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To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to require better reporting of unidentified persons, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin (for himself, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. WYNN, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. FROST, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Mr. LUTHER, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. KIND) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Jennifer’s Law Act
5 of 1997”.

6 **SEC. 2. JENNIFER’S LAW.**

7 (a) GRANT REDUCTION FOR NONCOMPLIANCE.—Sec-
8 tion 506 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe

1 Streets Act of 1968 is amended by adding at the end the
2 following:

3 “(g) INFORMATION ACCESS.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The funds available under
5 this subpart for a State shall be reduced by 10 per-
6 cent and redistributed under paragraph (3) unless
7 the State substantially complies with the rules made
8 by the Federal Bureau of Investigation under para-
9 graph (2).

10 “(2) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—The Fed-
11 eral Bureau of Investigation shall make rules—

12 “(A) requiring immediate reporting by a
13 State’s authorities of every unidentified person
14 (alive or deceased), regardless of age, found in
15 that State’s jurisdiction, to the National Crime
16 Information Center and to the State’s law en-
17 forcement authorities;

18 “(B) requiring the subsequent entry of a
19 complete profile of the unidentified person, as
20 provided by the Department of Justice for the
21 National Crime Information Center Missing
22 and Unidentified Persons File, including, if
23 available, dental records, x-rays, and finger-
24 prints;

1 “(C) requiring the entry of a National
2 Crime Information Center number or other ap-
3 propriate number on all unidentified’s persons’
4 death certificates;

5 “(D) requiring the retention of all such
6 records pertaining to unidentified persons in
7 the National Crime Information Center and
8 with appropriate State agencies until the person
9 is identified; and

10 “(E) to achieve greater ease in cross ref-
11 erencing indexes of missing persons with those
12 of unidentified persons.

13 “(3) REDISTRIBUTION.—Any funds available
14 for redistribution shall be redistributed to participat-
15 ing States that have in effect a law referred to in
16 paragraph (1).

17 “(4) COMPLIANCE.—The Federal Bureau of In-
18 vestigation shall issue regulations to ensure compli-
19 ance with the requirements of paragraph (1), includ-
20 ing a requirement that any charge for making avail-
21 able such information may not exceed the actual cost
22 of making such information available.”.

23 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 506(a) of
24 title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act

1 of 1968 is amended by striking “subsection (f),” and in-
2 serting “subsections (f) and (g),”.

3 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
4 subsection (a) shall take effect on the first day of each
5 fiscal year succeeding the first fiscal year beginning 2
6 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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