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S. 1750

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 19, 1999

Mr. DeWine (for himself, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Kohl, Mr. Torricelli, Mr. Voinovich, and Mr. Abraham) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

OCTOBER 28, 1999

Reported by Mr. HATCH, with amendments

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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".

TITLE I—THE CHILD ABUSE PRE-

2 **VENTION AND ENFORCEMENT**

- 3 **ACT**
- 4 SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.
- 5 This title may be cited as the "Child Abuse Prevention
- 6 and Enforcement Act".
- 7 SEC. 2. 102. GRANT PROGRAM.
- 8 Section 102(b) of the Crime Identification Tech-
- 9 nology Act of 1998 (42 U.S.C. 14601(b)) is amended by
- 10 striking "and" at the end of paragraph (15), by striking
- 11 the period at the end of paragraph (16) and inserting ";
- 12 and", and by adding after paragraph (16) the following:
- "(17) the capability of the criminal justice sys-
- tem to deliver timely, accurate, and complete crimi-
- 15 nal history record information to child welfare agen-
- cies, organizations, and programs that are engaged
- in the assessment of risk and other activities related
- to the protection of children, including protection
- against child sexual abuse, and placement of chil-
- dren in foster care.".
- 21 SEC. 3. USE OF FUNDS UNDER BYRNE GRANT PROGRAM
- 22 **FOR CHILD PROTECTION.**
- Section 501(b) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Con-
- 24 trol and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3751) is
- 25 amended—

1	(1) by striking "and" at the end of paragraph					
2	(25);					
3	(2) by striking the period at the end of para-					
4	graph (26) and adding "; and"; and					
5	(3) by adding at the end the following:					
6	"(27) enforcing child abuse and neglect laws,					
7	including laws protecting against child sexual abuse					
8	and promoting programs designed to prevent child					
9	abuse and neglect; and					
10	SEC. 103. USE OF FUNDS UNDER BYRNE GRANT PROGRAM					
11	FOR CHILD PROTECTION.					
12	Section 501(b) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control					
13	and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3751) is					
14	amended—					
15	(1) by striking "and" at the end of paragraph					
16	(25);					
17	(2) by striking the period at the end of para-					
18	graph (26) and inserting a semicolon; and					
19	(3) by adding at the end the following:					
20	"(27) enforcing child abuse and neglect laws, in-					
21	cluding laws protecting against child sexual abuse,					
22	and promoting programs designed to prevent child					
23	abuse and neglect.".					
24	"(28) establishing or supporting cooperative pro-					
25	arams between law enforcement and media organiza-					

1	tions, to collect, record, retain, and disseminate infor
2	mation useful in the identification and apprehension
3	of suspected criminal offenders.".
4	SEC. 4. 104. CONDITIONAL ADJUSTMENT IN SET ASIDE FOR
5	CHILD ABUSE VICTIMS UNDER THE VICTIMS
6	OF CRIME ACT OF 1984.
7	(a) In General.—Section 1402(d)(2) of the Victims
8	of Crime Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10601(d)(2)) is
9	amended—
10	(1) by striking "(2) the next \$10,000,000" and
11	inserting "(2)(A) Except as provided in subpara
12	graph (B), the next \$10,000,000"; and
13	(2) by adding at the end the following:
14	"(B)(i) For any fiscal year for which the
15	amount deposited in the Fund is greater than the
16	amount deposited in the Fund for fiscal year 1998
17	the \$10,000,000 referred to in subparagraph (A
18	plus an amount equal to 50 percent of the increase
19	in the amount from fiscal year 1998 shall be avail
20	able for grants under section 1404A.
21	"(ii) Amounts available under this subpara
22	graph for any fiscal year shall not exceed
23	\$20,000,000.''.
24	(b) Interaction With Any Cap.—Subsection (a
25	shall be implemented so that any increase in funding pro

vided thereby shall operate notwithstanding any dollar
limitation on the availability of the Crime Victims Fund
established under the Victims of Crime Act of 1984.

4 TITLE II—JENNIFER'S LAW

- 5 SECTION 201. SHORT TITLE.
- 6 This title may be cited as "Jennifer's Law".
- 7 SEC. 202. PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.
- 8 The Attorney General is authorized to provide grant
- 9 awards to States to enable States to improve the reporting
- 10 of unidentified and missing persons.
- 11 SEC. 203. ELIGIBILITY.
- 12 (a) Application.—To be eligible to receive a grant
- 13 award under this title, a State shall submit an application
- 14 at such time and in such form as the Attorney General may
- 15 reasonably require.
- 16 (b) Contents.—Each such application shall include
- 17 assurances that the State shall, to the greatest extent
- 18 possible—
- 19 (1) report to the National Crime Information
- 20 Center and when possible, to law enforcement authori-
- 21 ties throughout the State regarding every deceased un-
- 22 identified person, regardless of age, found in the
- 23 State's jurisdiction;
- 24 (2) enter a complete profile of such unidentified
- 25 person in compliance with the guidelines established

- 1 by the Department of Justice for the National Crime
- 2 Information Center Missing and Unidentified Persons
- 3 File, including dental records, DNA records, x-rays,
- 4 and fingerprints, if available;
- 5 (3) enter the National Crime Information Center
- 6 number or other appropriate number assigned to the
- 7 unidentified person on the death certificate of each
- 8 such unidentified person; and
- 9 (4) retain all such records pertaining to uniden-
- 10 tified persons until a person is identified.

11 SEC. 204. USES OF FUNDS.

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

17 SEC. 205. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

- There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
- 19 this title \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2000, 2001, and
- 20 2002.

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