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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 “Jacob Wetterling
5 Crimes Against Children Registration Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—

3 (1) STATE GUIDELINES.—The Attorney General
4 shall establish guidelines for State programs requir-
5 ing any person who is convicted of a criminal offense
6 against a victim who is a minor to register a current
7 address with a designated State law enforcement
8 agency for 10 years after release from prison, or
9 being placed on parole, supervised release, or proba-
10 tion.

11 (2) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this sub-
12 section, the term “criminal offense against a victim
13 who is a minor” means any criminal offense that
14 consists of—

15 (A) kidnapping of a minor, except by a
16 parent;

17 (B) false imprisonment of a minor, except
18 by a parent;

19 (C) criminal sexual conduct toward a
20 minor;

21 (D) solicitation of a minor to engage in
22 sexual conduct;

23 (E) use of a minor in a sexual perform-
24 ance;

25 (F) solicitation of a minor to practice pros-
26 titution;

1 (G) any conduct that by its nature is a
2 sexual offense against a minor; or

3 (H) an attempt to commit an offense de-
4 scribed in any of subparagraphs (A) through
5 (G) of this paragraph, if the State—

6 (i) makes such an attempt a criminal
7 offense; and

8 (ii) chooses to include such an offense
9 in those which are criminal offenses
10 against a victim who is a minor for the
11 purposes of this section.

12 (b) REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT UPON RELEASE,
13 PAROLE, SUPERVISED RELEASE, OR PROBATION.—An
14 approved State registration program established under
15 this section shall contain the following requirements:

16 (1) DUTY OF STATE PRISON OFFICIAL OR
17 COURT.—If a person who is required to register
18 under this section is released from prison, or placed
19 on parole, supervised release, or probation, a State
20 prison officer, or in the case of probation, the court,
21 shall—

22 (A) inform the person of the duty to reg-
23 ister and obtain the information required for
24 such registration;

1 (B) inform the person that if the person
2 changes residence address, the person shall give
3 the new address to a designated State law en-
4 forcement agency in writing within 10 days;

5 (C) inform the person that if the person
6 changes residence to another State, the person
7 shall register the new address with the law en-
8 forcement agency with whom the person last
9 registered, and the person is also required to
10 register with a designated law enforcement
11 agency in the new State not later than 10 days
12 after establishing residence in the new State, if
13 the new State has a registration requirement;

14 (D) obtain fingerprints and a photograph
15 of the person if these have not already been ob-
16 tained in connection with the offense that trig-
17 gers registration; and

18 (E) require the person to read and sign a
19 form stating that the duty of the person to reg-
20 ister under this section has been explained.

21 (2) TRANSFER OF INFORMATION TO STATE AND
22 THE F.B.I.—The officer, or in the case of a person
23 placed on probation, the court, shall, within 3 days
24 after receipt of information described in paragraph
25 (1), forward it to a designated State law enforce-

1 ment agency. The State law enforcement agency
2 shall immediately enter the information into the ap-
3 propriate State law enforcement record system and
4 notify the appropriate law enforcement agency hav-
5 ing jurisdiction where the person expects to reside.
6 The State law enforcement agency shall also imme-
7 diately transmit the conviction data and fingerprints
8 to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

9 (3) ANNUAL VERIFICATION.—On each anniver-
10 sary of a person’s initial registration date during the
11 period in which the person is required to register
12 under this section, the designated State law enforce-
13 ment agency shall mail a nonforwardable verification
14 form to the last reported address of the person. The
15 person shall mail the verification form to the des-
16 ignated State law enforcement agency within 10
17 days after receipt of the form. The verification form
18 shall be signed by the person, and state that the per-
19 son still resides at the address last reported to the
20 designated State law enforcement agency. If the per-
21 son fails to mail the verification form to the des-
22 ignated State law enforcement agency within 10
23 days after receipt of the form, the person shall be
24 in violation of this section unless the person proves

1 that the person has not changed his or her residence
2 address.

3 (4) NOTIFICATION OF LOCAL LAW ENFORCE-
4 MENT AGENCIES OF CHANGES IN ADDRESS.—Any
5 change of address by a person required to register
6 under this section reported to the designated State
7 law enforcement agency shall immediately be re-
8 ported to the appropriate law enforcement agency
9 having jurisdiction where the person is residing. The
10 designated law enforcement agency shall, if the per-
11 son changes residence to another State, notify the
12 person of the law enforcement agency with which the
13 person must register in the new State, if the new
14 State has a registration requirement.

15 (5) PRIVACY OF DATA.—The information col-
16 lected under a State registration program shall be
17 treated as private data on individuals and may be
18 disclosed only to law enforcement agencies for inves-
19 tigative purposes or to government agencies conduct-
20 ing confidential background checks with fingerprints
21 on applicants for child care positions or other posi-
22 tions involving contact with children.

23 (c) REGISTRATION FOR CHANGE OF ADDRESS TO
24 ANOTHER STATE.—A person who has been convicted of
25 an offense which triggered registration in a State shall

1 register the new address with a designated law enforce-
2 ment agency in another State to which the person moves
3 not later than 10 days after such person establishes resi-
4 dence in the new State, if the new State has a registration
5 requirement.

6 (d) REGISTRATION FOR 10 YEARS.—A person re-
7 quired to register under this section shall continue to com-
8 ply with this section until 10 years have elapsed since the
9 person was released from prison, or placed on parole, su-
10 pervised release, or probation.

11 (e) PENALTY.—A person required to register under
12 a State program established pursuant to this section who
13 knowingly fails to so register and keep such registration
14 current shall be subject to criminal penalties in any State
15 in which the person has so failed.

16 (f) COMPLIANCE.—

17 (1) COMPLIANCE DATE.—Each State shall have
18 3 years from the date of the enactment of this Act
19 in which to implement this section.

20 (2) INELIGIBILITY FOR FUNDS.—The allocation
21 of funds under section 506 of title I of the Omnibus
22 Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42
23 U.S.C. 3756) received by a State not complying with
24 the guidelines issued under this section 3 years after
25 the date of enactment of this Act may be reduced

1 by 10 percent and the unallocated funds shall be re-
2 allocated to the States in compliance with this sec-
3 tion.

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Attest:

Clerk.