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S. 773

To reauthorize funding for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 2, 2003

Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. SHELBY, and Mrs. LINCOLN) 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 “Protecting Our Chil-
5 dren Comes First Act of 2003”.

6 **SEC. 2. FORENSIC AND INVESTIGATIVE SUPPORT OF MISS-**
7 **ING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN.**

8 Section 3056 of title 18, United States Code, is
9 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(f) Under the direction of the Secretary of Home-
2 land Security, officers and agents of the Secret Service
3 are authorized, at the request of any State or local law
4 enforcement agency or the National Center for Missing
5 and Exploited Children, to provide forensic and investiga-
6 tive assistance in support of any investigation involving
7 missing or exploited children.”.

8 **SEC. 3. CREATION OF CYBER TIPLINE.**

9 Section 404(b)(1) of the Missing Children’s Assist-
10 ance Act (42 U.S.C. 5773(b)(1)) is amended—

11 (1) in subparagraph (F), by striking “and” at
12 the end;

13 (2) in subparagraph (G), by striking the period
14 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

16 “(H) coordinate the operation of a cyber
17 tipline to provide online users an effective
18 means of reporting Internet-related child sexual
19 exploitation in the areas of—

20 “(i) distribution of child pornography;

21 “(ii) online enticement of children for
22 sexual acts; and

23 “(iii) child prostitution.”.

1 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 408(a) of the Missing
3 Children’s Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5777(a)) is amended
4 by striking “fiscal years 2000 through 2003” and insert-
5 ing “fiscal years 2004 through 2007.”.

6 (b) ANNUAL GRANT TO NATIONAL CENTER FOR
7 MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN.—Section 404(b)(2)
8 of the Missing Children’s Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
9 5773(b)(2)) is amended by striking “\$10,000,000 for each
10 of fiscal years 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003” and inserting
11 “\$20,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2004 through
12 2007”.

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