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H. R. 5262

To create a separate DNA database for violent predators against children,
and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas (for herself, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Ms. DELAURO, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. LAMPSON, Ms. BERKLEY, Ms. LEE, Mr. REYES, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mrs. MORELLA, Ms. ROSLEHTINEN, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. RUSH, Mr. FILNER, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Ms. SOLIS, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. HONDA, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. WYNN, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. RANGEL, and Mr. HOLT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To create a separate DNA database for violent predators
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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Save Our Children:
3 Stop the Violent Predators Against Children DNA Act of
4 2002”.

5 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

6 Congress finds the following:

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

10 (2) The single age with the greatest proportion
11 of sexual assault victims reported to law enforcement
12 was age 14.

13 (3) There were more victims of sexual assault
14 between 3 and 17 than in any individual age group
15 over age 17, and more victims age 2 than in any age
16 group over 40.

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

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

24 (6) Over a four-to-five year period, 13.4 percent
25 of sex offenders recidivated with another sexual of-
26 fense.

1 (7) Murder is the only major cause of childhood
2 deaths that has increased over the past three dec-
3 ades.

4 (8) Between 300,000 and 400,000 children are
5 victims of some type of sexual abuse or exploitation
6 every year.

7 (9) More attention should be given to seeking
8 solutions to violence against children.

9 **SEC. 3. DNA DATABASE FOR VIOLENT PREDATORS AGAINST**
10 **CHILDREN.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall estab-
12 lish and maintain, separate from any other DNA data-
13 base, a database solely for the purpose of collecting the
14 DNA information with respect to violent predators against
15 children. Under regulations issued by the Attorney Gen-
16 eral, Federal, State, and local agencies and other entities
17 may submit DNA information to the Attorney General for
18 inclusion in the database and may compare DNA informa-
19 tion against other DNA information in the database.

20 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
21 are authorized to be appropriated \$500,000 to establish
22 the database required by subsection (a).

23 **SEC. 4. INCENTIVE GRANTS.**

24 (a) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—From amounts made
25 available to carry out this section, the Attorney General

1 shall make grants to each State that has in effect one or
2 more programs that decrease the rate of recidivism among
3 violent predators against children, for use by the State to
4 implement improvements to such programs.

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

8 **SEC. 5. CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLENT PREDATORS**
9 **AGAINST CHILDREN.**

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

17 **SEC. 6. DEFINITION.**

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

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