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H. R. 3458

To reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 18, 1999

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect, 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 “Child Abuse Preven-
5 tion and Enforcement Act”.

6 **TITLE I—THE CHILD ABUSE PRE-
7 VENTION AND ENFORCEMENT
8 ACT**

9 **SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.**

10 This title may be cited as the “Child Abuse Preven-
11 tion and Enforcement Act”.

1 SEC. 102. GRANT PROGRAM.

2 Section 102(b) of the Crime Identification Tech-
3 nology Act of 1998 (42 U.S.C. 14601(b)) is amended by
4 striking “and” at the end of paragraph (15), by striking
5 the period at the end of paragraph (16) and inserting “;
6 and”, and by adding after paragraph (16) the following:

7 “(17) the capability of the criminal justice sys-
8 tem to deliver timely, accurate, and complete crimi-
9 nal history record information to child welfare agen-
10 cies, organizations, and programs that are engaged
11 in the assessment of risk and other activities related
12 to the protection of children, including protection
13 against child abuse, and placement of children in
14 foster care.”.

15 SEC. 103. USE OF FUNDS UNDER BYRNE GRANT PROGRAM
16 FOR CHILD PROTECTION.

17 Section 501(b) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Con-
18 trol and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3751) is
19 amended—

20 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
21 (25);

22 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
23 graph (26) and inserting a semicolon; and

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

25 “(27) enforcing child abuse and neglect laws,
26 including laws protecting against child sexual abuse.

1 and promoting programs designed to prevent child
2 abuse and neglect;

3 “(28) establishing our supporting cooperative
4 programs between law enforcement and media orga-
5 nizations, to collect, record, retain, and disseminate
6 information useful in the identification and appre-
7 hension of suspected criminal offenders.”.

8 **SEC. 104. CONDITIONAL ADJUSTMENT IN SET ASIDE FOR**
9 **CHILD ABUSE VICTIMS UNDER THE VICTIMS**
10 **OF CRIME ACT OF 1984.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1402(d)(2) of the Victims
12 of Crime Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10601(d)(2)) is
13 amended—

14 (1) by striking “(2) the next \$10,000,000” and
15 inserting “(2)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph
16 (B), the next \$10,000,000”; and

17 (2) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(B)(i) For any fiscal year for which the
19 amount deposited in the Fund is greater than the
20 amount deposited in the Fund for fiscal year 1998,
21 the \$10,000,000 referred to in subparagraph (A)
22 plus an amount equal to 50 percent of the increase
23 in the amount from fiscal year 1998 shall be avail-
24 able for grants under section 1404A.

1 “(ii) Amounts available under this subparagraph
2 for any fiscal year shall not exceed
3 \$20,000,000.”.

4 (b) INTERACTION WITH ANY CAP.—Subsection (a)
5 shall be implemented so that any increase in funding pro-
6 vided thereby shall operate notwithstanding any dollar
7 limitation on the availability of the Crime Victims Fund
8 established under the Victims of Crime Act of 1984.

9 **TITLE II—JENNIFER’S LAW**

10 **SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE.**

11 This title may be cited as “Jennifer’s Law”.

12 **SEC. 202. PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.**

13 The Attorney General is authorized to provide grant
14 awards to States to enable States to improve the reporting
15 of unidentified and missing persons.

16 **SEC. 203. ELIGIBILITY.**

17 (a) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant
18 award under this title, a State shall submit an application
19 at such time and in such form as the Attorney General
20 may reasonably require.

21 (b) CONTENTS.—Each such application shall include
22 assurances that the State shall, to the greatest extent
23 possible—

24 (1) report to the National Crime Information
25 Center and when possible, to law enforcement au-

1 thorities throughout the State regarding every de-
2 ceased unidentified person, regardless of age, found
3 in the State's jurisdiction;

4 (2) enter a complete profile of such unidentified
5 persons in compliance with the guidelines established
6 by the Department of Justice for the National
7 Crime Information Center Missing and Unidentified
8 Persons File, including dental records, DNA records,
9 x-rays, and fingerprints, if available;

10 (3) enter the National Crime Information Cen-
11 ter number or other appropriate number assigned to
12 the unidentified person on the death certificate of
13 each such unidentified person; and

14 (4) retain all such records pertaining to uniden-
15 tified persons until a person is identified.

16 **SEC. 204. USES OF FUNDS.**

17 A State that receives a grant award under this title
18 may use such funds received to establish or expand pro-
19 grams developed to improve the reporting of unidentified
20 persons in accordance with the assurances provided in the
21 application submitted pursuant to section 203(b).

1 **SEC. 205. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
3 this title \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2000, 2001,
4 and 2002.

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