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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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Additional sponsors: Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. BARCIA of Michigan, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. KLUG, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. DORNAN, Mr. PETE GEREN of Texas, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HANCOCK, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. BLACKWELL, Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. LEVY, Mr. MINGE, Mr. PORTER, Mr. WYNN, Mr. McMILLAN, Mr. RAVENEL, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. TOWNS, Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. McDERMOTT, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. HYDE, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. WASHINGTON, Mr. GEKAS, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. McHALE, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. FINGERHUT, and Mr. POMEROY

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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  
5 Children Act of ~~1993~~ 1994”.

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 “—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 (5) by modifying the left margin of each of  
13 paragraphs (a) through (f) so that they are indented  
14 2 ems;

15 (6) by redesignating paragraphs (a) through (f)  
16 as paragraphs (1) through (6); and

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

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

21 “(b) As used in this subsection—

22 “(1) the term ‘substantial bodily injury’ means  
23 bodily injury which involves—

24 “(A) a temporary but substantial disfigure-  
25 ment; or

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

4           “(2) the term ‘serious bodily injury’ has the  
5           meaning given that term in section 1365 of this  
6           title.”.

7           (e) ASSAULTS IN INDIAN COUNTRY.—Section  
8           1153(a) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by  
9           inserting “(as defined in section 1365 of this title), an  
10          assault against an individual who has not attained the age  
11          of 16 years” after “serious bodily injury”.