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114TH CONGRESS  
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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. DAVIS of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Empowering Edu-  
3 cators to Prevent Trafficking Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR TRAINING SCHOOL STAFF TO RECOG-  
5 NIZE AND RESPOND TO SIGNS OF LABOR AND  
6 SEX TRAFFICKING.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and  
8 Human Services, acting through the Director of the Office  
9 on Trafficking in Persons within the Administration for  
10 Children and Families, may award grants to local edu-  
11 cational agencies to establish, expand, and support pro-  
12 grams to train school staff to recognize and respond to  
13 signs of labor trafficking and sex trafficking.

14 (b) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—A program funded  
15 through a grant under this section shall include—

16 (1) training on—

17 (A) indicators that an individual is a vic-  
18 tim or potential victim of labor trafficking or  
19 sex trafficking;

20 (B) options and procedures for referring  
21 such an individual, as appropriate, to—

22 (i) information on such trafficking;

23 and

24 (ii) legal, social, and health services  
25 for victims of such trafficking; and

1 (C) reporting requirements and procedures  
2 in accordance with applicable Federal and State  
3 law; and

4 (2) a plan, developed and implemented in con-  
5 sultation with local law enforcement authorities, to  
6 ensure the safety of school staff reporting such traf-  
7 ficking.

8 (c) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this sec-  
9 tion, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall  
10 give priority to local educational agencies serving a high-  
11 intensity child sex trafficking area.

12 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

13 (1) ESEA TERMS.—The terms “elementary  
14 school”; “local educational agency”; “other staff”;  
15 and “secondary school” have the meanings given the  
16 terms in section 8101 of the Elementary and Sec-  
17 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

18 (2) HIGH-INTENSITY CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING  
19 AREA.—The term “high-intensity child sex traf-  
20 ficking area” means a metropolitan area designated  
21 by the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a high in-  
22 tensity child prostitution area.

23 (3) LABOR TRAFFICKING.—The term “labor  
24 trafficking” means conduct described in section

1       103(9)(B) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act  
2       of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7102(9)(B)).

3           (4) SCHOOL STAFF.—The term “school staff”  
4       means teachers, nurses, security personnel, school  
5       leaders and administrators, and other staff at ele-  
6       mentary schools and secondary schools.

7           (5) SEX TRAFFICKING.—The term “sex traf-  
8       ficking” means the conduct described in section  
9       103(9)(A) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act  
10       of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7102(9)(A)).