

HR 159

Stop Exploitation Through Trafficking Act of 2015

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Paulsen, Erik [R-MN-3]

Party: Republican • **State:** MN • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (28 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Jan 6, 2015
Rep. Kline, John [R-MN-2]	R · MN		Jan 9, 2015
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Jan 13, 2015
Rep. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Jan 20, 2015
Rep. Deutch, Theodore E. [D-FL-21]	D · FL		Jan 20, 2015
Rep. Ellison, Keith [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Jan 20, 2015
Rep. Frelinghuysen, Rodney P. [R-NJ-11]	R · NJ		Jan 20, 2015
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Jan 20, 2015
Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Jan 20, 2015
Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Jan 20, 2015
Rep. Wagner, Ann [R-MO-2]	R · MO		Jan 20, 2015
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Jan 20, 2015
Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Jan 21, 2015
Rep. Herrera Beutler, Jaime [R-WA-3]	R · WA		Jan 21, 2015
Rep. Latta, Robert E. [R-OH-5]	R · OH		Jan 21, 2015
Rep. Poe, Ted [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Jan 21, 2015
Rep. Black, Diane [R-TN-6]	R · TN		Jan 22, 2015
Rep. Farenthold, Blake [R-TX-27]	R · TX		Jan 22, 2015
Rep. Hartzler, Vicky [R-MO-4]	R · MO		Jan 22, 2015
Rep. Jenkins, Lynn [R-KS-2]	R · KS		Jan 22, 2015
Rep. Walberg, Tim [R-MI-7]	R · MI		Jan 22, 2015
Rep. Bishop, Mike [R-MI-8]	R · MI		Jan 26, 2015
Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	R · IL		Jan 26, 2015
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Jan 26, 2015
Rep. Noem, Kristi L. [R-SD-At Large]	R · SD		Jan 26, 2015
Rep. Pittenger, Robert [R-NC-9]	R · NC		Jan 26, 2015
Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Jan 27, 2015
Rep. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		Jan 27, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Discharged From	Jan 27, 2015
Judiciary Committee	House	Discharged from	Jan 20, 2015
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 4, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 166	Related bill	Mar 2, 2015: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 25.

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(Sec. 2) Amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize the Attorney General to give preferential consideration in awarding Community Oriented Police Services grants to an application from an applicant in a state that has in effect a law that: (1) treats a minor who has engaged in, or has attempted to engage in, a commercial sex act as a victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons; (2) discourages the charging or prosecution of such individual for a prostitution or sex trafficking offense based on such conduct; and (3) encourages the diversion of such an individual to appropriate service providers, including child welfare services, victim treatment programs, child advocacy centers, rape crisis centers, or other social services.

(Sec. 3) Amends the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 (VTVPA) to require the Attorney General's annual report on federal agencies that are implementing provisions relating to the Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking to include information on the activities of such agencies in cooperation with state, tribal, and local law enforcement officials to identify, investigate, and prosecute: (1) sex trafficking by force, fraud, or coercion or with a minor; (2) sexual exploitation of children; (3) the selling and buying of children; (4) transportation with intent that the victim engage in illegal sexual activity; (5) coercion or enticement to travel for illegal sexual activity; and (6) transportation of minors for illegal sexual activity.

(Sec. 4) Amends the VTVPA to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services, annually beginning in FY2017, to make grants for a national communication system to assist victims of severe forms of trafficking in persons in communicating with service providers.

(Sec. 5) Amends the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to include victims of a severe form of trafficking in persons among those eligible for the Job Corps without being required to demonstrate low-income eligibility.

(Sec. 6) Amends the federal judicial code to authorize the United States Marshals Service to assist state, local, and other federal law enforcement agencies, upon request, in locating and recovering missing children.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 4, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Jan 28, 2015:** Received in the Senate.
- **Jan 27, 2015:** Reported by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 114-6, Part I.
- **Jan 27, 2015:** Committee on Education and the Workforce discharged.
- **Jan 27, 2015:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 2.
- **Jan 27, 2015:** Mr. Sensenbrenner moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jan 27, 2015:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H592-595)
- **Jan 27, 2015:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 159.
- **Jan 27, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H592-593)
- **Jan 27, 2015:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H592-593)
- **Jan 27, 2015:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 21, 2015:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jan 21, 2015:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Jan 20, 2015:** Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations Discharged.
- **Jan 7, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- **Jan 6, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 6, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.