

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4367, AS REPORTED**  
**OFFERED BY MR. BURGESS OF TEXAS**

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert  
the following:

1 **TITLE \_\_\_\_\_—UNACCOMPANIED**  
2 **ALIEN CHILDREN ASSIST-**  
3 **ANCE CONTROL ACT**

4 **SEC. \_\_\_ 1. SHORT TITLE.**

5 This Act may be cited as the “Unaccompanied Alien  
6 Children Assistance Control Act”.

7 **SEC. \_\_\_ 2. FINDINGS.**

8 Congress finds the following:

9 (1) Gang violence, poverty, and corruption are  
10 the main drivers of illegal immigration from El Sal-  
11 vador, Guatemala, and Honduras to the United  
12 States.

13 (2) According to an independent task force re-  
14 port by the Atlantic Council’s Latin America Cen-  
15 ter—

16 (A) systemic corruption stagnates eco-  
17 nomic growth;

18 (B) eight in ten poll respondents see cor-  
19 ruption as widespread;

1 (C) citizens in El Salvador, Guatemala,  
2 and Honduras do not trust the government in-  
3 stitutions responsible for curtailing corruption;  
4 and

5 (D) investigations have revealed massive  
6 networks dedicated to co-opting public funds for  
7 the personal enrichment of government officials.

8 (3) There exists the potential for foreign assist-  
9 ance from the United States to be misused by cen-  
10 tral government officials in El Salvador, Guatemala,  
11 and Honduras in order to reduce the success of anti-  
12 corruption efforts.

13 (4) Systemic corruption in El Salvador, Guate-  
14 mala, and Honduras undermines efforts to address  
15 the driving causes of illegal immigration into the  
16 United States from such countries.

17 (5) The United States provided more than  
18 \$3,046,484,297 of foreign assistance for Central  
19 American countries during fiscal years 2018 through  
20 2021.

21 (6) For the past 5 fiscal years, the Department  
22 of Homeland Security has referred to the Office of  
23 Refugee Resettlement (ORR) 40,810 unaccompanied  
24 children in fiscal year 2017, 69,488 in fiscal year

1       2019, 15,381 in fiscal year 2020, 122,731 in fiscal  
2       year 2021, and 128,904 in fiscal year 2022.

3           (7) In fiscal year 2022, approximately 72 per-  
4       cent of all children referred were over 14 years of  
5       age, and 64 percent were boys. In fiscal year 2022,  
6       countries of origin of youth in this program were ap-  
7       proximately as follows: Guatemala (47 percent);  
8       Honduras (29 percent); El Salvador (13 percent);  
9       and other (11 percent).

10          (8) On average, providing care for unaccom-  
11       panied alien children in ORR custody costs \$500 per  
12       child, per day.

13          (9) In fiscal year 2022 the average length of  
14       stay in ORR custody for an unaccompanied alien  
15       child was 30 days.

16          (10) On average, the total cost of care for an  
17       unaccompanied alien child in ORR custody in fiscal  
18       year 2022 was \$15,000 per child and  
19       \$1,933,560,000 for all children.

20          (11) According to the Department of State, the  
21       United States is the largest single donor of humani-  
22       tarian aid in Central America and Mexico and to  
23       asylum seekers, refugees, and vulnerable migrants in  
24       the region.

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ 3. REDUCTION OF AMOUNT OF FOREIGN ASSIST-**  
2 **ANCE TO EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, AND**  
3 **HONDURAS.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The President shall reduce from  
5 amounts made available under the Foreign Assistance Act  
6 of 1961 or any other Act and allocated for a covered coun-  
7 try for a fiscal year an amount equal to—

8 (1) the number of unaccompanied alien children  
9 who—

10 (A) are nationals or citizens of the covered  
11 country; and

12 (B) in the preceding fiscal year are placed  
13 in Federal custody by reason of their immigra-  
14 tion status; multiplied by

15 (2) \$15,000.

16 (b) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section—

17 (1) the term “covered country” means El Sal-  
18 vador, Guatemala, or Honduras; and

19 (2) the term “unaccompanied alien child” has  
20 the meaning given the term in section 462(g)(2) of  
21 the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C.  
22 279(g)(2)).

23 (c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—This Act shall take effect on  
24 the date of the enactment of this Act and shall apply with  
25 respect to amounts made available under the Foreign As-

- 1 assistance Act of 1961 or any other Act for fiscal year 2024
- 2 and each subsequent fiscal year.

