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117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To amend the Child Abuse and Prevention Act to require a study and report on marital age of consent.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. TAYLOR introduced the following bill; which was 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 “End Forced Child Mar-  
5 riages Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDY AND REPORT ON MARITAL AGE OF CON-**  
2 **SENT.**

3 Section 110 of the Child Abuse Prevention and  
4 Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106f) is amended by adding  
5 at the end the following:

6 “(e) **STUDY AND REPORT ON MARITAL AGE OF CON-**  
7 **SENT.—**

8 “(1) **STUDY.—**The Secretary shall study, with  
9 respect to each State—

10 “(A) the State law regarding the minimum  
11 marriage age; and

12 “(B) the prevalence of marriage involving  
13 a child who is under the age of such minimum  
14 marriage age.

15 “(2) **FACTORS.—**The study required under  
16 paragraph (1) shall include an examination of—

17 “(A) the extent to which any statutory ex-  
18 ceptions to the minimum marriage age in such  
19 laws contribute to the prevalence of marriage  
20 involving a child described in paragraph (1)(B);

21 “(B) whether such exceptions allow such a  
22 child to be married without the consent of such  
23 child; and

24 “(C) the impact of such exceptions on the  
25 safety of such children.

1           “(3) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the  
2           date of enactment of this subsection, the Secretary  
3           shall submit to the Committee on Health, Edu-  
4           cation, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the  
5           Committee on Education and Labor of the House of  
6           Representatives a report containing the findings of  
7           the study required by this subsection, including any  
8           best practices.”.