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To reauthorize comprehensive research and statistical review and analysis of trafficking in persons and commercial sex acts, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. HAWLEY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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## A BILL

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4        This Act may be cited as the “Human Trafficking  
5 Research Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMPREHENSIVE RESEARCH AND STATISTICAL RE-**  
2 **VIEW AND ANALYSIS OF INCIDENTS OF TRAF-**  
3 **FICKING IN PERSONS AND COMMERCIAL SEX**  
4 **ACTS.**

5 Section 201(a)(1)(B) of the Trafficking Victims Pro-  
6 tection Reauthorization Act of 2005 (34 U.S.C.  
7 20701(a)(1)(B)) is amended to read as follows:

8 “(B) CONTENTS.—The research and sta-  
9 tistical review and analysis under this para-  
10 graph shall consist of two separate studies, uti-  
11 lizing the same statistical data where appro-  
12 priate, as follows:

13 “(i) The first study shall address se-  
14 vere forms of trafficking in persons in the  
15 United States and shall include, but need  
16 not be limited to—

17 “(I) the estimated number and  
18 demographic characteristics of victims  
19 of severe forms of trafficking in per-  
20 sons;

21 “(II) the estimated number and  
22 demographic characteristics of per-  
23 petrators of severe forms of traf-  
24 ficking; and

25 “(III) the number of investiga-  
26 tions, arrests, prosecutions, and incar-

1 cerations of persons engaged in acts  
2 of severe forms of trafficking in per-  
3 sons by States and their political sub-  
4 divisions.

5 “(ii) The second study shall address  
6 sex trafficking and unlawful commercial  
7 sex acts in the United States and shall in-  
8 clude, but need not be limited to—

9 “(I) the estimated number and  
10 demographic characteristics of per-  
11 petrators of sex trafficking, including  
12 purchasers of commercial sex acts;

13 “(II) the estimated value in dol-  
14 lars of the commercial sex economy,  
15 including the estimated average an-  
16 nual personal income derived from  
17 acts of sex trafficking;

18 “(III) the number of investiga-  
19 tions, arrests, prosecutions, and incar-  
20 cerations of persons engaged in sex  
21 trafficking and unlawful commercial  
22 sex acts, including purchasers of com-  
23 mercial sex acts, by States and their  
24 political subdivisions; and

1                   “(IV) a description of the dif-  
2                   ferences in the enforcement of laws  
3                   relating to unlawful commercial sex  
4                   acts across the United States.”.

5 **SEC. 3. REAUTHORIZATION.**

6           Section 201(c)(1) of the Trafficking Victims Protec-  
7           tion Reauthorization Act of 2005 (34 U.S.C. 20701(c)(1))  
8           is amended by striking “2008 through 2011” each place  
9           it appears and inserting “2021 through 2024”.