end the following:

9           “(b) CONSULTATION ON OTHER ISSUES.—The Sec-  
10          retary shall consult with States and organizations with an  
11          interest in child welfare, including organizations that pro-  
12          vide adoption and foster care services, and shall take into  
13          account requests from Members of Congress, in selecting  
14          other issues to be analyzed and reported on under this  
15          section using data available to the Secretary, including  
16          data reported by States through the Adoption and Foster  
17          Care Analysis and Reporting System and to the National  
18          Youth in Transition Database.”.

1 **TITLE IV—IMPROVING THE USE**  
2 **OF TECHNOLOGY TO IN-**  
3 **CREASE CHILD SUPPORT**  
4 **COLLECTIONS**

5 **SEC. 401. REQUIRED ELECTRONIC PROCESSING OF INCOME**  
6 **WITHHOLDING.**

7 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 454A(g)(1) of the Social  
8 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 654a(g)(1)(A)) is amended—

9 (1) by striking “, to the maximum extent fea-  
10 sible,”; and

11 (2) in subparagraph (A)—

12 (A) by striking “and” at the end of clause

13 (i);

14 (B) by adding “and” at the end of clause

15 (ii); and

16 (C) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(iii) at the option of the employer,  
18 using the electronic transmission methods  
19 prescribed by the Secretary;”.

20 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by  
21 subsection (a) shall take effect on October 1, 2017.