

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. _____

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. DURBIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To improve the administrative provisions relating to the
Legal Services Corporation.

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 “Legal Services for Im-
5 migrant Victims of Domestic Violence, Child Abuse, Sex-
6 ual Assault, and Trafficking Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. LEGAL SERVICES.**

8 Section 502 of the Departments of Commerce, Jus-
9 tice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Ap-
10 propriations Act, 1998 (Public Law 105-119; 111 Stat.
11 2510) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)(2)(C)—

2 (A) in the matter preceding clause (i), by
3 inserting “either Corporation funds or” before
4 “funds derived”;

5 (B) in clauses (i) and (ii)—

6 (i) by inserting “, or has been a vic-
7 tim of sexual assault or a victim of traf-
8 ficking (as defined in section 103 of the
9 Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000
10 (22 U.S.C. 7102)),” before “in the United
11 States”; and

12 (ii) by striking “by a spouse” and all
13 that follows and inserting a semicolon;

14 (C) in clause (ii), by striking the semicolon
15 and inserting “(without the active participation
16 of the alien in the battery, extreme cruelty, sex-
17 ual assault, or trafficking); or”; and

18 (D) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(iii) an alien who qualifies or whose
20 child qualifies for status under section
21 101(a)(15)(U) of the Immigration and Na-
22 tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(U)).”;

23 (2) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) by striking “subsection (a)(2)(C)” and
2 all that follows through “(1) The” and inserting
3 “subsection (a)(2)(C), the”; and

4 (B) by striking paragraph (2); and
5 (3) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(c) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in the amendments
7 made by the Legal Services for Immigrant Victims of Do-
8 mestic Violence, Child Abuse, Sexual Assault, and Traf-
9 ficking Act shall be construed to limit the legal assistance
10 provided under section 107(b)(1) of the Trafficking Vic-
11 tims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7105(b)) to vic-
12 tims of severe forms of trafficking in persons.”.