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H. R. 3587

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 8, 2000

Mr. CAMPBELL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Armed Services

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. SUBMISSION OF ANONYMOUS REPORTS OF**
2 **SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE ON MILITARY IN-**
3 **STALLATIONS**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—(1) Chapter 80 of title 10, United
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing new section:

7 **“§ 1563. Reports of suspected child abuse occurring**
8 **on military installations: anonymity for**
9 **persons making reports**

10 “The Secretary of Defense shall prescribe regulations
11 to ensure that the procedures of the Department of De-
12 fense for receiving reports of suspected child abuse occur-
13 ring on a military installation include provisions to ensure
14 the following:

15 “(1) That such a report can be made, if so de-
16 sired by the person making the report, in a manner
17 (such as a telephone hot-line or other means deter-
18 mined appropriate by the Secretary) that ensures
19 that the identity of the person making the report is
20 not ascertainable by any person receiving the report.

21 “(2) That, in a case in which such a report is
22 made in a manner that permits ascertainment of the
23 identity of the person making the report or of per-
24 sonally identifying information about that person, no
25 person receiving such a report or any other person
26 may disclose, or may record in any manner, any

1 such personally identifying information concerning
2 the identity of the person making the report without
3 the prior authorization in writing of that person.”.

4 (2) The table of sections at the beginning of such
5 chapter is amended by adding at the end the following
6 new item:

“1563. Reports of suspected child abuse occurring on military installations: anonymity for persons making reports.”.

7 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Regulations under section
8 1563 of title 10, United States Code, as added by sub-
9 section (a), shall be prescribed not later than 180 days
10 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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