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# H. R. 2982

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to include human trafficking as a part 1 violent crime for purposes of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2011

Mr. CARTER (for himself, Mrs. SCHMIDT, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. DEFazio, Ms. NORTON, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. ADERHOLT, Ms. RICHARDSON, Mr. LONG, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. MORAN, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. WOLF, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, and Mr. PITTS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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 “Human Trafficking  
5 Reporting Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) Human trafficking is a form of modern-day  
4 slavery.

5 (2) According to the Trafficking Victims Pro-  
6 tection Act of 2000 “severe forms of trafficking in  
7 persons” means—

8 (A) sex trafficking in which a commercial  
9 sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion,  
10 or in which the person induced to perform such  
11 act has not attained 18 years of age; or

12 (B) the recruitment, harboring, transpor-  
13 tation, provision, or obtaining of a person for  
14 labor or services, through the use of force,  
15 fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection  
16 to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage,  
17 or slavery.

18 (3) There is an acute need for better data col-  
19 lection of incidents of human trafficking across the  
20 United States in order to effectively combat severe  
21 forms of trafficking in persons.

22 (4) The State Department’s 2011 Trafficking  
23 in Persons report found that—

24 (A) the United States is a “source, transit  
25 and destination country for men, women, and  
26 children, subjected to forced labor, debt bond-

1 age, domestic servitude and sex trafficking,”;  
2 and

3 (B) the United States needs to “improve  
4 data collection on human trafficking cases at  
5 the federal, state and local levels”.

6 (5) The International Organization for Migra-  
7 tion has reported that in order to effectively combat  
8 human trafficking there must be reliable and stand-  
9 ardized data, however, the following barriers for  
10 data collection exist:

11 (A) The illicit and underground nature of  
12 human trafficking.

13 (B) The reluctance of victims to share in-  
14 formation with authorities.

15 (C) Insufficient human trafficking data  
16 collection and research efforts by governments  
17 world-wide.

18 (6) A 2009 report to the Department of Health  
19 and Human Services entitled Human Trafficking  
20 Into and Within the United States: A Review of the  
21 Literature found that “the data and methodologies  
22 for estimating the prevalence of human trafficking  
23 globally and nationally are not well developed, and  
24 therefore estimates have varied widely and changed  
25 significantly over time”.

1           (7) The Federal Bureau of Investigation com-  
2 piles national crime statistics through the Uniform  
3 Crime Reporting Program.

4           (8) Under current law, State and local govern-  
5 ments receiving Edward Byrne Memorial Justice As-  
6 sistance grants are required to share data on part  
7 1 violent crimes with the Federal Bureau of Inves-  
8 tigation for inclusion in the Uniform Crime Report-  
9 ing Program.

10          (9) The addition of severe forms of trafficking  
11 in persons to the definition of part 1 violent crimes  
12 will ensure that statistics on this heinous crime will  
13 be compiled and available through the Federal Bu-  
14 reau of Investigation’s Uniform Crime Report.

15 **SEC. 3. HUMAN TRAFFICKING TO BE INCLUDED IN PART 1**  
16 **VIOLENT CRIMES FOR PURPOSES OF BYRNE**  
17 **GRANTS.**

18          Section 505 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe  
19 Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3755) is amended by add-  
20 ing at the end the following new subsection:

21          “(i) PART 1 VIOLENT CRIMES TO INCLUDE HUMAN  
22 TRAFFICKING.—For purposes of this section, the term  
23 ‘part 1 violent crimes’ shall include severe forms of traf-

1 ficking in persons, as defined in section 103(8) of the  
2 Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000.”.

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