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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred
to the Committee on the Judiciary

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A BILL

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against children, 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 "Save Our Children:

5 Stop the Violent Predators Against Children DNA Act of

6 2007".

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8   Congress finds the following:

1   (1) Only 22 State sex offender registries collect
2 and maintain DNA samples as a part of registra-
3 tion.

4   (2) The single age with the greatest proportion
5 of sexual assault victims reported to law enforcement
6 was age 14.

7   (3) There were more victims of sexual assault
8 between ages 3 and 17 than in any individual age
9 group over age 17, and more victims age 2 than in
10 any age group over 40.

11   (4) Children like 5-year-old Samantha Runnion
12 of California, who was abducted, sexually violated,
13 and murdered, are most likely to be victims of sexual
14 assault, with over one-third of all sexual assaults in-
15 volving a victim who was under the age of 12.

16   (5) One of every seven victims of sexual assault
17 is under the age of 6.

18   (6) Over a four-to-five year period, 13.4 percent
19 of sex offenders recidivated with another sexual of-
20 fense.

21   (7) Murder is the only major cause of childhood
22 deaths that has increased over the past three dec-
23 ades.

1 (8) Between 300,000 and 400,000 children are

2 victims of some type of sexual abuse or exploitation

3 every year.

4 (9) More attention should be given to seeking

5 solutions to violence against children.

SEC. 3. DNA DATABASE FOR VIOLENT PREDATORS AGAINST

CHILDREN.

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall estab-

9 lish and maintain, separate from any other DNA data-

10 base, a database solely for the purpose of collecting the

11 DNA information with respect to violent predators against

12 children. Under regulations issued by the Attorney Gen-

13 eral, Federal, State, and local agencies and other entities

14 may submit DNA information to the Attorney General for

15 inclusion in the database and may compare DNA informa-

16 tion against other DNA information in the database.

17 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There

18 are authorized to be appropriated $500,000 to establish

19 the database required by subsection (a).

SEC. 4. INCENTIVE GRANTS.

21 (a) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—From amounts made

22 available to carry out this section, the Attorney General

23 shall make grants to each State that has in effect one or

24 more programs that decrease the rate of recidivism among

1 violent predators against children, for use by the State to
2 implement improvements to such programs.

3   (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
4 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
5 such sums as may be necessary.

SEC. 5. CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLENT PREDATORS AGAINST CHILDREN.

8   Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if a per-
9 son who is a violent predator against children commits a
10 crime that would, in and of itself, establish that person
11 as a violent predator against children, the sentence im-
12 posed on that person for that crime shall, without regard
13 to any mitigating circumstance that would otherwise apply
14 at sentencing, be the maximum authorized by law.

SEC. 6. DEFINITION.

16   As used in this Act, the term ''violent predator
17 against children'' means a person who commits a crime
18 of violence (including a sex crime) against the person of
19 an individual who has not attained the age of 18 years.

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