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To reauthorize the PROTECT Our Children Act of 2008, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 12, 2025

Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MOODY, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. COONS, and Ms. HIRONO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

MAY 20, 2025

Reported by Mr. GRASSLEY, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

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**A BILL**

To reauthorize the PROTECT Our Children Act of 2008,  
and for other purposes.

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 “PROTECT Our Chil-  
5       dren Reauthorization Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION.**

2       (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR  
3 CHILD EXPLOITATION PREVENTION AND INTERDIC-  
4 TION.—Section 101 of the PROTECT Our Children Act  
5 of 2008 (34 U.S.C. 21111) is amended—

6           (1) in subsection (b), by striking “every second  
7 year” and inserting “every fourth year”; and

8           (2) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the  
9 following:

10       “(c) REQUIRED CONTENTS OF NATIONAL STRAT-  
11 EGY.—The National Strategy established under subsection  
12 (a) shall include the following:

13           “(1) An analysis of current trends, challenges,  
14 and the overall magnitude of the threat of child ex-  
15 ploitation.

16           “(2) An analysis of future trends and chal-  
17 lenges, including new technologies, that will impact  
18 the efforts to combat child exploitation.

19           “(3) Goals and strategic solutions to prevent  
20 and interdict child exploitation, including—

21               “(A) plans for interagency coordination;

22               “(B) engagement with the judicial  
23 branches of the Federal Government and State  
24 governments;

25               “(C) legislative recommendations for com-  
26 bating child exploitation;

1           ~~“(D) cooperation with international, State,~~  
2           ~~local, and Tribal law enforcement agencies; and~~

3           ~~“(E) engagement with the private sector~~  
4           ~~and other entities involved in efforts to combat~~  
5           ~~child exploitation.~~

6           ~~“(4) An analysis of Federal efforts dedicated to~~  
7           ~~combating child exploitation, including—~~

8           ~~“(A) a review of the policies and work of~~  
9           ~~the Department of Justice and other Federal~~  
10          ~~programs relating to the prevention and inter-~~  
11          ~~diction of child exploitation crimes, including~~  
12          ~~training programs, and investigative and pros-~~  
13          ~~ecution activity; and~~

14          ~~“(B) a description of the efforts of the De-~~  
15          ~~partment of Justice to cooperate and coordinate~~  
16          ~~with, and provide technical assistance and sup-~~  
17          ~~port to, international, State, local, and Tribal~~  
18          ~~law enforcement agencies and private sector~~  
19          ~~and nonprofit entities with respect to child ex-~~  
20          ~~ploitation prevention and interdiction efforts.~~

21          ~~“(5) An estimate of the resources required to~~  
22          ~~effectively respond to child exploitation crimes at~~  
23          ~~scale by—~~

24          ~~“(A) each ICAC task force;~~

1           ~~“(B) the Federal Bureau of Investigation,~~  
2           ~~including investigators, forensic interviewers,~~  
3           ~~and analysts of victims, witnesses, and~~  
4           ~~forensics;~~

5           ~~“(C) Homeland Security Investigations, in-~~  
6           ~~cluding forensic interviewers and analysts of~~  
7           ~~victims, witnesses, and forensics;~~

8           ~~“(D) the United States Marshals Service;~~

9           ~~“(E) the United States Secret Service;~~

10          ~~“(F) the United States Postal Service;~~

11          ~~“(G) the criminal investigative offices of~~  
12          ~~the Department of Defense; and~~

13          ~~“(H) any component of an agency de-~~  
14          ~~scribed in this paragraph.~~

15          ~~“(6) A review of the Internet Crimes Against~~  
16          ~~Children Task Force Program, including—~~

17                 ~~“(A) the number of ICAC task forces and~~  
18                 ~~the location of each ICAC task force;~~

19                 ~~“(B) the number of trained personnel at~~  
20                 ~~each ICAC task force;~~

21                 ~~“(C) the amount of Federal grants award-~~  
22                 ~~ed to each ICAC task force; and~~

23                 ~~“(D) an assessment of the Federal, State,~~  
24                 ~~and local cooperation with respect to each ICAC~~  
25                 ~~task force, including—~~

1                   “(i) the number of arrests made by  
2                   each ICAC task force;

3                   “(ii) the number of criminal referrals  
4                   to United States attorneys for prosecution;

5                   “(iii) the number of prosecutions and  
6                   convictions from the referrals described in  
7                   clause (ii);

8                   “(iv) the number, if available, of local  
9                   prosecutions and convictions based on  
10                  ICAC task force investigations; and

11                  “(v) any other information determined  
12                  by the Attorney General demonstrating the  
13                  level of Federal, State, Tribal, and local  
14                  coordination and cooperation.

15                  “(7) An assessment of training needs for each  
16                  ICAC task force and affiliated agencies.

17                  “(8) An assessment of Federal investigative and  
18                  prosecution activity relating to reported incidents of  
19                  child exploitation crimes that include a number of  
20                  factors, including—

21                         “(A) the number of investigations, arrests,  
22                         prosecutions and convictions for a crime of  
23                         child exploitation; and

1           ~~“(B) the average sentence imposed and the~~  
 2           ~~statutory maximum sentence that could be im-~~  
 3           ~~posed for each crime of child exploitation.~~

4           ~~“(9) A review of all available statistical data in-~~  
 5           ~~dicating the overall magnitude of child pornography~~  
 6           ~~trafficking in the United States and internationally,~~  
 7           ~~including—~~

8           ~~“(A) the number of foreign and domestic~~  
 9           ~~suspects observed engaging in accessing and~~  
 10          ~~sharing child pornography;~~

11          ~~“(B) the number of tips or other statistical~~  
 12          ~~data from the CyberTipline of the National~~  
 13          ~~Center for Missing and Exploited Children and~~  
 14          ~~other data indicating the magnitude of child~~  
 15          ~~pornography trafficking; and~~

16          ~~“(C) any other statistical data indicating~~  
 17          ~~the type, nature, and extent of child exploi-~~  
 18          ~~tation crime in the United States and abroad.”.~~

19          (b) ~~ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL ICAC TASK~~  
 20          ~~FORCE PROGRAM.—Section 102 of the PROTECT Our~~  
 21          ~~Children Act of 2008 (34 U.S.C. 21112) is amended—~~

22                 ~~(1) in subsection (a)(1)—~~

23                         ~~(A) by inserting “, Tribal, military,” after~~  
 24                         ~~“State”; and~~

(B) by striking “and child obscenity and pornography cases” and inserting “child obscenity and pornography cases; and the identification of child victims”;

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (2), by striking “consult with and consider” and all that follows through “track record of success.” and inserting “, evaluate the task forces funded under the ICAC Task Force Program to determine if those task forces are operating in an effective manner.”;

(B) in paragraph (3)(B)—

(i) by striking “establish a new task force” and inserting “establish a new or continue an existing task force”; and

(ii) by striking “state” and inserting “State”; and

(C) in paragraph (4)—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by striking “may” and inserting “shall”;

(ii) by striking subparagraph (B); and

(iii) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as subparagraph (B); and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(e) LIMITED LIABILITY FOR ICAC TASK FORCES.—

1           ~~“(1) IN GENERAL.—~~Except as provided in para-  
 2           graph ~~(2)~~, a civil claim or criminal charge against an  
 3           ICAC task force established pursuant to this section  
 4           and sections ~~103~~ and ~~104~~, including any law en-  
 5           forcement agency that participates on such a task  
 6           force or a director, officer, employee, or agent of  
 7           such a law enforcement agency, arising from the  
 8           prioritization decisions with respect to leads related  
 9           to Internet crimes against children described in sec-  
 10          tion ~~104(8)~~, may not be brought in any Federal or  
 11          State court.

12           ~~“(2) INTENTIONAL, RECKLESS, OR OTHER MIS-~~  
 13          ~~CONDUCT.—~~Paragraph ~~(1)~~ shall not apply to a claim  
 14          if the ICAC task force or law enforcement agency,  
 15          or a director, officer, employee, or agent of that law  
 16          enforcement agency—

17                   ~~“(A) engaged in intentional misconduct; or~~

18                   ~~“(B) acted, or failed to act—~~

19                           ~~“(i) with actual malice;~~

20                           ~~“(ii) with reckless disregard to a sub-~~  
 21                           ~~stantial risk of causing physical injury~~  
 22                           ~~without legal justification; or~~

23                           ~~“(iii) for a purpose unrelated to the~~  
 24                           ~~performance of any responsibility or func-~~  
 25                           ~~tion under section 104(8).”.~~



1        ~~(e) PURPOSE OF ICAC TASK FORCES.—Section 103~~  
 2        ~~of the PROTECT Our Children Act of 2008 (34 U.S.C.~~  
 3        ~~21113) is amended—~~

4                ~~(1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “, and the~~  
 5                ~~identification of child victims of those crimes” before~~  
 6                ~~the semicolon at the end;~~

7                ~~(2) in paragraph (2), by inserting “and~~  
 8                ~~prioritizing investigations that task force personnel,~~  
 9                ~~through the background, training and experience of~~  
 10                ~~those personnel and the consideration of all relevant~~  
 11                ~~circumstances, determine to be most likely to result~~  
 12                ~~in positive case outcomes and in the rescue of chil-~~  
 13                ~~dren” before the semicolon at the end;~~

14                ~~(3) in paragraph (3)—~~

15                        ~~(A) by striking “and local law enforce-~~  
 16                        ~~ment” and inserting “Tribal, military, and local~~  
 17                        ~~law enforcement”; and~~

18                        ~~(B) by inserting “, including probation and~~  
 19                        ~~parole agencies, child advocacy centers, and~~  
 20                        ~~child protective services,” after “enforcement~~  
 21                        ~~agencies”;~~

22                ~~(4) in paragraph (8), by striking “and” at the~~  
 23                ~~end;~~

24                ~~(5) in paragraph (9), by striking the period at~~  
 25                ~~the end and inserting “, and”; and~~

1           (6) by adding at the end the following:

2           “(10) educating the judiciary on—

3                 “(A) the link between intrafamilial contact  
4                 offenses and technology-facilitated crimes; and

5                 “(B) characteristics of internet offenders,  
6                 including the interest of online offenders in in-  
7                 cest-themed material, sadism, and other related  
8                 paraphilias or illegal activity.”.

9           (d) DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF TASK FORCES.—

10       Section 104 of the PROTECT Our Children Act of 2008  
11       (34 U.S.C. 21114) is amended—

12                 (1) in paragraph (3)—

13                         (A) by inserting “reactive and” before  
14                         “proactive”;

15                         (B) by inserting “conduct digital” before  
16                         “forensic examinations”; and

17                         (C) by inserting “engage in” before “effec-  
18                         tive prosecutions”;

19                 (2) by striking paragraph (8) and inserting the  
20                 following:

21                         “(8) investigate, seek prosecution with respect  
22                         to, and identify child victims from leads relating to  
23                         Internet crimes against children, including  
24                         CyberTipline reports, with prioritization determined

1 according to circumstances and by each task force,  
 2 as described in section 102;”;

3 (3) by striking paragraph (9); and

4 (4) by redesignating paragraphs (10) and (11)  
 5 as paragraphs (9) and (10), respectively.

6 (c) NATIONAL INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILD-  
 7 DREN DATA SYSTEM.—Section 105 of the PROTECT  
 8 Our Children Act of 2008 (34 U.S.C. 21115) is amend-  
 9 ed—

10 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “shall estab-  
 11 lish” and inserting “may establish”;

12 (2) in subsection (b) by striking “continue and  
 13 build upon Operation Fairplay developed by the Wy-  
 14 oming Attorney General’s office, which has estab-  
 15 lished a secure, dynamic undercover infrastructure  
 16 that has facilitated” and inserting “facilitate”; and

17 (3) in subsection (g)—

18 (A) by striking paragraph (3);

19 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (4)  
 20 through (8) as paragraphs (3) through (7), re-  
 21 spectively; and

22 (C) in paragraph (7), as so redesignated,  
 23 by striking “1 representative” and inserting “2  
 24 representatives”.

1       (f) ICAC GRANT PROGRAM.—Section 106 of the  
 2 PROTECT Our Children Act of 2008 (34 U.S.C. 21116)  
 3 is amended—

4           (1) in subsection (a)—

5                   (A) in paragraph (2)(B)(ii)(II), by striking  
 6 “Operation Fairplay,”; and

7                   (B) in paragraph (3)—

8                           (i) by striking subparagraph (A) and  
 9 inserting the following:

10                           “(A) Not less than 20 percent of the total  
 11 funds appropriated to carry out this section  
 12 shall be distributed to support the ICAC Task  
 13 Force Program through grants to—

14                                   “(i) provide training and technical as-  
 15 sistance to members of the ICAC Task  
 16 Force Program;

17                                   “(ii) maintain, enhance, research, and  
 18 develop tools and technology to assist  
 19 members of the ICAC Task Force Pro-  
 20 gram;

21                                   “(iii) provide other support to the  
 22 ICAC Task Force Program determined by  
 23 the Attorney General;

24                                   “(iv) conduct research;

1 “(v) support the annual National Law  
 2 Enforcement Training on Child Exploi-  
 3 tation of the Office of Juvenile Justice and  
 4 Delinquency Prevention; and

5 “(vi) provide wellness training.”; and  
 6 (2) in subsection (d)(1)—

7 (A) in subparagraph (B)—

8 (i) in clause (ii), by striking “and” at  
 9 the end;

10 (ii) in clause (iii), by striking “, in-  
 11 cluding” and all that follows through  
 12 “such crime under State law.” and insert-  
 13 ing “, and”; and

14 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
 15 lowing:

16 “(iv) the number of child victims iden-  
 17 tified.”;

18 (B) by striking subparagraph (D); and

19 (C) by redesignating subparagraphs (E)  
 20 through (G) as subparagraphs (D) through (F),  
 21 respectively.

22 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
 23 107(a) of the PROTECT Our Children Act of 2008 (34  
 24 U.S.C. 21117(a)) is amended—

1           (1) in paragraph (9), by striking “and” at the  
2       end;

3           (2) in paragraph (10), by striking the period at  
4       the end and inserting a semicolon; and

5           (3) by adding at the end the following:

6           “(11) \$70,000,000 for fiscal year 2026;

7           “(12) \$80,000,000 for fiscal year 2027; and

8           “(13) \$90,000,000 for fiscal year 2028.”.

9       (h) ~~ADDITIONAL REGIONAL COMPUTER FORENSIC~~  
10 ~~LABS.—The PROTECT Our Children Act of 2008 (34~~  
11 ~~U.S.C. 21101 et seq.) is amended by striking title II.~~

12       (i) ~~REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF PROVIDERS.—~~  
13 ~~Section 2258A(c) of title 18, United States Code, is~~  
14 ~~amended, in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by in-~~  
15 ~~serting “and all supplemental data included in the report”~~  
16 ~~after “each report made under subsection (a)(1)”.~~

17 ***SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.***

18       *This Act may be cited as the “PROTECT Our Chil-*  
19 *dren Reauthorization Act of 2025”.*

20 ***SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION.***

21       (a) *ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR*  
22 *CHILD EXPLOITATION PREVENTION AND INTERDICTION.—*  
23 *Section 101 of the PROTECT Our Children Act of 2008*  
24 *(34 U.S.C. 21111) is amended—*

1           (1) in subsection (b), by striking “every second  
2           year” and inserting “every fourth year”; and

3           (2) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the  
4           following:

5           “(c) *REQUIRED CONTENTS OF NATIONAL STRATEGY.*—  
6           *The National Strategy established under subsection (a) shall*  
7           *include the following:*

8                   “(1) *An analysis of current trends, challenges,*  
9                   *and the overall magnitude of the threat of child ex-*  
10                   *ploitation.*

11                   “(2) *An analysis of future trends and challenges,*  
12                   *including new technologies, that will impact the ef-*  
13                   *forts to combat child exploitation.*

14                   “(3) *Goals and strategic solutions to prevent and*  
15                   *interdict child exploitation, including—*

16                           “(A) *plans for interagency coordination;*

17                           “(B) *engagement with the judicial branches*  
18                   *of the Federal Government and State govern-*  
19                   *ments;*

20                           “(C) *legislative recommendations for com-*  
21                   *bating child exploitation;*

22                           “(D) *cooperation with international, State,*  
23                   *local, and Tribal law enforcement agencies; and*

1           “(E) engagement with the private sector  
2           and other entities involved in efforts to combat  
3           child exploitation.

4           “(4) An analysis of Federal efforts dedicated to  
5           combating child exploitation, including—

6                   “(A) a review of the policies and work of the  
7                   Department of Justice and other Federal pro-  
8                   grams relating to the prevention and interdic-  
9                   tion of child exploitation crimes, including  
10                  training programs, and investigative and pros-  
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13                  partment of Justice to cooperate and coordinate  
14                  with, and provide technical assistance and sup-  
15                  port to, international, State, local, and Tribal  
16                  law enforcement agencies and private sector and  
17                  nonprofit entities with respect to child exploi-  
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19           “(5) An estimate of the resources required to ef-  
20           fectively respond to child exploitation crimes at scale  
21           by—

22                   “(A) each ICAC task force;

23                   “(B) the Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
24                   including investigators, forensic interviewers,  
25                   and analysts of victims, witnesses, and forensics;



1           “(C) *Homeland Security Investigations, in-*  
2           *cluding forensic interviewers and analysts of vic-*  
3           *tims, witnesses, and forensics;*

4           “(D) *the United States Marshals Service;*

5           “(E) *the United States Secret Service;*

6           “(F) *the United States Postal Service;*

7           “(G) *the criminal investigative offices of the*  
8           *Department of Defense; and*

9           “(H) *any component of an agency described*  
10          *in this paragraph.*

11          “(6) *A review of the Internet Crimes Against*  
12          *Children Task Force Program, including—*

13               “(A) *the number of ICAC task forces and*  
14               *the location of each ICAC task force;*

15               “(B) *the number of trained personnel at*  
16               *each ICAC task force;*

17               “(C) *the amount of Federal grants awarded*  
18               *to each ICAC task force; and*

19               “(D) *an assessment of the Federal, State,*  
20               *and local cooperation with respect to each ICAC*  
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22                       “(i) *the number of arrests made by*  
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25                       *to United States attorneys for prosecution;*

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3                   clause (ii);

4                   “(iv) the number, if available, of local  
5                   prosecutions and convictions based on ICAC  
6                   task force investigations; and

7                   “(v) any other information determined  
8                   by the Attorney General demonstrating the  
9                   level of Federal, State, Tribal, and local co-  
10                  ordination and cooperation.

11               “(7) An assessment of training needs for each  
12               ICAC task force and affiliated agencies.

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14               prosecution activity relating to reported incidents of  
15               child exploitation crimes that include a number of  
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19                   exploitation; and

20                   “(B) the average sentence imposed and the  
21                   statutory maximum sentence that could be im-  
22                   posed for each crime of child exploitation.

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1       *trafficking in the United States and internationally,*  
 2       *including—*

3               “(A) *the number of foreign and domestic*  
 4               *suspects observed engaging in accessing and*  
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6               “(B) *the number of tips or other statistical*  
 7               *data from the CyberTipline of the National Cen-*  
 8               *ter for Missing and Exploited Children and other*  
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 10              *raphy trafficking; and*

11              “(C) *any other statistical data indicating*  
 12              *the type, nature, and extent of child exploitation*  
 13              *crime in the United States and abroad.”.*

14       (b) *ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL ICAC TASK FORCE*  
 15       *PROGRAM.—Section 102 of the PROTECT Our Children*  
 16       *Act of 2008 (34 U.S.C. 21112) is amended—*

17              (1) *in subsection (a)(1)—*

18                      (A) *by inserting “, Tribal, military,” after*  
 19                      *“State”; and*

20                      (B) *by striking “and child obscenity and*  
 21                      *pornography cases” and inserting “child obscen-*  
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 23                      *tion of child victims”;*

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 4           ate the task forces funded under the ICAC Task  
 5           Force Program to determine if those task forces  
 6           are operating in an effective manner.”;

7           (B) in paragraph (3)(B)—

8                 (i) by striking “establish a new task  
 9                 force” and inserting “establish a new or  
 10                continue an existing task force”; and

11               (ii) by striking “state” and inserting  
 12                “State”; and

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14               (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
 15                “may” and inserting “shall”;

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20           “(c) *LIMITED LIABILITY FOR ICAC TASK FORCES.*—

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 22               graph (2), a civil claim or criminal charge against  
 23               an ICAC task force established pursuant to this sec-  
 24               tion and sections 103 and 104, including any law en-  
 25               forcement agency that participates on such a task

1     *force or a director, officer, employee, or agent of such*  
 2     *a law enforcement agency, arising from the*  
 3     *prioritization decisions with respect to leads related*  
 4     *to Internet crimes against children described in sec-*  
 5     *tion 104(8), may not be brought in any Federal or*  
 6     *State court.*

7             “(2) *INTENTIONAL, RECKLESS, OR OTHER MIS-*  
 8     *CONDUCT.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply to a claim*  
 9     *if the ICAC task force or law enforcement agency, or*  
 10     *a director, officer, employee, or agent of that law en-*  
 11     *forcement agency—*

12                 “(A) *engaged in intentional misconduct; or*

13                 “(B) *acted, or failed to act—*

14                         “(i) *with actual malice;*

15                         “(ii) *with gross negligence or reckless*  
 16     *disregard to a substantial risk of causing*  
 17     *physical injury without legal justification;*  
 18     *or*

19                         “(iii) *for a purpose unrelated to the*  
 20     *performance of any responsibility or func-*  
 21     *tion under section 104(8).*

22             “(3) *RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this*  
 23     *section shall be construed to—*

24                 “(A) *create any independent basis of liabil-*  
 25     *ity on behalf of, or any cause of action against—*

1 “(i) an ICAC task force; or

2 “(ii) a law enforcement agency or a di-  
3 rector, officer, employee, or agent of the law  
4 enforcement agency; or

5 “(B) expand any liability otherwise im-  
6 posed, or limit any defense to that liability, oth-  
7 erwise available under Federal or State law.”.

8 (c) *PURPOSE OF ICAC TASK FORCES.*—Section 103  
9 of the *PROTECT Our Children Act of 2008* (34 U.S.C.  
10 21113) is amended—

11 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “, and the  
12 identification of child victims of those crimes” before  
13 the semicolon at the end;

14 (2) in paragraph (2), by inserting “and  
15 prioritizing investigations that task force personnel,  
16 through the background, training and experience of  
17 those personnel and the consideration of all relevant  
18 circumstances, determine to be most likely to result in  
19 positive case outcomes and in the rescue of children”  
20 before the semicolon at the end;

21 (3) in paragraph (3)—

22 (A) by striking “and local law enforcement”  
23 and inserting “Tribal, military, and local law  
24 enforcement”; and

1           (B) by inserting “, including probation and  
 2           parole agencies, child advocacy centers, and child  
 3           protective services,” after “enforcement agencies”;  
 4           (4) in paragraph (8), by striking “and” at the  
 5           end;

6           (5) in paragraph (9), by striking the period at  
 7           the end and inserting “; and”; and

8           (6) by adding at the end the following:

9           “(10) educating the judiciary on—

10           “(A) the link between intrafamilial contact  
 11           offenses and technology-facilitated crimes; and

12           “(B) characteristics of internet offenders,  
 13           including the interest of online offenders in in-  
 14           cest-themed material, sadism, and other related  
 15           paraphilias or illegal activity.”.

16           (d) *DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF TASK FORCES.*—Sec-  
 17           tion 104 of the *PROTECT Our Children Act of 2008* (34  
 18           U.S.C. 21114) is amended—

19           (1) in paragraph (3)—

20           (A) by inserting “reactive and” before  
 21           “proactive”;

22           (B) by inserting “conduct digital” before  
 23           “forensic examinations”; and

24           (C) by inserting “engage in” before “effec-  
 25           tive prosecutions”;

1           (2) by striking paragraph (8) and inserting the  
2     *following:*

3           “(8) investigate, seek prosecution with respect to,  
4     and identify child victims from leads relating to  
5     Internet crimes against children, including  
6     CyberTipline reports, with prioritization determined  
7     according to circumstances and by each task force, as  
8     described in section 102;”;

9           (3) by striking paragraph (9); and

10          (4) by redesignating paragraphs (10) and (11)  
11     as paragraphs (9) and (10), respectively.

12     (e) NATIONAL INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN  
13     DATA SYSTEM.—Section 105 of the PROTECT Our Chil-  
14     dren Act of 2008 (34 U.S.C. 21115) is amended—

15          (1) in subsection (a), by striking “shall estab-  
16     lish” and inserting “may establish”;

17          (2) in subsection (b), by striking “continue and  
18     build upon Operation Fairplay developed by the Wyo-  
19     ming Attorney General’s office, which has established  
20     a secure, dynamic undercover infrastructure that has  
21     facilitated” and inserting “facilitate”; and

22          (3) in subsection (g)—

23             (A) by striking paragraph (3);



1                   (B) by redesignating paragraphs (4)  
 2                   through (8) as paragraphs (3) through (7), re-  
 3                   spectively; and

4                   (C) in paragraph (7), as so redesignated, by  
 5                   striking “1 representative” and inserting “2 rep-  
 6                   resentatives”.

7           (f) *ICAC GRANT PROGRAM*.—Section 106 of the *PRO-*  
 8           *TECT Our Children Act of 2008* (34 U.S.C. 21116) is  
 9           amended—

10           (1) in subsection (a)—

11                   (A) in paragraph (2)(B)(ii)(II), by striking  
 12                   “Operation Fairplay,”; and

13                   (B) in paragraph (3)—

14                   (i) by striking subparagraph (A) and  
 15                   inserting the following:

16                   “(A) *IN GENERAL*.—Not less than 20 per-  
 17                   cent of the total funds appropriated to carry out  
 18                   this section shall be distributed to support the  
 19                   *ICAC Task Force Program* through grants to—

20                           “(i) provide training and technical as-  
 21                           sistance to members of the *ICAC Task Force*  
 22                           *Program*;

23                           “(ii) maintain, enhance, research, and  
 24                           develop tools and technology to assist mem-  
 25                           bers of the *ICAC Task Force Program*;

1           “(iii) provide other support to the  
2           ICAC Task Force Program determined by  
3           the Attorney General;

4           “(iv) conduct research;

5           “(v) support the annual National Law  
6           Enforcement Training on Child Exploi-  
7           tation of the Office of Juvenile Justice and  
8           Delinquency Prevention; and

9           “(vi) provide wellness training.”; and

10          (2) in subsection (d)(1)—

11           (A) in subparagraph (B)—

12           (i) in clause (ii), by striking “and” at  
13           the end;

14           (ii) in clause (iii), by striking “, in-  
15           cluding” and all that follows through “such  
16           crime under State law.” and inserting “;  
17           and”; and

18           (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
19           lowing:

20           “(iv) the number of child victims iden-  
21           tified.”;

22           (B) by striking subparagraph (D); and

23           (C) by redesignating subparagraphs (E)  
24           through (G) as subparagraphs (D) through (F),  
25           respectively.

1       (g) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.*—Section  
 2   107(a) of the *PROTECT Our Children Act of 2008* (34  
 3   U.S.C. 21117(a)) is amended—

4           (1) in paragraph (9), by striking “and” at the  
 5   end;

6           (2) in paragraph (10), by striking the period at  
 7   the end and inserting a semicolon; and

8           (3) by adding at the end the following:

9           “(11) \$70,000,000 for fiscal year 2026;

10          “(12) \$80,000,000 for fiscal year 2027; and

11          “(13) \$90,000,000 for fiscal year 2028.”.

12       (h) *ADDITIONAL REGIONAL COMPUTER FORENSIC*  
 13   *LABS.*—The *PROTECT Our Children Act of 2008* (34  
 14   U.S.C. 21101 et seq.) is amended by striking title II.

15       (i) *REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF PROVIDERS.*—Sec-  
 16   tion 2258A(c) of title 18, United States Code, is amended,  
 17   in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by inserting “and  
 18   all supplemental data included in the report” after “each  
 19   report made under subsection (a)(1)”.

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