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H. RES. 553

Of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Secretary of Homeland Security to transmit, respectively, certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to unaccompanied alien children.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 26, 2021

Mr. BURGESS (for himself, Mrs. RODGERS of Washington, and Mr. KATKO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved*, That the President is requested, and the
2 Secretary of Health and Human Services and Secretary
3 of the Department of Homeland Security are directed, to
4 transmit, respectively, to the House of Representatives,
5 not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of
6 this resolution, copies of all documents, memoranda, advi-
7 sory legal opinions, notes from meetings, audio recordings,

1 records (including telephone and electronic mail records),
2 correspondence, and other communications, or any portion
3 of any such communications, to the extent that any such
4 one or more items are within the possession of the Presi-
5 dent or the Secretaries, respectively, and refer to the fol-
6 lowing:

7 (1) The health and welfare of unaccompanied
8 alien children, including the status of COVID-19 in-
9 fections, treatment, and outcomes, in the care or
10 custody of Customs and Border Protection and the
11 Office of Refugee Resettlement.

12 (2) Any current policy, procedure, guidance, or
13 directive regarding the placement of unaccompanied
14 alien children in the care or custody of the Office of
15 Refugee Resettlement with a sponsor, including any
16 policy that has changed since January 20, 2021, in
17 order to expedite the placement of such children
18 with a sponsor.

19 (3) The number of unaccompanied alien chil-
20 dren placed by the Office of Refugee Resettlement
21 with sponsors that did not undergo a background
22 check, public records check, sex offender registry
23 check, or fingerprint check.

24 (4) All information, including Significant Inci-
25 dent Reports, regarding allegations of abuse and ne-

1 glect of unaccompanied alien children in Customs
2 and Border Protection or Office of Refugee Resettle-
3 ment facilities beginning in November, 2020.

4 (5) The number of unaccompanied alien chil-
5 dren who were in the care of the Office of Refugee
6 Resettlement and were not placed with a potential
7 sponsor pursuant to section V of the memorandum
8 of agreement entitled “Memorandum of Agreement
9 Among The Office of Refugee Resettlement of the
10 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
11 and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
12 and U.S. Customs and Border Protection of the
13 U.S. Department of Homeland Security Regarding
14 Consultation and Information Sharing in Unaccom-
15 panied Alien Children Matters”, entered into on
16 April 13, 2018.

17 (6) All Office of Refugee Resettlement current
18 policies and procedures, guidance, and directives re-
19 garding the hiring and training of staff, contractors,
20 or volunteers.

21 (7) All information regarding how the Office of
22 Refugee Resettlement protects unaccompanied alien
23 children from smugglers, traffickers, or others who

- 1 might seek to victimize or otherwise engage a child
- 2 in criminal, harmful, or exploitative activity.

