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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DEWINE, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. GRASSLEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

To enhance national efforts to investigate, prosecute, and prevent crimes against children by increasing investigatory tools, criminal penalties, and resources and by extending existing laws.

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 “Comprehensive Child  
5 Protection Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN RESPONSE**

2 **CENTER.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 33 of title 28, United  
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
5 lowing:

6 **“§ 540A. National Crimes Against Children Response**

7 **Center**

8 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established within  
9 the Federal Bureau of Investigation a National Crimes  
10 Against Children Response Center (referred to in this sec-  
11 tion as the ‘Center’).

12 “(b) MISSION.—The mission of the Center is to de-  
13 velop a national response plan model that—

14 “(1) provides a comprehensive, rapid response  
15 plan to report crimes involving the victimization of  
16 children; and

17 “(2) protects children from future crimes.

18 “(c) DUTIES.—To carry out the mission described in  
19 subsection (b), the Director of the Federal Bureau of In-  
20 vestigation shall—

21 “(1) consult with the Deputy Assistant Attor-  
22 ney General for the Crimes Against Children Office  
23 and other child crime coordinators within the De-  
24 partment of Justice;

25 “(2) consolidate units within the Federal Bu-  
26 reau of Investigation that investigate crimes against

1 children, including abductions, abuse, and sexual ex-  
2 ploitation offenses;

3 “(3) develop a comprehensive, rapid response  
4 plan for crimes involving children that incorporates  
5 resources and expertise from Federal, State, and  
6 local law enforcement agencies and child services  
7 professionals;

8 “(4) develop a national strategy to prevent  
9 crimes against children that shall include a plan to  
10 rescue children who are identified in child pornog-  
11 raphy images as victims of abuse;

12 “(5) create regional rapid response teams com-  
13 posed of Federal, State, and local prosecutors, inves-  
14 tigators, victim witness specialists, mental health  
15 professionals, and other child services professionals;

16 “(6) implement an advanced training program  
17 that will enhance the ability of Federal, State, and  
18 local entities to respond to reported crimes against  
19 children and protect children from future crimes;  
20 and

21 “(7) conduct outreach efforts to raise aware-  
22 ness and educate communities about crimes against  
23 children.

24 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
25 is authorized to be appropriated for the Federal Bureau

1 of Investigation such sums as necessary for fiscal year  
2 2004 to carry out this section.”.

3 (b) **TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—  
4 The table of sections for chapter 33 of title 28, United  
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
6 lowing:

“540A. National Crimes Against Children Response Center.”.

7 **SEC. 3. INTERNET AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION CON-**  
8 **CERNING REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS.**

9 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 170101(e)(2) of the Vio-  
10 lent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (42  
11 U.S.C. 14071(e)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the  
12 following: “The release of information under this para-  
13 graph shall include the maintenance of an Internet site  
14 containing such information that is available to the pub-  
15 lic.”.

16 (b) **COMPLIANCE DATE.**—Each State shall imple-  
17 ment the amendment made by this section within 3 years  
18 after the date of enactment of this Act, except that the  
19 Attorney General may grant an additional 2 years to a  
20 State that is making a good faith effort to implement the  
21 amendment made by this section.

22 (c) **NATIONAL INTERNET SITE.**—The Crimes Against  
23 Children Section of the Department of Justice shall create  
24 a national Internet site that links all State Internet sites  
25 established pursuant to this section.

1 **SEC. 4. DNA EVIDENCE.**

2 Section 3(d) of the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 14135a(d)) is amended to  
3 read as follows:  
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5 “(d) QUALIFYING FEDERAL OFFENSE.—For purposes of this section, the term ‘qualifying Federal offense’  
6 means—  
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8 “(1) any offense classified as a felony under  
9 Federal law;

10 “(2) any offense under chapter 109A of title  
11 18, United States Code;

12 “(3) any crime of violence as that term is defined in section 16 of title 18, United States Code;  
13 or  
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15 “(4) any offense within the scope of section  
16 4042(e)(4) of title 18, United States Code.”.

17 **SEC. 5. INCREASE OF STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR**  
18 **CHILD ABUSE OFFENSES.**

19 Section 3283 of title 18, United States Code, is  
20 amended by striking “25 years” and inserting “35 years”.

21 **SEC. 6. ADMISSIBILITY OF SIMILAR CRIME EVIDENCE IN**  
22 **CHILD MOLESTATION CASES.**

23 Rule 414 of the Federal Rules of Evidence is amended—  
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25 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “or possession of sexually explicit materials containing appar-  
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1 ent minors” after “or offenses of child molestation”;  
 2 and

3 (2) in subsection (d), by striking “fourteen”  
 4 and inserting “18”.

5 **SEC. 7. MARITAL COMMUNICATION AND ADVERSE SPOUSAL**  
 6 **PRIVILEGE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 119 of title 28, United  
 8 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 1826  
 9 the following:

10 **“§ 1826A. Marital communications and adverse spous-**  
 11 **al privilege**

12 “The confidential marital communication privilege  
 13 and the adverse spousal privilege shall be inapplicable in  
 14 any Federal proceeding in which a spouse is charged with  
 15 a crime against—

16 “(1) a child of either spouse; or

17 “(2) a child under the custody or control of ei-  
 18 ther spouse.”.

19 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—  
 20 The table of sections for chapter 119 of title 28, United  
 21 States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relat-  
 22 ing to section 1826 the following:

“1826A. Marital communications and adverse spousal privilege.”.

1 **SEC. 8. AUTHORIZATION OF INTERCEPTION OF COMMU-**  
 2 **NICATIONS IN THE INVESTIGATION OF SEX-**  
 3 **UAL CRIMES AND OTHER CRIMES AGAINST**  
 4 **CHILDREN.**

5 Section 2516(1)(c) of title 18, United States Code,  
 6 is amended—

7 (1) by inserting “section 1591 (sex trafficking  
 8 of children or by force, fraud, or coercion)” after  
 9 “section 1511 (obstruction of State or local law en-  
 10 forcement),”; and

11 (2) by inserting “section 2251A (selling or buy-  
 12 ing of children), section 2252A (relating to material  
 13 constituting or containing child pornography), sec-  
 14 tion 2260 (production of sexually explicit depictions  
 15 of a minor for importation into the United States),  
 16 sections 2421, 2422, 2423, and 2425 (relating to  
 17 transportation for illegal sexual activity and related  
 18 crimes),” after “sections 2251 and 2252 (sexual ex-  
 19 ploitation of children),”.

20 **SEC. 9. INCREASE OF MAXIMUM SUPERVISED RELEASE**  
 21 **TERM FOR SEX OFFENDERS.**

22 Section 3583 of title 18, United States Code, is  
 23 amended by adding at the end the following:

24 “(k) SUPERVISED RELEASE TERMS FOR SEX OF-  
 25 FENDERS.—Notwithstanding subsection (b), the author-  
 26 ized term of supervised release for any offense under chap-

1 ter 109A, 110, 117, section 1201 involving a minor victim,  
 2 or section 1591 is any term of years or life.”.

3 **SEC. 10. INCREASE OF MAXIMUM PENALTIES FOR SEX OF-**  
 4 **FENSES.**

5 Title 18, United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in section 1591(b)(2), by striking “20  
 7 years” and inserting “40 years”;

8 (2) in section 2421, by striking “10 years” and  
 9 inserting “20 years”;

10 (3) in section 2422—

11 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “10  
 12 years” and inserting “20 years”; and

13 (B) in subsection (b), by striking “15  
 14 years” and inserting “30 years”;

15 (4) in section 2423—

16 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “15  
 17 years” and inserting “30 years”; and

18 (B) in subsection (b), by striking “15  
 19 years” and inserting “30 years”; and

20 (5) in section 2425, by striking “5 years” and  
 21 inserting “10 years”.

22 **SEC. 11. DEPUTY ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR**  
 23 **CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN.**

24 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF POSITION.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 31 of title 28,  
2           United States Code, is amended by inserting after  
3           section 507 the following:

4           **“§ 507A. Deputy Assistant Attorney General for**  
5                                   **Crimes Against Children**

6           “(a) The Attorney General shall appoint a Deputy  
7           Assistant Attorney General for Crimes Against Children.

8           “(b) The Deputy Assistant Attorney General shall be  
9           the head of the Crimes Against Children Section (CACS)  
10          of the Department of Justice.

11          “(c) The duties of the Deputy Assistant Attorney  
12          General shall include the following:

13                  “(1) To prosecute cases involving crimes  
14                  against children.

15                  “(2) To advise Federal prosecutors and law en-  
16                  forcement personnel regarding crimes against chil-  
17                  dren.

18                  “(3) To provide guidance and assistance to  
19                  Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies  
20                  and personnel, and appropriate foreign entities, re-  
21                  garding responses to crimes against children.

22                  “(4) To propose and comment upon legislation  
23                  concerning crimes against children.

24                  “(5) Such other duties as the Attorney General  
25                  may require, including duties carried out by the

1 head of the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Sec-  
 2 tion and the Terrorism and Violent Crime Section of  
 3 the Department of Justice.”.

4 (2) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMEND-  
 5 MENT.—The table of sections for chapter 31 of title  
 6 28, United States Code, is amended by inserting  
 7 after the item relating to section 507 the following:  
 “507A. Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Crimes Against Children.”.

8 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR  
 9 CACS.—There is authorized to be appropriated for the  
 10 Department of Justice for fiscal year 2004, such sums as  
 11 necessary to carry out this section.

12 **SEC. 12. DIRECTIVE TO SENTENCING COMMISSION.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Pursuant to its authority under  
 14 section 994(p) of title 18, United States Code, and in ac-  
 15 cordance with this section, the United States Sentencing  
 16 Commission shall review the Federal Sentencing Guide-  
 17 lines and policy statements relating to child abuse and ex-  
 18 ploitation offenses, including United States Sentencing  
 19 Guideline sections 2A3.1, 2A3.2, 2A3.3, 2A3.4, 2A4.1,  
 20 2G1.1, 2G2.1, 2G2.2, 2G2.3, 2G2.4, and 2G3.1 to deter-  
 21 mine whether those sections are sufficiently severe.

22 (b) CONSIDERATIONS.—In reviewing the Federal  
 23 Sentencing Guidelines in accordance with subsection (a),  
 24 the United States Sentencing Commission shall consider  
 25 whether the guidelines are adequate where—

1           (1) the victim had not attained the age of 12  
2 years, or had not attained the age of 16 years;

3           (2) the victim died, or sustained permanent,  
4 life-threatening or serious injury as a result of the  
5 criminal act;

6           (3) the victim was abducted;

7           (4) the victim was abused by more than 1 par-  
8 ticipant;

9           (5) the offense involved more than 1 victim;

10          (6) the ability of the victim to appraise or con-  
11 trol his or her conduct was substantially impaired;

12          (7) the offense involved a large number of vis-  
13 ual depictions, including multiple images of the same  
14 victim; and

15          (8) the offense involved material that portrays  
16 sadistic or masochistic conduct or other depictions of  
17 violence.

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