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S. 1346

To amend title 18, United States Code, to increase the penalties for certain offenses in which the victim is a child.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 30, 1997

Mr. TORRICELLI (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Joan’s Law Act of
5 1997”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEATH OR LIFE IN PRISON FOR CERTAIN OF-**
7 **FENSES WHOSE VICTIMS ARE CHILDREN.**

8 Section 3559 of title 18, United States Code, is
9 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(d) DEATH OR LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR CRIMES
2 AGAINST CHILDREN.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
3 sion of law, a person who is convicted of a Federal offense
4 that is a serious violent felony (as defined in subsection
5 (c)) or a violation of section 2251 shall, unless a sentence
6 of death is imposed, be sentenced to imprisonment for life,
7 if the victim of the offense—

8 “(1) is less than 14 years of age at the time of
9 the offense; and

10 “(2) dies as a result of the offense.”.

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