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H. R. 2582

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DEUTSCH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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 “Foster Child Protec-
5 tion Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS TO STATES FOR CHILD ABUSE AND NE-**
2 **GLECT PREVENTION AND TREATMENT PRO-**
3 **GRAMS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 106(b)(2) of the Child
5 Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C.
6 5106a(b)(2)) is amended—

7 (1) in subparagraph (C), by striking “and” at
8 the end;

9 (2) in subparagraph (D), by striking the period
10 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

12 “(E) an assurance that, in any case in
13 which a State foster care agency has knowledge
14 that a foster child under the responsibility of
15 the State is missing, the State foster care agen-
16 cy shall—

17 “(i) contact the appropriate local law
18 enforcement agency by telephone as soon
19 as a determination is made that the child
20 is missing;

21 “(ii) request an officer of the local law
22 enforcement agency to take a report of the
23 missing child;

24 “(iii) document the time the child was
25 reported missing, and the time the call was
26 placed to the local law enforcement agency;

1 “(iv) record the case number assigned
2 to the case by the local law enforcement
3 agency;

4 “(v) if a foster parent of the child no-
5 tifies the foster care agency that the child
6 has returned home, immediately transmit
7 that information to the local law enforce-
8 ment agency;

9 “(vi) if a foster parent of the child
10 provides the foster care agency with any
11 information relating to the child’s where-
12 abouts, immediately transmit the informa-
13 tion to the local law enforcement agency;
14 and

15 “(viii) create and maintain docu-
16 mentation of all of the above in the perma-
17 nent file of the foster child maintained by
18 the foster care agency.”.

19 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
20 subsection (a) shall take effect 6 months after the date
21 of the enactment of this Act.

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