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# <sup>8</sup> H. R. 3845

# **AN ACT**

To establish a Special Counsel for Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction within the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, to improve the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, to increase resources for regional computer forensic labs, and to make other improvements to increase the ability of law enforcement agencies to investigate and prosecute child predators.

- 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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.
- 4 (a) Short Title.—This Act may be cited as the
- 5 "Providing Resources, Officers, and Technology to Eradi-
- 6 cate Cyber Threats to Our Children Act of 2007" or the
- 7 "PROTECT Our Children Act of 2007".
- 8 (b) Table of Contents for
- 9 this Act is as follows:
  - Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
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#### 10 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

- 11 Congress finds the following:
- 12 (1) The Internet has facilitated the growth of
- a multi-billion dollar global market for images and
- video of children being sexually-displayed, raped, and

- tortured, far exceeding the capacity of law enforcement to respond at the Federal, State, and local level.
  - (2) The explosion of child pornography trafficking is claiming very young victims. Research by the Department of Justice, the University of New Hampshire, and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children indicates that among those arrested for possession of child pornography, 83 percent have images of children 6-12 years old, 39 percent have images of children 3-5 years old, and 19 percent have images of children under the age of 3 years old.
  - (3) The images and videos being trafficked typically depict sexual assaults that are both graphic and brutal. The research described in paragraph (2) also indicates that 80 percent of known child pornography possessors have images of children being sexually penetrated and 21 percent have images depicting children bound, gagged, blindfolded, or "otherwise enduring sadistic sex." Just one percent of such possessors restricted their collecting to images of simple child nudity.
  - (4) Millions of children and teens in the United States are at risk from sexual predators who are

- hunting, stalking, and luring minors online. Along with the incredible access to the world offered our children by the Internet, the Internet also offers the world access to our children.
  - (5) The Internet Crimes Against Children task forces at the Department of Justice have identified millions of child pornography transactions involving images and video of child sexual assault from millions of computer IP addresses worldwide.
  - (6) The ICAC Program has been highly successful in creating and sustaining an emerging national network of 59 Federal, State, and local task forces in all 50 States, which form the backbone of national readiness to combat child exploitation.
  - (7) In testimony before Congress, law enforcement experts have expressed consensus that lack of law enforcement resources, including dedicated forensic analysis capacity, is a severe problem at the Federal, State, and local level, severely limiting the number of predators that can be interdicted and children that can be identified and rescued.
  - (8) The Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Immigrations and Customs Enforcement, and the United States Postal Inspection Service have each developed highly specialized and suc-

cessful child exploitation investigative capabilities, yet these agencies have testified to Congress that they must triage the overwhelming number of child exploitation crimes and cannot investigate a large percentage of known crimes.

(9) Child pornography and online child enticement crimes have among the highest conviction rates of any child sexual offense, and the research funded by the Department of Justice indicates that the majority of child pornography offenders have committed or attempted direct sexual contact offenses against children. Investigating and prosecuting these predators is one of the most concrete and measurable strategies for the prevention of future child sexual abuse.

#### 16 SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act, the following definitions shall apply:

#### (1) CHILD EXPLOITATION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the term "child exploitation" means any conduct, or an attempt or conspiracy to commit such conduct, constituting criminal sexual abuse of a minor, sexual exploitation of a minor, abusive sexual contact of a minor, sex-

1	ually explicit conduct with a minor, or any simi-
2	lar offense under Federal or State law.
3	(B) STATUTORY RAPE EXCEPTION.—The
4	term "child exploitation" shall not include sex-
5	ual conduct involving a minor if—
6	(i) the minor involved in such conduct
7	has attained 16 years of age or older;
8	(ii) no other individual involved in
9	such conduct is more than 4 years older
10	than such minor; and
11	(iii) such conduct was consensual.
12	(2) MINOR.—The term "minor" means any per-
13	son under the age of 18 years.
14	(3) SEXUALLY EXPLICIT CONDUCT.—The term
15	"sexually explicit conduct" has the meaning given
16	such term in section 2256 of title 18, United States
17	Code.
18	TITLE I—SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR
19	CHILD EXPLOITATION PRE-
20	VENTION AND INTERDICTION
21	SEC. 101. ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR
22	CHILD EXPLOITATION PREVENTION AND
23	INTERDICTION.
24	(a) In General.—The Attorney General shall ap-
25	point a Special Counsel for Child Exploitation Prevention

1	and Interdiction within the Office of the Deputy Attorney
2	General.
3	(b) Duties of the Special Counsel.—The Spe-
4	cial Counsel appointed under subsection (a) shall have the
5	following duties:
6	(1) Coordinating the policies and strategies of
7	the Department of Justice related to the prevention
8	and investigation of child exploitation cases, includ-
9	ing the policies and strategies of the Office of Jus-
10	tice Programs, the Criminal Division of the Depart-
11	ment of Justice, the Executive Office of United
12	States Attorneys, the Federal Bureau of Investiga-
13	tion, and any other agency or bureau of the Depart-
14	ment of Justice whose activities relate to child ex-
15	ploitation cases.
16	(2) Pursuing memorandums of understanding
17	or other interagency agreements related to the pre-
18	vention, investigation, and apprehension of individ-
19	uals exploiting children, including seeking coopera-
20	tion and collaboration with—
21	(A) United States Immigration and Cus-
22	toms Enforcement;
23	(B) the Department of State;
24	(C) the Department of Commerce;
25	(D) the Department of Education; and

1	(E) other Federal agencies.
2	(3) Coordinating and overseeing the ICAC Task
3	Force Program established under section 102.
4	(4) Coordinating and overseeing the National
5	Internet Crimes Against Children Data Network
6	Center established under section 105.
7	(5) Reviewing and approving the grants award-
8	ed by the ICAC grant program as administered by
9	the Office of Justice Programs, including developing
10	and approving the funding formula established
11	under section 106, after consultation with the Office
12	of Justice Programs.
13	(6) Developing, providing, and coordinating
14	technical assistance and training for Federal, State,
15	local, and tribal law enforcement agencies related to
16	the prevention, investigation, and prosecution of
17	child exploitation crimes.
18	(7) Developing, providing, and coordinating
19	training and technical assistance to Federal, State,
20	local, and tribal law enforcement related to forensic
21	computer examination and analysis.
22	(8) Developing and overseeing research pro-
23	grams related to child exploitation prevention.

1 (9) Directing and overseeing programs for child 2 exploitation prevention and education, including programs related to Internet safety. 3 Maintaining liaison with the judicial 4 5 branches of the Federal and State Governments on 6 matters relating to child exploitation. (11) Providing information to the President, 7 8 Congress, the judiciary, State, local, and tribal gov-9 ernments, and the general public on matters relating 10 to child exploitation. 11 (12) Serving, at the request of the Attorney 12 General, as the representative of the Department of 13 Justice on domestic task forces, committees, or com-14 missions addressing policies or issues relating to 15 child exploitation. 16 (13) Providing technical assistance, coordina-17 tion, training, and support to— 18 (A) other components of the Department 19 of Justice, in efforts to develop policy and to 20 enforce Federal laws relating to child exploi-21 tation cases, including the litigation of civil and 22 criminal actions relating to enforcing such laws; 23 (B) other Federal, State, local, and tribal

agencies, in efforts to develop policy, provide

technical assistance, and improve coordination

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1	among agencies carrying out efforts to elimi-
2	nate child exploitation; and
3	(C) grantees, in efforts to combat child ex-
4	ploitation and to provide support and assistance
5	to victims of such exploitation.
6	(c) Staff.—The Special Counsel appointed under
7	subsection (a) may hire or appoint such staff as may be
8	required to carry out the duties described in this section
9	SEC. 102. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL ICAC TASK FORCE
10	PROGRAM.
11	(a) Establishment.—There is established within
12	the Department of Justice, under the general authority
13	of the Attorney General, a National Internet Crimes
14	Against Children Task Force (hereinafter in this title re-
15	ferred to as the "ICAC Task Force"), which shall consist
16	of a national program of State and local law enforcement
17	task forces dedicated to developing effective responses to
18	online enticement of children by sexual predators, child ex-
19	ploitation, and child obscenity and pornography cases.
20	(b) National Program.—The National ICAC Task
21	Force Program established under subsection (a) shall in-
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#### 1 SEC. 103. PURPOSE OF ICAC TASK FORCES.

2	The National ICAC Task Force Program, and each
3	State or local ICAC task force that is part of the national
4	program of task forces, shall be dedicated towards—
5	(1) increasing the investigative capabilities of
6	State and local law enforcement officers in the de-
7	tection, investigation, and apprehension of Internet
8	crimes against children offenses or offenders, includ-
9	ing technology-facilitated child exploitation offenses;
10	(2) conducting proactive and reactive Internet
11	crimes against children investigations;
12	(3) providing training and technical assistance
13	to ICAC task forces and other Federal, State, and
14	local law enforcement agencies in the areas of inves-
15	tigations, forensics, prosecution, community out-
16	reach, and capacity-building, using recognized ex-
17	perts to assist in the development and delivery of
18	training programs;
19	(4) increasing the number of Internet crimes
20	against children offenses being investigated and
21	prosecuted in both Federal and State courts;
22	(5) creating a multiagency task force response
23	to Internet crimes against children offenses within
24	each State;
25	(6) enhancing nationwide responses to Internet
26	crimes against children offenses, including assisting

1	other ICAC task forces, as well as other Federal,
2	State, and local agencies with Internet crimes
3	against children investigations and prosecutions;
4	(7) developing and delivering Internet crimes
5	against children public awareness and prevention
6	programs; and
7	(8) participating in such other activities, both
8	proactive and reactive, that will enhance investiga-
9	tions and prosecutions of Internet crimes against
10	children.
11	SEC. 104. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF TASK FORCES.
12	Each State or local ICAC task force that is part of
13	the national program of task forces shall—
13 14	the national program of task forces shall—  (1) consist of State and local investigators,
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14	(1) consist of State and local investigators,
14 15	(1) consist of State and local investigators, prosecutors, forensic specialists, and education spe-
<ul><li>14</li><li>15</li><li>16</li></ul>	(1) consist of State and local investigators, prosecutors, forensic specialists, and education specialists who are dedicated to addressing the goals of
<ul><li>14</li><li>15</li><li>16</li><li>17</li></ul>	(1) consist of State and local investigators, prosecutors, forensic specialists, and education specialists who are dedicated to addressing the goals of such task force;
<ul><li>14</li><li>15</li><li>16</li><li>17</li><li>18</li></ul>	<ul> <li>(1) consist of State and local investigators,</li> <li>prosecutors, forensic specialists, and education specialists who are dedicated to addressing the goals of such task force;</li> <li>(2) work consistently towards achieving the</li> </ul>
<ul><li>14</li><li>15</li><li>16</li><li>17</li><li>18</li><li>19</li></ul>	<ul> <li>(1) consist of State and local investigators, prosecutors, forensic specialists, and education specialists who are dedicated to addressing the goals of such task force;</li> <li>(2) work consistently towards achieving the purposes described in section 103;</li> </ul>
<ul><li>14</li><li>15</li><li>16</li><li>17</li><li>18</li><li>19</li><li>20</li></ul>	<ul> <li>(1) consist of State and local investigators, prosecutors, forensic specialists, and education specialists who are dedicated to addressing the goals of such task force;</li> <li>(2) work consistently towards achieving the purposes described in section 103;</li> <li>(3) engage in proactive investigations, forensic</li> </ul>
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	<ul> <li>(1) consist of State and local investigators, prosecutors, forensic specialists, and education specialists who are dedicated to addressing the goals of such task force;</li> <li>(2) work consistently towards achieving the purposes described in section 103;</li> <li>(3) engage in proactive investigations, forensic examinations, and effective prosecutions of Internet</li> </ul>

- law enforcement, and others concerned with Internet
   crimes against children;
  - (5) develop multijurisdictional, multiagency responses and partnerships to Internet crimes against children offenses through ongoing informational, administrative, and technological support to other State and local law enforcement agencies, as a means for such agencies to acquire the necessary knowledge, personnel, and specialized equipment to investigate and prosecute such offenses;
    - (6) participate in nationally coordinated investigations in any case in which the Attorney General determines such participation to be necessary, as permitted by the available resources of such task force;
    - (7) establish or adopt investigative and prosecution standards, consistent with established norms, to which such task force shall comply;
    - (8) investigate, and seek prosecution on, tips related to Internet crimes against children, including tips from other law enforcement agencies, ICAC task forces, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, and other Federal, State, and local agencies;

1	(9) develop procedures for handling seized evi-
2	dence;
3	(10) maintain such reports and records as are
4	required under this title; and
5	(11) seek to comply with national standards re-
6	garding the investigation and prosecution of Internet
7	crimes against children, as set forth by the Attorney
8	General, to the extent such standards are consistent
9	with the law of the State where the task force is lo-
10	$\operatorname{cated}$ .
11	SEC. 105. NATIONAL ICAC DATA NETWORK CENTER.
12	(a) In General.—The Attorney General shall estab-
13	lish a National Internet Crimes Against Children Data
14	Network Center.
15	(b) Purpose of Center.—The National Internet
16	Crimes Against Children Data Network Center established
17	under subsection (a) shall be dedicated to assisting—
18	(1) the National ICAC Task Force Program es-
19	tablished under this title; and
20	(2) Federal, State, local, and tribal agencies in
21	vestigating and prosecuting child exploitation.
22	(c) Mandatory Requirements for Center.—
23	The National Internet Crimes Against Children Data Net-
24	work Center established under subsection (a) shall develop

- 15 and maintain an integrated technology and training pro-1 2 gram that provides— 3 (1) a secure system enabling online communication and collaboration by ICAC task forces, Federal 5 law enforcement agencies, and other State and local 6 law enforcement agencies regarding ongoing inves-7 tigations: 8 (2) a secure, online system for resolving case 9
  - (2) a secure, online system for resolving case conflicts, for use by ICAC task forces, Federal law enforcement agencies, and other State and local law enforcement agencies;
  - (3) a secure data storage and analysis system for use by ICAC task forces, Federal law enforcement agencies, and other State and local law enforcement agencies;
- 16 (4) guidelines for the use of such Data Network 17 by Federal, State, and local law enforcement agen-18 cies; and
- 19 (5) training and technical assistance on the use 20 of such Data Network by Federal, State, and local 21 law enforcement agencies.
- 22 (d) ICAC DATA NETWORK STEERING COMMITTEE.—
- 23 The Attorney General shall establish an ICAC Data Net-
- 24 work Center Steering Committee to provide guidance to
- 25 the Center relating to the program under subsection (c),

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- 1 and to assist in the development of strategic plans for the
- 2 Center. The Steering Committee shall consist of 9 mem-
- 3 bers with expertise in child exploitation prevention and
- 4 interdiction prosecution, investigation, or prevention, in-
- 5 cluding—
- 6 (1) 3 representatives elected by the local direc-
- 7 tors of the ICAC task forces;
- 8 (2) 1 representative from the law enforcement
- 9 agency having primary responsibility for hosting and
- maintaining the ICAC Data Network;
- 11 (3) 1 representative of the Federal Bureau of
- 12 Investigation's Innocent Images National Initiative
- or Regional Computer Forensic Lab program;
- 14 (4) 1 representative of the Immigration and
- 15 Customs Enforcement's Cyber Crimes Center;
- 16 (5) 1 representative of the United States Postal
- 17 Inspection Service;
- 18 (6) 1 representative of the Department of Jus-
- 19 tice's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section or a
- 20 United States Attorney's Office; and
- 21 (7) 1 representative appointed by the Special
- 22 Counsel for Child Exploitation Prevention and Inter-
- 23 diction.
- 24 (e) Authorization of Appropriations.—There
- 25 are authorized to be appropriated for each of the fiscal

years 2009 through 2016, \$2,000,000 to carry out the provisions of this section, including for— 3 (1) the establishment of the National Internet 4 Crimes Against Children Data Network Center; and

(2) the costs of operating and maintaining such

- SEC. 106. ICAC GRANT PROGRAM.
  - (a) Establishment.—

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- (1) In General.—The Office of Justice Programs, in consultation with the Special Counsel for Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction, is authorized to award grants to State and local ICAC task forces to assist in carrying out the duties and functions described under section 104.
  - (2) Formula grants.—
- 16 DEVELOPMENT OF (A)FORMULA.—At 17 least 75 percent of the total funds appropriated 18 to carry out this section shall be available to 19 award or otherwise distribute grants pursuant 20 to a funding formula established by the Office 21 of Justice Programs, in consultation with the 22 Special Counsel for Child Exploitation Preven-23 tion and Interdiction, in accordance with the re-24 quirements in subparagraph (B).

1	(B) FORMULA REQUIREMENTS.—Any for-
2	mula established by the Office of Justice Pro-
3	grams, in consultation with the Special Counsel
4	for Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdic-
5	tion, under subparagraph (A) shall—
6	(i) ensure that each State or local
7	ICAC task force shall, at a minimum, re-
8	ceive an amount equal to 0.5 percent of
9	the funds available to award or otherwise
10	distribute grants under subparagraph (A);
11	and
12	(ii) take into consideration the fol-
13	lowing factors:
14	(I) The population of each State,
15	as determined by the most recent de-
16	cennial census performed by the Bu-
17	reau of the Census.
18	(II) The number of investigative
19	leads within the applicant's jurisdic-
20	tion generated by the ICAC Data Net-
21	work, the Cyber Tipline, and other
22	sources.
23	(III) The number of criminal
24	cases related to Internet crimes
25	against children referred to a task

1	force for Federal, State, or local pros-
2	ecution.
3	(IV) The number of successful
4	prosecutions of child exploitation
5	cases by a task force.
6	(V) The amount of training,
7	technical assistance, and public edu-
8	cation or outreach by a task force re-
9	lated to the prevention, investigation,
10	or prosecution of child exploitation of-
11	fenses.
12	(VI) Such other criteria as the
13	Attorney General determines dem-
14	onstrate the level of need for addi-
15	tional resources by a task force.
16	(3) Distribution of remaining funds
17	BASED ON NEED.—
18	(A) In general.—Any funds remaining
19	from the total funds appropriated to carry out
20	this section after funds have been made avail-
21	able to award or otherwise distribute formula
22	grants under paragraph (2)(A) shall be distrib-
23	uted to State and local ICAC task forces based
24	upon need, as set forth by criteria established
25	by the Office of Justice Programs, in consulta-

tion with the Special Counsel for Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction. Such criteria shall include the factors under paragraph (2)(B)(ii).

(B) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—A State or local ICAC task force shall contribute matching non-Federal funds in an amount equal to not less than 25 percent of the amount of funds received by the State or local ICAC task force under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph. A State or local ICAC task force that is not able or willing to contribute matching funds in accordance with this subparagraph shall not be eligible for funds under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.

#### (b) APPLICATION.—

- (1) IN GENERAL.—Each State or local ICAC task force seeking a grant under this section shall submit an application to the Attorney General at such time, in such manner, and accompanied by such information as the Attorney General may reasonably require.
- (2) Contents.—Each application submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) shall—

1	(A) describe the activities for which assist-
2	ance under this section is sought; and
3	(B) provide such additional assurances as
4	the Attorney General determines to be essential
5	to ensure compliance with the requirements of
6	this title.
7	(c) Allowable Uses.—Grants awarded under this
8	section may be used to—
9	(1) hire personnel, investigators, prosecutors,
10	education specialists, and forensic specialists;
11	(2) establish and support forensic laboratories
12	utilized in Internet crimes against children investiga-
13	tions;
14	(3) support investigations and prosecutions of
15	Internet crimes against children;
16	(4) conduct and assist with education programs
17	to help children and parents protect themselves from
18	Internet predators;
19	(5) conduct and attend training sessions related
20	to successful investigations and prosecutions of
21	Internet crimes against children; and
22	(6) fund any other activities directly related to
23	preventing, investigating, or prosecuting Internet
24	crimes against children.
25	(d) Reporting Requirements.—

1	(1) ICAC REPORTS.—To measure the results of
2	the activities funded by grants under this section,
3	and to assist the Attorney General in complying with
4	the Government Performance and Results Act (Pub-
5	lic Law 103–62; 107 Stat. 285), each State or local
6	ICAC task force receiving a grant under this section
7	shall, on an annual basis, submit a report to the At-
8	torney General that sets forth the following:
9	(A) Staffing levels of the task force, in-
10	cluding the number of investigators, prosecu-
11	tors, education specialists, and forensic special-
12	ists dedicated to investigating and prosecuting
13	Internet crimes against children.
14	(B) Investigation and prosecution perform-
15	ance measures of the task force, including—
16	(i) the number of investigations initi-
17	ated related to Internet crimes against
18	children;
19	(ii) the number of arrests related to
20	Internet crimes against children;
21	(iii) the number of prosecutions for
22	Internet crimes against children, includ-
23	ing—

1	(I) whether the prosecution re-
2	sulted in a conviction for such crime;
3	and
4	(II) the sentence and the statu-
5	tory maximum for such crime under
6	State law.
7	(C) The number of referrals made by the
8	task force to the United States Attorneys office,
9	including whether the referral was accepted by
10	the United States Attorney.
11	(D) Statistics that account for the disposi-
12	tion of investigations that do not result in ar-
13	rests or prosecutions, such as referrals to other
14	law enforcement.
15	(E) The number of investigative technical
16	assistance sessions that the task force provided
17	to nonmember law enforcement agencies.
18	(F) The number of computer forensic ex-
19	aminations that the task force completed.
20	(G) The number of law enforcement agen-
21	cies participating in Internet crimes against
22	children program standards established by the
23	task force.
24	(2) Report to congress.—Not later than 1
25	vear after the date of enactment of this Act, the At-

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                  (A) the progress of the development of the
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             ICAC Task Forces established under this title;
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                  (B) the number of Federal and State in-
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             the prior 12-month period related to child ex-
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    SEC. 107. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.
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        (a) In General.—There are authorized to be appro-
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    priated to carry out this title—
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             (1) $60,000,000 for fiscal year 2009;
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             (2) $75,000,000 for fiscal year 2010;
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             (3) $75,000,000 for fiscal year 2011;
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             (5) $75,000,000 for fiscal year 2013;
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             (6) $75,000,000 for fiscal year 2014;
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             (7) $100,000,000 for fiscal year 2015; and
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             (8) $100,000,000 for fiscal year 2016.
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        (b) AVAILABILITY.—Funds appropriated under sub-
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    section (a) shall remain available until expended.
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### 1 TITLE II—ADDITIONAL MEAS-

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#### 3 **PLOITATION**

- 4 SEC. 201. ADDITIONAL REGIONAL COMPUTER FORENSIC
- 5 LABS.
- 6 (a) Additional Resources.—The Attorney Gen-
- 7 eral shall establish additional computer forensic capacity
- 8 to address the current backlog for computer forensics, in-
- 9 cluding for child exploitation investigations. The Attorney
- 10 General may utilize funds under this title to establish new
- 11 regional computer forensic laboratories within the Re-
- 12 gional Computer Forensic Laboratories Program operated
- 13 by the Federal Bureau of Investigation or may increase
- 14 capacity at existing laboratories.
- 15 (b) New Computer Forensic Labs.—If the Attor-
- 16 ney General determines that new regional computer foren-
- 17 sic laboratories are needed under subsection (a) to address
- 18 existing backlogs, such new laboratories shall be estab-
- 19 lished pursuant to subsection (d).
- 20 (c) Purpose of New Resources.—The additional
- 21 forensic capacity established by the resources provided
- 22 under this section shall prioritize its activities to assist
- 23 Federal agencies, State and local Internet Crimes Against
- 24 Children task forces, and other Federal, State, and local

- 1 law enforcement agencies in preventing, investigating, and
- 2 prosecuting Internet crimes against children.
- 3 (d) Location of New Labs.—The location of any
- 4 new regional computer forensic laboratories under this
- 5 section shall be determined by the Attorney General, in
- 6 consultation with the Director of the Federal Bureau of
- 7 Investigation, the Regional Computer Forensic Laboratory
- 8 National Steering Committee, and other relevant stake-
- 9 holders.
- 10 (e) Report.—Not later than 1 year after the date
- 11 of enactment of this Act, and every year thereafter, the
- 12 Attorney General shall submit a report to the Congress
- 13 on how the funds appropriated under this section were uti-
- 14 lized.
- 15 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
- 16 are authorized to be appropriated for fiscal years 2009
- 17 through 2016, \$7,000,000 to carry out the provisions of
- 18 this section.
- 19 SEC. 202. ADDITIONAL FIELD AGENTS FOR THE FBI.
- 20 (a) In General.—There are authorized to be appro-
- 21 priated to the Attorney General \$30,000,000 for each of
- 22 the fiscal years 2009 through 2016 to fund the hiring of
- 23 full-time Federal Bureau of Investigation field agents and
- 24 associated analysts and support staff in addition to the

- 1 number of such employees serving in those capacities on
- 2 the date of enactment of this Act.
- 3 (b) Sole Purpose.—The sole purpose of the addi-
- 4 tional staff required to be hired under subsection (a) is
- 5 to work on child exploitation cases as part of the Federal
- 6 Bureau of Investigation's Innocent Images National Ini-
- 7 tiative.
- 8 SEC. 203. IMMIGRATIONS AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT
- 9 ENHANCEMENT.
- 10 (a) Additional Agents.—There are authorized to
- 11 be appropriated to the Secretary of Homeland Security
- 12 \$15,000,000, for each of the fiscal years 2009 through
- 13 2016, to fund the hiring of full-time agents and associated
- 14 analysts and support staff within the Bureau of Immigra-
- 15 tion and Customs Enforcement in addition to the number
- 16 of such employees serving in those capacities on the date
- 17 of enactment of this Act.
- 18 (b) Sole Purpose.—The sole purpose of the addi-
- 19 tional staff required to be hired under subsection (a) is
- 20 to work on child exploitation and child obscenity cases.
- 21 SEC. 204. COMBATING TRAFFICKING VIA THE UNITED
- 22 STATES POSTAL SERVICE.
- 23 (a) In General.—There are authorized to be appro-
- 24 priated to the Postmaster General \$5,000,000, for each
- 25 of the fiscal years 2009 through 2016, to fund the hiring

- 1 of full-time agents and associated analysts and support
- 2 staff in addition to the number of such employees serving
- 3 in those capacities on the date of enactment of this Act.
- 4 (b) Sole Purpose.—The sole purpose of the addi-
- 5 tional staff required to be hired under subsection (a) is
- 6 to work on child exploitation and child obscenity cases.
- 7 SEC. 205. ACCOUNTABILITY PROVISIONS FOR CHILD EX-
- 8 PLOITATION PREVENTION AND INTERDIC-
- 9 TION.
- The Attorney General, in consultation with the Sec-
- 11 retary of Homeland Security and the Postmaster General,
- 12 shall report to the Committees on the Judiciary of the
- 13 Senate and House of Representatives and any other rel-
- 14 evant committee of jurisdiction, on an annual basis, on
- 15 the resources (agents, forensic labs, prosecutors, etc.)
- 16 being utilized by such agencies to investigate and pros-
- 17 ecute child exploitation and child obscenity cases, includ-
- 18 ing the resources established under this title, the Adam
- 19 Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 (Public

- 1 Law 109–248; 120 Stat. 587), and any other law related
- 2 to combating child exploitation and child obscenity.

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Attest:

Clerk.

# 110TH CONGRESS H. R. 3845

# AN ACT

To establish a Special Counsel for Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction within the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, to improve the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, to increase resources for regional computer forensic labs, and to make other improvements to increase the ability of law enforcement agencies to investigate and prosecute child predators.