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To amend title 18, United States Code, to ensure that juveniles adjudicated in Federal delinquency proceedings are not subject to solitary confinement while committed to juvenile facilities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 5, 2017

Mr. CÁRDENAS (for himself, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. NORTON, Mr. POCAN, and Mr. SERRANO) 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 “Protecting Youth from
5 Solitary Confinement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. JUVENILES ADJUDICATED IN FEDERAL DELIN-**
2 **QUENCY PROCEEDINGS NOT SUBJECT TO**
3 **SOLITARY CONFINEMENT WHILE COMMITTED**
4 **TO JUVENILE FACILITIES.**

5 Section 5039 of title 18, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) by adding “No juvenile in Federal custody
8 held in juvenile facilities may be subject to solitary
9 confinement.” at the end of the second undesignated
10 paragraph; and

11 (2) by inserting after the second undesignated
12 paragraph the following:

13 “Not later than 180 days after the end of each fiscal
14 year, the Director of the Board of Prisons shall submit
15 to the President and Congress a report with respect to
16 the preceding fiscal year. The report shall contain a de-
17 tailed summary and analysis of the most recent data re-
18 garding the rate at which juveniles are subject to solitary
19 confinement and the trends demonstrated by the data de-
20 scribed in the next sentence. The data referred to in the
21 preceding sentence are, for each juvenile who was subject
22 to solitary confinement during the period to which the re-
23 port pertains, the types of offenses for which the juvenile
24 is incarcerated, the race, gender, and age of the juvenile,

- 1 how many hours the juvenile was subject to solitary con-
- 2 finement; and the purpose for the solitary confinement.”.

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