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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 10, 2021

Mr. NORCROSS (for himself and Mr. FITZPATRICK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

## 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 "National Child Identi-
- 5 fication Act of 2021".
- 6 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.
- 7 Congress finds the following:
- 8 (1) The proactive collection and central storage
- 9 of comprehensive identification information about in-

- dividual children by local, State, and Federal law en forcement agencies is resource intensive.
  - (2) The National Child Identification Program, known as "Safety Blitz"—
    - (A) is a national community service initiative that has partnered with the Department of Justice, Department of State, Federal Bureau of Investigation, State attorneys general, local law enforcement agencies, nonprofit organizations, and community organizations to provide families with an inkless, in-home fingerprint and DNA identification kit, which can be turned over to law enforcement, by the parent or guardian of a child to provide information on a missing or trafficked child; and
    - (B) promotes the proactive collection and storage of comprehensive identification information within the home, decentralizing the process for law enforcement agencies that often lack the resources to collect and centrally store vital identification information related to individual children.

1	SEC. 3. GRANTS TO PROVIDE IDENTIFICATION KITS FOR
2	MISSING CHILDREN.
3	(a) Authorization.—The Attorney General is au-
4	thorized to award grants to State attorneys general to pro-
5	vide, for distribution to parents of children who attend
6	kindergarten or elementary school (as such term is defined
7	in section 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
8	cation Act of 1965), inkless, in-home fingerprint and DNA
9	identification kits, which can be turned over to Federal,
10	State, tribal, or local law enforcement in an effort to locate
11	and return missing or trafficked children.
12	(b) APPLICATION.—A State attorney general seeking
13	a grant under this section shall submit to the Attorney
14	General an application at such time, in such manner, and
15	containing such information as the Attorney General may
16	reasonably require.
17	(c) Grant Amount.—Grants under this section shall
18	be allocated to each State in an amount which bears the
19	same ratio of—
20	(1) for fiscal year 2022—
21	(A) the population of children who attend
22	kindergarten or elementary school of the State
23	to—
24	(B) such population of all States; and
25	(2) for each of fiscal years 2023 through
26	2027—

1	(A) the population described in paragraph
2	(1)(A) that were newly enrolled in school in
3	that State during the previous fiscal year to—
4	(B) such population of all States.
5	(d) Authorization of Appropriations.—There is
6	authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section—
7	(1) \$52,800,000 for fiscal year 2022; and
8	(2) \$9,800,000 each of fiscal years 2023
9	through 2027.

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