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AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: To provide training on international religious freedom to all Foreign Service Officers.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—114th Cong., 1st Sess.**

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To authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2016, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. RUBIO

Viz:

1 At the end of subtitle B of title III, add the following:

2 **SEC. 3 \_\_. INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM TRAIN-**  
3 **ING PROGRAM.**

4 Section 708 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22  
5 U.S.C. 4028) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating subsections (b) and (c) as  
7 subsections (d) and (e), respectively;

8 (2) in subsection (d), as redesignated, by insert-  
9 ing “REFUGEES” before “The Secretary of State”;

10 (3) in subsection (e), as redesignated, by insert-  
11 ing “CHILD SOLDIERS” before “The Secretary of  
12 State”; and

1           (4) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the  
2 following:

3           “(a) DEVELOPMENT OF CURRICULUM.—

4           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State  
5 shall develop a curriculum for Foreign Service Offi-  
6 cers that includes training on—

7           “(A) the scope and strategic value of inter-  
8 national religious freedom;

9           “(B) how violations of international reli-  
10 gious freedom harm fundamental United States  
11 interests;

12           “(C) how the advancement of international  
13 religious freedom can advance such interests;

14           “(D) how United States international reli-  
15 gious freedom policy should be carried out in  
16 practice by United States diplomats and other  
17 Foreign Service Officers; and

18           “(E) the relevance and relationship of  
19 international religious freedom to United States  
20 defense, diplomacy, development, and public af-  
21 fairs efforts to combat violent extremism.

22           “(2) ROLE OF OTHER OFFICIALS.—The Sec-  
23 retary of State shall carry out paragraph (1)—

24           “(A) with the assistance of the Amba-  
25 sador at Large for International Religious

1 Freedom appointed under section 101(b) of the  
2 International Religious Freedom Act of 1998  
3 (22 U.S.C. 6411(b));

4 “(B) in coordination with the Director of  
5 the George P. Shultz National Foreign Affairs  
6 Training Center and other Federal officials, as  
7 appropriate; and

8 “(C) in consultation with the United  
9 States Commission on International Religious  
10 Freedom established under section 201(a) of  
11 the International Religious Freedom Act of  
12 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6431(a)).

13 “(3) RESOURCES.—The Secretary of State shall  
14 ensure the availability of sufficient resources to de-  
15 velop and implement the curriculum required under  
16 this subsection.

17 “(b) MANDATORY TRAINING.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than the date  
19 that is 1 year after the date of the enactment of the  
20 Department of State Operations Authorization and  
21 Embassy Security Act, Fiscal Year 2016, the Direc-  
22 tor of the George P. Shultz National Foreign Affairs  
23 Training Center shall begin mandatory training on  
24 religious freedom, using the curriculum developed

1 under subsection (a), for all Foreign Service officers,  
2 including—

3 “(A) all entry level officers;

4 “(B) all officers prior to departure for  
5 posting outside the United States; and

6 “(C) all outgoing deputy chiefs of mission  
7 and ambassadors.

8 “(2) ELEMENTS.—The training required under  
9 paragraph (1) shall be incorporated, as a separate,  
10 independent, and required segment of—

11 “(A) the A-100 course attended by all  
12 Foreign Service Officers;

13 “(B) the courses required of every Foreign  
14 Service Officer prior to a posting outside the  
15 United States, with segments tailored, in each  
16 receiving country, to—

17 “(i) the particular religious demog-  
18 raphy of such country;

19 “(ii) religious freedom conditions in  
20 such country;

21 “(iii) religious engagement strategies;  
22 and

23 “(iv) United States strategies for ad-  
24 vancing religious freedom.

1                   “(C) the courses required of all outgoing  
2                   deputy chiefs of mission and ambassadors.

3           “(e) INFORMATION SHARING.—The curriculum and  
4 training materials developed pursuant to subsections (a)  
5 and (b) shall be shared with the United States Armed  
6 Forces, the intelligence community (as such term is de-  
7 fined in section 3 of the National Security Act of 1947  
8 (50 U.S.C. 3003), and all other Federal departments and  
9 agencies whose personnel serve as attachés, advisors, or  
10 detailees in United States embassies globally to provide  
11 training and particularized instruction on—

12                   “(1) United States religious freedom policies;

13                   “(2) religious traditions;

14                   “(3) religious engagement strategies;

15                   “(4) religious and cultural issues; and

16                   “(5) efforts to combat terrorism and violent re-  
17                   ligious extremism.”.