

H.R. 4326, Sex Trafficking Demand Reduction Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on October 1, 2020

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2021	2021-2025	2021-2030
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	*	not estimated
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No	Mandate Effects	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2031?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

H.R. 4326 would amend the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000. Under current law, the Department of State uses several factors to assess whether countries are making significant efforts to reduce trafficking in persons. Countries that fail to do so may be declared ineligible to receive certain forms of U.S. foreign assistance. The Department must also report to the Congress annually on foreign countries' efforts to meet those standards.

H.R. 4326 would add a new criterion to the minimum standard: whether countries adopt educational measures to discourage the demand for sex trafficking.

The Department of State indicated that the Trafficking in Persons Office currently uses that criterion to evaluate foreign countries. CBO estimates that including that metric in annual Trafficking in Persons reports would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2021-2025 period. Such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

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