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### Stop Human Trafficking of Unaccompanied Migrant Children Act of 2025

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**Policy Area:** Immigration

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Johnson, Ron [R-WI]	R · WI		Jan 28, 2025
Sen. Moody, Ashley [R-FL]	R · FL		Oct 14, 2025

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 28, 2025

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Immigration

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 1202	Identical bill	Feb 12, 2025: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H668)

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This bill establishes requirements relating to placing unaccompanied alien children with sponsors. (Under federal law, an *unaccompanied alien child* is a minor with no lawful immigration status and no parent or legal guardian in the United States to provide care and physical custody.)

Before the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) may release such a child to a sponsor, the sponsor must complete a fingerprint background check and vetting that includes (1) a public records check, (2) a National Sex Offender Registry check, (3) a Federal Bureau of Investigation National Criminal History Check, (4) a child abuse and neglect check, and (5) state and local criminal history checks. Each adult in the sponsor's household must also undergo such vetting before the placement.

The bill also requires HHS to visit the home of a proposed sponsor before the placement and to conduct periodic home visits after.

A child may not be placed with a sponsor who is unlawfully present in the United States unless the sponsor is the child's parent, relative, or legal guardian.

HHS must retroactively apply these vetting standards to all sponsors for placements made since January 20, 2021.

