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To authorize appropriations for The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the District of Columbia, to operate a national resource center and clearinghouse relating to missing children.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 22, 1997

Mr. CASTLE (for himself, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. LAMPSON, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. FROST, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. CARSON, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCINNIS, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. LIPINSKI, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. KILDEE, and Ms. WOOLSEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Missing and Exploited
3 Children Act of 1997”.

4 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

5 There is authorized to be appropriated to The Na-
6 tional Center for Missing and Exploited Children, a non-
7 profit corporation organized under the laws of the District
8 of Columbia, \$5,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1998,
9 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002 to operate a national re-
10 source center and clearinghouse designed—

11 (1) to provide to State and local governments,
12 public and private nonprofit agencies, and individ-
13 uals information regarding—

14 (A) free or low-cost legal, restaurant, lodg-
15 ing, and transportation services that are avail-
16 able for the benefit of missing children and
17 their families, and

18 (B) the existence and nature of programs
19 being carried out by Federal agencies to assist
20 missing children and their families,

21 (2) to coordinate public and private programs
22 which locate, recover, or reunite missing children
23 with their legal custodians,

24 (3) to disseminate nationally information about
25 innovative and model missing children’s programs,
26 services, and legislation, and

1 (4) to provide technical assistance and training
2 to law enforcement agencies, State and local govern-
3 ments, elements of the criminal justice system, pub-
4 lic and private nonprofit agencies, and individuals in
5 the prevention, investigation, prosecution, and treat-
6 ment of missing and exploited child cases and in lo-
7 cating and recovering missing children.

8 **SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

9 Section 404(b) of the Missing Children’s Assistance
10 Act (42 U.S.C. 5773(b)) is amended—

11 (1) by striking “, shall”,

12 (2) in paragraph (1)—

13 (A) in subparagraph (A) by inserting
14 “shall” after “(A)”, and

15 (B) in subparagraph (B) by striking “co-
16 ordinating” and inserting “shall coordinate”,

17 (3) in paragraph (2) by inserting “for any fiscal
18 year for which no funds are appropriated under sec-
19 tion 2 of the Missing and Exploited Children Act of
20 1997, shall” after “(2)”,

21 (4) in paragraph (3) by inserting “shall” after
22 “(3)”, and

23 (5) in paragraph (4) by inserting “shall” after
24 “(4)”.

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