

AMENDMENT TO
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At the end of title LVIII, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 58_____ . DEPARTMENT OF LABOR STUDY ON FACTORS**
2 **AFFECTING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**
3 **FOR IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES WITH PRO-**
4 **FSSIONAL CREDENTIALS OBTAINED IN FOR-**
5 **EIGN COUNTRIES.**

6 (a) STUDY REQUIRED.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Labor, in
8 coordination with the Secretary of State, the Sec-
9 retary of Education, the Secretary of Health and
10 Human Services, the Secretary of Commerce, the
11 Secretary of Homeland Security, the Administrator
12 of the Internal Revenue Service, and the Commis-
13 sioner of the Social Security Administration, shall
14 conduct a study of the factors affecting employment
15 opportunities in the United States for applicable im-
16 migrants and refugees who have professional creden-
17 tials that were obtained in a country other than the
18 United States.

1 (2) WORK WITH OTHER ENTITIES.—The Sec-
2 retary of Labor shall seek to work with relevant non-
3 profit organizations and State agencies to use the
4 existing data and resources of such entities to con-
5 duct the study required under paragraph (1).

6 (3) LIMITATION ON DISCLOSURE.—Any infor-
7 mation provided to the Secretary of Labor in con-
8 nection with the study required under paragraph
9 (1)—

10 (A) may only be used for the purposes of,
11 and to the extent necessary to ensure the effi-
12 cient operation of, such study; and

13 (B) may not be disclosed to any other per-
14 son or entity except as provided under this sub-
15 section.

16 (b) INCLUSIONS.—The study required under sub-
17 section (a)(1) shall include—

18 (1) an analysis of the employment history of
19 applicable immigrants and refugees admitted to the
20 United States during the 5-year period immediately
21 preceding the date of the enactment of this Act,
22 which shall include, to the extent practicable—

23 (A) a comparison of the employment appli-
24 cable immigrants and refugees held before im-
25 migrating to the United States with the employ-

1 ment they obtained in the United States, if any,
2 since their arrival; and

3 (B) the occupational and professional cre-
4 dentials and academic degrees held by applica-
5 ble immigrants and refugees before immigrating
6 to the United States;

7 (2) an assessment of any barriers that prevent
8 applicable immigrants and refugees from using occu-
9 pational experience obtained outside the United
10 States to obtain employment in the United States;

11 (3) an analysis of available public and private
12 resources assisting applicable immigrants and refu-
13 gees who have professional experience and qualifica-
14 tions obtained outside of the United States to obtain
15 skill-appropriate employment in the United States;
16 and

17 (4) policy recommendations for better enabling
18 applicable immigrants and refugees who have profes-
19 sional experience and qualifications obtained outside
20 of the United States to obtain skill-appropriate em-
21 ployment in the United States.

22 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the
23 date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary of
24 Labor shall—

1 (1) submit a report to Congress that describes
2 the results of the study conducted pursuant to sub-
3 section (a); and

4 (2) make such report publicly available on the
5 website of the Department of Labor.

6 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) The term “applicable immigrants and refu-
8 gees”—

9 (A) means individuals who—

10 (i)(I) are not citizens or nationals of
11 the United States; and

12 (II) are lawfully present in the United
13 States and authorized to be employed in
14 the United States; or

15 (ii) are naturalized citizens of the
16 United States who were born outside of the
17 United States and its outlying possessions;
18 and

19 (B) includes individuals described in sec-
20 tion 602(b)(2) of the Afghan Allies Protection
21 Act of 2009 (title VI of division F of Public
22 Law 111–8; 8 U.S.C. 1101 note).

23 (2) Except as otherwise defined in this section,
24 terms used in this section have the definitions given

1 such terms under section 101(a) of the Immigration
2 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)).

