

***In the Senate of the United States,***

*October 21 (legislative day, October 2), 1998.*

*Resolved*, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 2440) entitled “An Act to make technical amendments to section 10 of title 9, United States Code.”, do pass with the following

**AMENDMENT:**

1 Page 2, after line 17 insert:

2 ***SEC. 2. NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED***  
3 ***CHILDREN.***

4 *(a) FINDINGS.—Section 402 of the Missing Children’s*  
5 *Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5771) is amended—*

6 *(1) in paragraph (7), by striking “and” at the*  
7 *end;*

8 *(2) in paragraph (8), by striking the period at*  
9 *the end and inserting “; and”; and*

10 *(3) by adding at the end the following:*

11 *“(9) for 14 years, the National Center for Miss-*  
12 *ing and Exploited Children has—*

1           “(A) served as the national resource center  
2           and clearinghouse congressionally mandated  
3           under the provisions of the Missing Children’s  
4           Assistance Act of 1984; and

5           “(B) worked in partnership with the De-  
6           partment of Justice, the Federal Bureau of In-  
7           vestigation, the Department of the Treasury, the  
8           Department of State, and many other agencies  
9           in the effort to find missing children and prevent  
10          child victimization;

11          “(10) Congress has given the Center, which is a  
12          private non-profit corporation, access to the National  
13          Crime Information Center of the Federal Bureau of  
14          Investigation, and the National Law Enforcement  
15          Telecommunications System;

16          “(11) since 1987, the Center has operated the  
17          National Child Pornography Tipline, in conjunction  
18          with the United States Customs Service and the  
19          United States Postal Inspection Service and, begin-  
20          ning this year, the Center established a new  
21          CyberTipline on child exploitation, thus becoming ‘the  
22          911 for the Internet’;

23          “(12) in light of statistics that time is of the es-  
24          sence in cases of child abduction, the Director of the  
25          Federal Bureau of Investigation in February of 1997

1        *created a new NCIC child abduction ('CA') flag to*  
2        *provide the Center immediate notification in the most*  
3        *serious cases, resulting in 642 'CA' notifications to*  
4        *the Center and helping the Center to have its highest*  
5        *recovery rate in history;*

6                *“(13) the Center has established a national and*  
7        *increasingly worldwide network, linking the Center*  
8        *online with each of the missing children clearing-*  
9        *houses operated by the 50 States, the District of Co-*  
10       *lumbia, and Puerto Rico, as well as with Scotland*  
11       *Yard in the United Kingdom, the Royal Canadian*  
12       *Mounted Police, INTERPOL headquarters in Lyon,*  
13       *France, and others, which has enabled the Center to*  
14       *transmit images and information regarding missing*  
15       *children to law enforcement across the United States*  
16       *and around the world instantly;*

17                *“(14) from its inception in 1984 through March*  
18       *31, 1998, the Center has—*

19                        *“(A) handled 1,203,974 calls through its 24-*  
20       *hour toll-free hotline (1-800-THE-LOST) and*  
21       *currently averages 700 calls per day;*

22                        *“(B) trained 146,284 law enforcement,*  
23       *criminal and juvenile justice, and healthcare*  
24       *professionals in child sexual exploitation and*

1           *missing child case detection, identification, in-*  
2           *vestigation, and prevention;*

3           “(C) disseminated 15,491,344 free publica-  
4           tions to citizens and professionals; and

5           “(D) worked with law enforcement on the  
6           cases of 59,481 missing children, resulting in the  
7           recovery of 40,180 children;

8           “(15) the demand for the services of the Center  
9           is growing dramatically, as evidenced by the fact that  
10          in 1997, the Center handled 129,100 calls, an all-time  
11          record, and by the fact that its new Internet website  
12          ([www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com)) receives 1,500,000 ‘hits’ every  
13          day, and is linked with hundreds of other websites to  
14          provide real-time images of breaking cases of missing  
15          children;

16          “(16) in 1997, the Center provided policy train-  
17          ing to 256 police chiefs and sheriffs from 50 States  
18          and Guam at its new Jimmy Ryce Law Enforcement  
19          Training Center;

20          “(17) the programs of the Center have had a re-  
21          markable impact, such as in the fight against infant  
22          abductions in partnership with the healthcare indus-  
23          try, during which the Center has performed 668 on-  
24          site hospital walk-throughs and inspections, and  
25          trained 45,065 hospital administrators, nurses, and

1 security personnel, and thereby helped to reduce in-  
2 fant abductions in the United States by 82 percent;

3 “(18) the Center is now playing a significant  
4 role in international child abduction cases, serving as  
5 a representative of the Department of State at cases  
6 under The Hague Convention, and successfully resolv-  
7 ing the cases of 343 international child abductions,  
8 and providing greater support to parents in the  
9 United States;

10 “(19) the Center is a model of public/private  
11 partnership, raising private sector funds to match  
12 congressional appropriations and receiving extensive  
13 private in-kind support, including advanced tech-  
14 nology provided by the computer industry such as im-  
15 aging technology used to age the photographs of long-  
16 term missing children and to reconstruct facial im-  
17 ages of unidentified deceased children;

18 “(20) the Center was 1 of only 10 of 300 major  
19 national charities given an A+ grade in 1997 by the  
20 American Institute of Philanthropy; and

21 “(21) the Center has been redesignated as the  
22 Nation’s missing children clearinghouse and resource  
23 center once every 3 years through a competitive selec-  
24 tion process conducted by the Office of Juvenile Jus-  
25 tice and Delinquency Prevention of the Department of

1       *Justice, and has received grants from that Office to*  
2       *conduct the crucial purposes of the Center.”.*

3       **(b) DEFINITIONS.**—*Section 403 of the Missing Chil-*  
4       *dren’s Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5772) is amended—*

5               *(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “and” at the*  
6       *end;*

7               *(2) in paragraph (2), by striking the period at*  
8       *the end and inserting “; and”; and*

9               *(3) by adding at the end the following:*

10              *“(3) the term ‘Center’ means the National Center*  
11       *for Missing and Exploited Children.”.*

12       **(c) DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE ADMINIS-**  
13       **TRATOR.**—*Section 404 of the Missing Children’s Assistance*  
14       *Act (42 U.S.C. 5773) is amended—*

15               *(1) by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection*  
16       *(d); and*

17               *(2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the*  
18       *following:*

19              **“(b) ANNUAL GRANT TO NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISS-**  
20       **ING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN.**—

21              **“(1) IN GENERAL.**—*The Administrator shall an-*  
22       *nually make a grant to the National Center for Miss-*  
23       *ing and Exploited Children, which shall be used to—*

24                      **“(A)(i) operate a national 24-hour toll-free**  
25       *telephone line by which individuals may report*

1            *information regarding the location of any miss-*  
2            *ing child, or other child 13 years of age or*  
3            *younger whose whereabouts are unknown to such*  
4            *child’s legal custodian, and request information*  
5            *pertaining to procedures necessary to reunite*  
6            *such child with such child’s legal custodian; and*

7            *“(ii) coordinate the operation of such tele-*  
8            *phone line with the operation of the national*  
9            *communications system referred to in part C of*  
10           *the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42*  
11           *U.S.C. 5714–11);*

12           *“(B) operate the official national resource*  
13           *center and information clearinghouse for missing*  
14           *and exploited children;*

15           *“(C) provide to State and local govern-*  
16           *ments, public and private nonprofit agencies,*  
17           *and individuals, information regarding—*

18           *“(i) free or low-cost legal, restaurant,*  
19           *lodging, and transportation services that*  
20           *are available for the benefit of missing and*  
21           *exploited children and their families; and*

22           *“(ii) the existence and nature of pro-*  
23           *grams being carried out by Federal agencies*  
24           *to assist missing and exploited children and*  
25           *their families;*

1           “(D) coordinate public and private pro-  
2           grams that locate, recover, or reunite missing  
3           children with their families;

4           “(E) disseminate, on a national basis, in-  
5           formation relating to innovative and model pro-  
6           grams, services, and legislation that benefit miss-  
7           ing and exploited children;

8           “(F) provide technical assistance and train-  
9           ing to law enforcement agencies, State and local  
10          governments, elements of the criminal justice sys-  
11          tem, public and private nonprofit agencies, and  
12          individuals in the prevention, investigation,  
13          prosecution, and treatment of cases involving  
14          missing and exploited children; and

15          “(G) provide assistance to families and law  
16          enforcement agencies in locating and recovering  
17          missing and exploited children, both nationally  
18          and internationally.

19          “(2) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.*—  
20          *There is authorized to be appropriated to the Admin-*  
21          *istrator to carry out this subsection, \$8,000,000 for*  
22          *each of fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003.*

23          “(c) *NATIONAL INCIDENCE STUDIES.*—*The Adminis-*  
24          *trator, either by making grants to or entering into contracts*  
25          *with public agencies or nonprofit private agencies, shall—*

1           “(1) periodically conduct national incidence  
2 studies to determine for a given year the actual num-  
3 ber of children reported missing each year, the num-  
4 ber of children who are victims of abduction by  
5 strangers, the number of children who are the victims  
6 of parental kidnappings, and the number of children  
7 who are recovered each year; and

8           “(2) provide to State and local governments,  
9 public and private nonprofit agencies, and individ-  
10 uals information to facilitate the lawful use of school  
11 records and birth certificates to identify and locate  
12 missing children.”.

13       (d) NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED  
14 CHILDREN.—Section 405(a) of the Missing Children’s As-  
15 sistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5775(a)) is amended by inserting  
16 “the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children  
17 and with” before “public agencies”,

18       (e) Authorization of Appropriations.—Section 408 of  
19 the Missing Children’s Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5777) is  
20 amended by striking “1997 through 2001” and inserting  
21 “1999 through 2003”.

1       (f) *REPEAL OF OBSOLETE REPORTING REQUIRE-*  
2 *MENTS.—Section 409 of the Missing Children’s Assistance*  
3 *Act (42 U.S.C. 5778) is repealed.*

Attest:

*Secretary.*

105<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

**H. R. 2440**

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**AMENDMENT**