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S. 1575

To direct the Secretary of State to make available to the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention copies of consular reports of death of United States citizens, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 21, 2019

Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Ms. WARREN) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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 “American Students
5 Abroad Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COPIES OF CONSULAR REPORTS OF DEATH OF U.S.**
 2 **CITIZENS ABROAD TO BE MADE AVAILABLE**
 3 **TO THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL**
 4 **AND PREVENTION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall make
 6 available to the Director of the Centers for Disease Con-
 7 trol and Prevention for each calendar quarter a copy of
 8 each report described in subsection (b) that is issued dur-
 9 ing the preceding calendar quarter.

10 (b) REPORT DESCRIBED.—The report described in
 11 this subsection is a report issued by a United States em-
 12 bassy or consulate relating to the death of a United States
 13 citizen in a foreign country upon receipt by the embassy
 14 or consulate of the foreign death certificate or finding of
 15 death by a local competent authority.

16 **SEC. 3. SURVEILLANCE BY CDC OF DEATHS OF UNITED**
 17 **STATES CITIZENS ABROAD.**

18 The Public Health Service Act is amended by insert-
 19 ing after section 317T of such Act (42 U.S.C. 247b–22)
 20 the following:

21 **“SEC. 317U. SURVEILLANCE OF DEATHS OF UNITED STATES**
 22 **CITIZENS ABROAD.**

23 “The Secretary, acting through the Director of the
 24 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, shall expand
 25 and intensify the programs and activities of the Centers
 26 for surveillance of deaths of United States citizens occur-

1 ring abroad, including through the use of the reports made
2 available to the Director pursuant to section 2 of the
3 American Students Abroad Act.”.

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