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H. R. 4581

To amend the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 to provide for a comprehensive domestic human trafficking estimate, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 27, 2019

Mr. YOHO (for himself and Mr. VAN DREW) 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 “Collecting Official
5 Measurements and Baselines to Assess Trafficking Act of
6 2019” or the “COMBAT Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. COMPREHENSIVE STUDY ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING.**

8 Section 112A of the Trafficking Victims Protection
9 Act of 2000 is amended by adding at the end the fol-
10 lowing:

1 “(d) COMPREHENSIVE STUDY ON HUMAN TRAF-
2 FICKING.—

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland
4 Security shall conduct a comprehensive study to de-
5 termine the extent of human trafficking in the
6 United States, consistent with the conclusions of the
7 consultation under paragraph (2).

8 “(2) CONSULTATION.—In the year prior to
9 commencing the study the Secretary shall, in con-
10 sultation with such Federal agencies and State and
11 local government entities as the Secretary deter-
12 mines appropriate—

13 “(A) determine the appropriate time period
14 for the study to consider;

15 “(B) determine what information regard-
16 ing incidence of human trafficking is necessary
17 to complete the study;

18 “(C) from among information under sub-
19 paragraph (B), determine what information is
20 already reported to any other Federal agency,
21 and the availability of such information;

22 “(D) take such actions as may be appro-
23 priate to arrange for other agencies having cus-
24 tody of such information to make it available to

1 the Secretary, and, where such actions are not,
2 to promptly report to Congress thereon; and

3 “(E) enter into agreements with State and
4 local governments providing for the reporting of
5 such information.

6 “(3) REPORT.—The Secretary shall report the
7 results of the comprehensive study under paragraph
8 (1) to Congress, including—

9 “(A) the estimated number of victims
10 disaggregated by—

11 “(i) whether the victim was trafficked
12 within a State; and

13 “(ii) whether the victim was trafficked
14 in interstate commerce;

15 “(B) what industries the practice of
16 human trafficking is most prevalent in;

17 “(C) estimated number of victims disaggre-
18 gated by—

19 “(i) whether the victim was sex traf-
20 ficked; and

21 “(ii) whether the victim was trafficked
22 for labor; and

23 “(D) any other information the Secretary
24 deems appropriate.”.

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