H. R. 3871

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey 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 “Internet Crimes
5 Against Children Prevention Act of 2000”.
6 SEC. 2. FEDERAL INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN
7 COMPUTER TRAINING FACILITY.
8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Attorney General shall
9 establish within the Federal Bureau of Investigation a
10 Federal Internet Crimes Against Children computer train-
ing facility to be known as the “Innocent Images Online Training Center” (in this section referred to as the “IIOTC”).

(b) PURPOSE.—The IIOTC shall be responsible for training local, State, and Federal law enforcement officers who investigate Internet and on-line crimes against children. The IIOTC shall be located in or around the Innocent Images operation in Calverton, Maryland, and shall be managed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (in this section referred to as the “FBI”) as the lead agency. The staff of the IIOTC shall include representatives from the Federal agencies that have statutory authority to investigate Internet and on-line crimes against children, including the FBI, United States Customs Service, and the United States Postal Inspection Service, and the Criminal Division, United States Department of Justice.

(c) DUTIES OF THE IIOTC.—The FBI shall perform such duties as the Attorney General determines appropriate to carry out the purpose of the IIOTC, including the following:

(1) Educate and train local, State, and Federal law enforcement officers and prosecutors who investigate and prosecute Internet and on-line crimes against children investigations. This training shall consist of teaching these law enforcement officers
the Innocent Images national initiative investigative
techniques and protocols. The training facility shall
include classrooms and computers to facilitate
“hands-on” training for participants. Consideration
may be given to train international law enforcement
officers on a limited basis.

(2) Travel throughout the United States to
teach local law enforcement officers in a local or re-
gional basis when requested.

(3) Provide advice and guidance in the applica-
tion of current and emerging computer technology
and other investigative techniques.

(4) In a classroom environment and as part of
the curriculum, provide investigative support and ad-
dvice to Federal, State, and local officers and pros-
ceutors on current and complex investigations.

(5) In a private setting and upon request, pro-
vide consultation and advice on multifaceted Internet
crimes against children investigations.

(6) Conduct research related to the detection
and investigation of Internet and on-line crimes
against children, including identification and inves-
tigative application of current and emerging tech-
nologies, identification of investigative searching
technologies and methods for investigating Internet

(7) Work with the approved Department of
Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency
Prevention Program, Internet Crimes Against Chil-
dren task forces to train these officers on the use of
FBI Innocent Images National Initiative investiga-
tive techniques and protocols.

(8) Within the training curriculum, the IIOTC
shall strongly encourage State and local adoption of
the protocol consistent with the FBI’s Innocent Im-
ages National Case Management System.

(d) APPOINTMENT OF PERSONNEL TO THE IIOTC.—

(1) SELECTION OF STAFF.—The Director of the
Federal Bureau of Investigation shall appoint the
staff of the IIOTC. The training facility staff shall
include experienced investigators and specialists
from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the
United States Customs Service, the United States
Postal Inspection Service, and the Criminal Division,
Department of Justice. The Commissioner of the
United States Customs Service and the Chief Postal
Inspector for the United States Postal Inspection
Service shall nominate to the Director their rep-
also be staffed by FBI support employees who will assist with the administrative functions associated with the center. Each respective agency will be responsible for their costs of providing staff to the HICT.

(2) ADDITIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL.—The Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is authorized to employ 33 additional FBI support personnel employees necessary to provide for a 24-hour operation, staff a toll-free number for law enforcement personnel, and assist in processing casework generated and received at the FBI’s Innocent Images National Initiative.

(3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2001 and each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years—

(A) $4,200,000 to carry out subsection this section, other than subsection (d)(2); and

(B) $4,200,000 to carry out subsection (d)(2).

(4) REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall submit
to the Congress an implementation plan for the IIOTC.