

TITLE XXXVII - NATIONAL CHILD SEARCH ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1990

SEC. 3701. REPORTING REQUIREMENT

(a) In General - Each Federal, State, and local law enforcement agency shall report each case of a missing child under the age of 18 reported to such agency to the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) of the Department of Justice.

(b) Guidelines - The Attorney General may establish guidelines for the collection of such reports including procedures for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

(c) Annual Summary - The Attorney General shall publish an annual statistical summary of the reports received under this Act.

SEC. 3702 STATE REQUIREMENTS.

EACH STATE REPORTING UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT SHALL -

(1) ensure that no law enforcement agency within the State establishes or maintains any policy that requires the observance of any waiting period before accepting a missing child or unidentified person report;

(2) provide that each such report and all necessary and available information, which, with respect to each missing child report, shall include -

(A) the name, date of birth, sex, race, height, weight, and eye and hair color of the child;

(B) the date and location of the last known contact with the child; and

(C) the category under which the child is reported missing; is entered immediately into the NCIC computer networks and made available to the Missing Children Information Clearinghouse within the State or other agency designated within the State to receive such reports; and

(3) provide that after receiving reports as provided in paragraph (2) the law enforcement agency that entered the report into the NCIC shall -

(A) no later than 60 days after the original entry of the record into the State law enforcement system and NCIC computer networks, verify and update such record with any additional information, including, where available, medical and dental records;

(B) institute or assist with appropriate search and investigative procedures; and

(C) maintain close liaison with the National Center for Missing and Exploited for the exchange of information and technical assistance in the missing children cases.