

HR 2473

Put Trafficking Victims First Act of 2017

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: May 16, 2017

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (May 24, 2017)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	May 16, 2017
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	May 16, 2017
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 24, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 1504	Related bill	Jun 29, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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(Sec. 2) This bill directs the Office for Victims of Crime within the Department of Justice (DOJ) to publish a report on state safe harbor laws, including: (1) the impact of state safe harbor laws on victims of trafficking, and (2) best practices and recommendations on the development and implementation of effective state safe harbor laws.

(Sec. 3) The bill amends the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 to modify requirements with respect to the allocation of trafficking victim services grant funds for training and technical assistance. Specifically, it requires training and technical assistance to be provided in coordination with the Department of Health and Human Services. Additionally, it broadens the areas of training and technical assistance to include, among others, investigating, prosecuting, and preventing human trafficking through a trauma-informed and victim-centered approach.

(Sec. 4) The National Institute of Justice must:

- establish a working group to identify and recommend best practices for collecting data on human trafficking;
- report on efforts to develop methodologies to determine the prevalence of human trafficking in the United States; and
- coordinate with federal, state, local, and tribal governments, and private organizations, to survey survivors to estimate the prevalence of human trafficking in the United States.

(Sec. 5) DOJ must report on efforts to increase mandatory restitution orders and asset forfeiture to provide restitution to victims of trafficking.

(Sec. 6) The bill encourages states to implement certain protections for victims of trafficking.

Actions Timeline

- **May 24, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **May 23, 2017:** Mr. Goodlatte moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 23, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4484-4489)
- **May 23, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2473.
- **May 23, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H4484-4486)
- **May 23, 2017:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4484-4486)
- **May 23, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 23, 2017:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **May 18, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 18, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **May 16, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **May 16, 2017:** 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.
- **May 16, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.

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