

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1501
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Add at the end the following new section:

1 **SEC. ____.** **CHILD HOSTAGE-TAKING TO EVADE ARREST OR**
2 **OBSTRUCT JUSTICE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 55 of title 18, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the follow-
5 ing new section:

6 **“§ 1205. Child hostage-taking to evade arrest or ob-**
7 **struct justice**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Whoever uses force or threatens
9 to use force against any officer or agency of the Federal
10 Government, and seizes or detains, or continues to detain,
11 a child in order to—

12 “(1) obstruct, resist, or oppose any officer of
13 the United States, or other person duly authorized,
14 in serving, or attempting to serve or execute, any
15 legal or judicial writ, process, or warrant of any
16 court of the United States; or

17 “(2) compel any department or agency of the
18 Federal Government to do or to abstain from doing
19 any act;

20 or attempts to do so, shall be punished in accordance with
21 subsection (b).

1 “(b) SENTENCING.—Any person who violates sub-
2 section (a)—

3 “(1) shall be imprisoned not less than 10 years
4 and not more than 25 years;

5 “(2) if injury results to the child as a result of
6 the violation, shall be imprisoned not less than 20
7 years and not more than 35 years; and

8 “(3) if death results to the child as a result of
9 the violation, shall be subject to the penalty of death
10 or be imprisoned for life.

11 “(c) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the
12 term ‘child’ means an individual who has not attained the
13 age of 18 years.”.

14 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
15 for chapter 55 of title 18, United States Code, is amended
16 by adding at the end the following new item:

“1205. Child hostage-taking to evade arrest or obstruct justice.”.