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To establish a grant program to assist State and local law enforcement
in deterring, investigating, and prosecuting computer crimes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SALMON (for himself, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, and Mr. GILMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To establish a grant program to assist State and local law enforcement in deterring, investigating, and prosecuting computer crimes.

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 “Computer Crime En-
5 forcement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. STATE GRANT PROGRAM FOR TRAINING AND PROS-**
7 **ECUTION OF COMPUTER CRIMES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of
9 amounts provided in advance in appropriations Acts, the

1 Office of Justice Programs shall make a grant to each
2 State, which shall be used by the State, in conjunction
3 with units of local government, State and local courts,
4 other States, or combinations thereof in accordance with
5 subsection (b).

6 (b) USE OF GRANT AMOUNTS.—Grants under this
7 section may be used to establish and develop programs
8 to—

9 (1) assist State and local law enforcement agen-
10 cies in enforcing State and local criminal laws relat-
11 ing to computer crime;

12 (2) assist State and local law enforcement agen-
13 cies in educating the public to prevent and identify
14 computer crime;

15 (3) educate and train State and local law en-
16 forcement officers and prosecutors to conduct inves-
17 tigations and forensic analyses of evidence and pros-
18 ecutions of computer crime;

19 (4) assist State and local law enforcement offi-
20 cers and prosecutors in acquiring computer and
21 other equipment to conduct investigations and foren-
22 sic analysis of evidence of computer crimes; and

23 (5) facilitate and promote the sharing of Fed-
24 eral law enforcement expertise and information
25 about the investigation, analysis, and prosecution of

1 computer crimes with State and local law enforce-
2 ment officers and prosecutors, including the use of
3 multijurisdictional task forces.

4 (c) ASSURANCES.—To be eligible to receive a grant
5 under this section, a State shall provide assurances to the
6 Attorney General that the State—

7 (1) has in effect laws that penalize computer
8 crime, such as criminal laws prohibiting—

9 (A) fraudulent schemes executed by means
10 of a computer system or network;

11 (B) the unlawful damaging, destroying, al-
12 tering, deleting, removing of computer software,
13 or data contained in a computer, computer sys-
14 tem, computer program, or computer network;
15 or

16 (C) the unlawful interference with the op-
17 eration of or denial of access to a computer,
18 computer program, computer system, or com-
19 puter network;

20 (2) an assessment of the State and local re-
21 source needs, including criminal justice resources
22 being devoted to the investigation and enforcement
23 of computer crime laws; and

24 (3) a plan for coordinating the programs fund-
25 ed under this section with other federally funded

1 technical assistant and training programs, including
2 directly funded local programs such as the Local
3 Law Enforcement Block Grant program (described
4 under the heading “Violent Crime Reduction Pro-
5 grams, State and Local Law Enforcement Assist-
6 ance” of the Departments of Commerce, Justice,
7 and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Ap-
8 propriations Act, 1998 (Public Law 105–119)).

9 (d) MATCHING FUNDS.—The Federal share of a
10 grant received under this section may not exceed 90 per-
11 cent of the costs of a program or proposal funded under
12 this section unless the Attorney General waives, wholly or
13 in part, the requirements of this subsection.

14 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
16 appropriated to carry out this section \$25,000,000
17 for each of fiscal years 2000 through 2003.

18 (2) LIMITATIONS.—Of the amount made avail-
19 able to carry out this section in any fiscal year not
20 more than 3 percent may be used by the Attorney
21 General for salaries and administrative expenses.

22 (3) MINIMUM AMOUNT.—Unless all eligible ap-
23 plications submitted by any State or unit of local
24 government within such State for a grant under this
25 section have been funded, such State, together with

1 grantees within the State (other than Indian tribes),
2 shall be allocated in each fiscal year under this sec-
3 tion not less than 0.75 percent of the total amount
4 appropriated in the fiscal year for grants pursuant
5 to this section, except that the United States Virgin
6 Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern
7 Mariana Islands each shall be allocated 0.25 per-
8 cent.

9 (f) GRANTS TO INDIAN TRIBES.—Notwithstanding
10 any other provision of this section, the Attorney General
11 may use amounts made available under this section to
12 make grants to Indian tribes for use in accordance with
13 this section.

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