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H. R. 1764

To authorize the Attorney General to make grants to State attorneys general to provide identification kits for missing children, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 10, 2021

Mr. NORCROSS (for himself and Mr. FITZPATRICK) introduced the following bill; which was 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 “National Child Identi-
5 fication Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The proactive collection and central storage
9 of comprehensive identification information about in-

1 dividual children by local, State, and Federal law en-
2 forcement agencies is resource intensive.

3 (2) The National Child Identification Program,
4 known as “Safety Blitz”—

5 (A) is a national community service initia-
6 tive that has partnered with the Department of
7 Justice, Department of State, Federal Bureau
8 of Investigation, State attorneys general, local
9 law enforcement agencies, nonprofit organiza-
10 tions, and community organizations to provide
11 families with an inkless, in-home fingerprint
12 and DNA identification kit, which can be
13 turned over to law enforcement, by the parent
14 or guardian of a child to provide information on
15 a missing or trafficked child; and

16 (B) promotes the proactive collection and
17 storage of comprehensive identification informa-
18 tion within the home, decentralizing the process
19 for law enforcement agencies that often lack the
20 resources to collect and centrally store vital
21 identification information related to individual
22 children.

1 **SEC. 3. GRANTS TO PROVIDE IDENTIFICATION KITS FOR**
2 **MISSING CHILDREN.**

3 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Attorney General is au-
4 thorized to award grants to State attorneys general to pro-
5 vide, for distribution to parents of children who attend
6 kindergarten or elementary school (as such term is defined
7 in section 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
8 cation Act of 1965), inkless, in-home fingerprint and DNA
9 identification kits, which can be turned over to Federal,
10 State, tribal, or local law enforcement in an effort to locate
11 and return missing or trafficked children.

12 (b) APPLICATION.—A State attorney general seeking
13 a grant under this section shall submit to the Attorney
14 General an application at such time, in such manner, and
15 containing such information as the Attorney General may
16 reasonably require.

17 (c) GRANT AMOUNT.—Grants under this section shall
18 be allocated to each State in an amount which bears the
19 same ratio of—

20 (1) for fiscal year 2022—

21 (A) the population of children who attend
22 kindergarten or elementary school of the State
23 to—

24 (B) such population of all States; and

25 (2) for each of fiscal years 2023 through
26 2027—

1 (A) the population described in paragraph
2 (1)(A) that were newly enrolled in school in
3 that State during the previous fiscal year to—

4 (B) such population of all States.

5 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
6 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section—

7 (1) \$52,800,000 for fiscal year 2022; and

8 (2) \$9,800,000 each of fiscal years 2023
9 through 2027.

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