

104TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 3238

To amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to establish a national resource center and clearinghouse to carry out, through the Jimmy Ryce Law Enforcement Training Center for the Recovery of Missing Children, training of State and local law enforcement personnel to more effectively respond to cases involving missing or exploited children, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 15, 1996

Mr. DEUTSCH (for himself, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. FOLEY, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. BRYANT of Texas, Mr. WARD, Mr. GORDON, and Mr. MANTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Jimmy Ryce Law En-
5 forcement Training Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds that—

8 (1) an investigation to find a missing child pre-
9 sents unique circumstances for law enforcement
10 agencies, including the need for specialized training
11 and the capability of swift response to maximize the
12 chances for the safe recovery of the child;

13 (2) local law enforcement officials often lack ex-
14 perience and are unaware of the Federal resources
15 available to assist in the investigation of cases in-
16 volving a missing child; and

17 (3) a national training facility should be estab-
18 lished to assist State and local law enforcement
19 agencies in—

20 (A) providing comprehensive training in in-
21 vestigations of cases involving missing or ex-
22 ploited children;

23 (B) ensuring uniform, consistent, and
24 meaningful use of reporting systems and proc-
25 esses; and

1 (C) promoting the use of vital national re-
2 sources.

3 **SEC. 3. AMENDMENT.**

4 Section 404(b)(2)(D) of the Juvenile Justice and De-
5 linquency Prevention Act of 1974 is amended by striking
6 “children; and” and inserting “children, including—

7 “(i) the establishment of an onsite
8 training center at the national clearing-
9 house to be known as the Jimmy Ryce
10 Law Enforcement Training Center for the
11 Recovery of Missing Children, designed
12 to—

13 “(I) assist high-level law enforce-
14 ment leaders from across the country,
15 selected by State officials, to develop
16 effective protocols and policies for the
17 investigation and prosecution of cases
18 involving a missing or exploited child;
19 and

20 “(II) introduce those officials to
21 resources available from the clearing-
22 house and Federal agencies to assist
23 in cases involving a missing or ex-
24 ploited child;

1 “(ii) nationwide training in report-
2 taking and data entry in cases involving
3 missing or exploited children for informa-
4 tion specialists, conducted at State and
5 local law enforcement facilities by employ-
6 ees of the national clearinghouse and the
7 National Crime Information Center of the
8 Federal Bureau of Investigation, designed
9 to ensure that necessary information re-
10 garding cases involving missing or ex-
11 ploited children is gathered and entered at
12 the local level in a timely and effective
13 manner; and

14 “(iii) State-based basic investigation
15 training in cases involving missing or ex-
16 ploited children for State and local police
17 investigators selected by State officials,
18 conducted by employees of the national
19 clearinghouse and the Office of Juvenile
20 Justice and Delinquency Prevention of the
21 Department of Justice, designed to provide
22 practical instruction in the investigation of
23 cases involving missing or exploited chil-
24 dren; and”.

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