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To provide for a study of the South Florida High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. MACK, and Mr. GRASSLEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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. FINDINGS; PURPOSE.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

5 (1) numerous law enforcement agencies, includ-
6 ing the United States Customs Service, the Drug
7 Enforcement Administration, and the Florida De-
8 partment of Law Enforcement, are overwhelmed
9 with the growth of drug trafficking activity in the
10 I–4 corridor;

1 (2) because of its location, Florida has become
2 a hub for drug imports and a key heroin and cocaine
3 distribution center for the United States, as those
4 drugs are distributed to other parts of the United
5 States;

6 (3) the I-4 corridor has become particularly
7 vulnerable to drug trafficking;

8 (4) despite intensive community awareness and
9 public education campaigns concerning the dangers
10 of drugs, and intensive efforts of Federal, State, and
11 local law enforcement officials, drug arrests in the
12 I-4 corridor continue to increase;

13 (5) despite the efforts of the Federal Govern-
14 ment and the governments of States and local gov-
15 ernments, arrests of teenagers for the sale or use of
16 illegal drugs has doubled during the 5-year period
17 preceding the date of enactment of this Act;

18 (6) for 1995, the I-4 corridor ranked 5th in the
19 United States for cocaine-related deaths per capita;

20 (7) the I-4 corridor leads the State of Florida
21 in heroin-related deaths per capita;

22 (8) it is necessary to coordinate Federal, State,
23 and local law enforcement efforts to address the
24 problem of drug trafficking in Florida; and

1 (9) the South Florida High Intensity Drug
2 Trafficking Area, established by the Office of the
3 National Drug Control Policy serves as a model of
4 cooperation between Federal, State, and local law
5 enforcement agencies for achieving results in ad-
6 dressing the problem of drug trafficking.

7 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to provide
8 for the expansion of the South Florida High Intensity
9 Drug Trafficking Area to include the I-4 corridor to bet-
10 ter address the problem of drug trafficking in the area
11 by directing additional resources to the area.

12 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

13 In this Act:

14 (1) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means
15 the Director of the Office of National Drug Control
16 Policy.

17 (2) DRUG TRAFFICKING.—The term “drug traf-
18 ficking” means drug trafficking of illegal drugs (as
19 that term is defined by the Director).

20 (3) I-4 CORRIDOR.—The term “I-4 corridor”
21 means the area along Interstate 4 in Florida that
22 extends from Daytona Beach, Florida, and the sur-
23 rounding vicinity to Tampa Bay, Florida, and the
24 surrounding vicinity.

1 **SEC. 3. EXPANSION OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA HIGH INTEN-**
2 **SITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA.**

3 As soon as practicable after the date of enactment
4 of this Act, the Director shall take such action as may
5 be necessary to include in the South Florida High Inten-
6 sity Drug Trafficking Area—

7 (1) the area designated by the Director as the
8 South Florida High Intensity Drug Trafficking
9 Area, as of the day before the date of enactment of
10 this Act; and

11 (2) the I-4 corridor.

12 **SEC. 4. STUDY AND REPORT.**

13 (a) STUDY.—Not later than 180 days after the date
14 of enactment of this Act, the Director, in consultation with
15 the heads of appropriate State and local law enforcement
16 agencies, shall conduct a comprehensive analysis of the
17 problem of drug trafficking in the I-4 corridor.

18 (b) REPORT.—Upon completion of the study con-
19 ducted under subsection (a), the Director shall prepare,
20 and submit to the appropriate heads of Federal, State,
21 and local law enforcement agencies, a report on that study
22 that contains—

23 (1) the findings of the Director concerning the
24 results of the study; and

25 (2) a strategy to address the problem of drug
26 trafficking in the I-4 corridor.

1 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Office
3 of National Drug Control Policy to carry out the inclusion
4 of the I-4 corridor in the South Florida High Intensity
5 Drug Trafficking Area under section 3(2), \$5,000,000 for
6 fiscal year 1998.

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