

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 4129

To amend the Crime Control Act of 1990 to require certification of State and law enforcement agency reports related to missing children and to require that certain information be provided to individuals reporting a missing child, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 19, 2009

Mrs. MALONEY (for herself, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. CONYERS, and Mr. CARDOZA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

To amend the Crime Control Act of 1990 to require certification of State and law enforcement agency reports related to missing children and to require that certain information be provided to individuals reporting a missing child, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Runaway Reporting  
5 Improvement Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. MISSING CHILDREN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

2 Section 3701 of title XXXVII of the Crime Control  
3 Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 5779) is amended—

4 (1) by amending subsection (b) to read as fol-  
5 lows:

6 “(b) GUIDELINES.—The Attorney General—

7 “(1) may establish guidelines for the collection  
8 of such reports including procedures for carrying out  
9 the purposes of this Act; and

10 “(2) shall establish guidelines for the format  
11 and collection of the certifications required under  
12 subsection (d).”;

13 (2) by amending subsection (c) to read as fol-  
14 lows:

15 “(c) ANNUAL SUMMARY.—The Attorney General  
16 shall publish in the Federal Register and make available  
17 on the website of the Department of Justice—

18 “(1) an annual statistical summary of the re-  
19 ports received under this section and section 3702;  
20 and

21 “(2) not later than 18 months after the date of  
22 enactment of the Runaway Reporting Improvement  
23 Act of 2009, a summary of the certifications re-  
24 quired under subsection (d).”;

25 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
26 section:

1       “(d) CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE.—Not later  
2 than 18 months after the date of enactment of the Run-  
3 away Reporting Improvement Act of 2009, each Federal,  
4 State, and local law enforcement agency reporting under  
5 the provisions of this section and section 3702 shall file  
6 a certification of the agency’s compliance with such sec-  
7 tions, which shall be signed by an authorized representa-  
8 tive of the agency and submitted to the Attorney Gen-  
9 eral.”.

10 **SEC. 3. STATE REQUIREMENTS FOR REPORTING.**

11       Section 3702 of title XXXVII of the Crime Control  
12 Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 5780) is amended—

13           (1) by striking “Each State reporting” and in-  
14 sserting “(a) IN GENERAL.—Each State reporting”;

15           (2) by striking “and” after the semicolon at the  
16 end of paragraph (2);

17           (3) by striking “and” after the semicolon at the  
18 end of paragraph (3);

19           (4) by striking the period at the end of para-  
20 graph (4) and inserting “; and”;

21           (5) by adding after paragraph (4) the following  
22 new paragraph:

23           “(5) not later than one year after the date of  
24 enactment of the Runaway Reporting Improvement  
25 Act of 2009, develop, and require State and local

1 law enforcement officers in such State to dissemi-  
2 nate, a written information sheet to be provided to  
3 each individual who reports a missing child to such  
4 an officer after such date, which shall—

5 “(A) be submitted to the Department of  
6 Justice for approval, and approved by the De-  
7 partment, before such date;

8 “(B) include, at a minimum, the 24-hour,  
9 toll-free phone numbers for the National Center  
10 for Missing and Exploited Children and the Na-  
11 tional Runaway Switchboard; and

12 “(C) provide a description of the services  
13 that the National Center for Missing and Ex-  
14 ploited Children and the National Runaway  
15 Switchboard provide to the parents and guard-  
16 ians of missing children.”; and

17 (6) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
18 sections:

19 “(b) DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REPORTING RE-  
20 QUIREMENT.—The Department of Justice shall meet the  
21 requirements of paragraph (5) of subsection (a), except  
22 that the Department shall not be required to meet the re-  
23 quirements of subparagraph (A) of such paragraph.

24 “(c) GUIDELINES.—The Attorney General shall es-  
25 tablish guidelines for the development and dissemination

1 of information sheets required under subsections (a)(5)  
2 and (b).”.

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