

103<sup>D</sup> CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 1120

To amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen the Federal prohibitions against assaulting children.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 24, 1993

Mr. RAMSTAD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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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 “Assaults Against Chil-  
5 dren Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. ASSAULTS AGAINST CHILDREN.**

7 (a) SIMPLE ASSAULT.—Section 113(e) of title 18,  
8 United States Code, is amended by striking “by fine” and  
9 all that follows through the period and inserting “—

1           “(A) if the victim of the assault is an individual  
2           who has not attained the age of 16 years, by a fine  
3           under this title or imprisonment for not more than  
4           one year, or both; and

5           “(B) by a fine under this title or imprisonment  
6           for not more than three months, or both, in any  
7           other case.”.

8           (b) ASSAULTS RESULTING IN SUBSTANTIAL BODILY  
9           INJURY.—Section 113 of title 18, United States Code, is  
10          amended by adding at the end the following:

11           “(7) Assault resulting in substantial bodily in-  
12          jury to an individual who has not attained the age  
13          of 16 years, by a fine under this title or imprison-  
14          ment for not more than 5 years, or both.”.

15          (c) TECHNICAL AND STYLISTIC CHANGES TO SEC-  
16          TION 113.—Section 113 of title 18, United States Code,  
17          is amended—

18           (1) in paragraph (b), by striking “of not more  
19          than \$3,000” and inserting “under this title”;

20           (2) in paragraph (c), by striking “of not more  
21          than \$1,000” and inserting “under this title”;

22           (3) in paragraph (d), by striking “of not more  
23          than \$500” and inserting “under this title”;

24           (4) in paragraph (e), by striking “of not more  
25          than \$300” and inserting “under this title”;

1 (5) by modifying the left margin of each of  
2 paragraphs (a) through (f) so that they are indented  
3 2 ems;

4 (6) by redesignating paragraphs (a) through (f)  
5 as paragraphs (1) through (6); and

6 (7) by inserting “(a)” before “Whoever”.

7 (d) DEFINITIONS.—Section 113 of title 18, United  
8 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the follow-  
9 ing:

10 “(b) As used in this subsection—

11 “(1) the term ‘substantial bodily injury’ means  
12 bodily injury which involves—

13 “(A) a temporary but substantial disfigure-  
14 ment; or

15 “(B) a temporary but substantial loss or  
16 impairment of the function of any bodily mem-  
17 ber, organ, or mental faculty; and

18 “(2) the term ‘serious bodily injury’ has the  
19 meaning given that term in section 1365 of this  
20 title.”.

21 (e) ASSAULTS IN INDIAN COUNTRY.—Section  
22 1153(a) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by  
23 inserting “(as defined in section 1365 of this title), an  
24 assault against an individual who has not attained the age  
25 of 16 years” after “serious bodily injury”.

