

**§ 5778. Repealed. Pub. L. 104-235, title II, § 231(b), Oct. 3, 1996, 110 Stat. 3092**

Section, Pub. L. 93-415, title IV, § 409, formerly § 408, as added Pub. L. 100-690, title VII, § 7291, Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4461; renumbered § 409, Pub. L. 103-322, title XVII, § 170303(1), Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 2043, related to special study and report to determine obstacles that prevent or impede individuals who have legal custody of children from recovering children from parents who have removed children from such individuals in violation of law.

**§ 5779. 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 21 reported to such agency to the National Crime Information Center 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 section and section 5780 of this title.<sup>1</sup>

**(c) Annual summary**

The Attorney General shall publish an annual statistical summary of the reports received under this section and section 5780 of this title.

(Pub. L. 101-647, title XXXVII, § 3701, Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 4966; Pub. L. 108-21, title II, § 204, Apr. 30, 2003, 117 Stat. 660.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This section and section 5780 of this title, referred to in subsec. (b), was in the original "this Act", and was translated as reading "this title", meaning title XXXVII of Pub. L. 101-647, which enacted this section and section 5780 of this title, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Crime Control Act of 1990, and not as part of the Missing Children's Assistance Act which comprises this subchapter, nor as part of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 which comprises this chapter.

AMENDMENTS

2003—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 108-21 substituted "age of 21" for "age of 18".

**§ 5780. State requirements**

Each State reporting under the provisions of this section and section 5779 of this title 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) ensure that no law enforcement agency within the State establishes or maintains any policy that requires the removal of a missing person entry from its State law enforcement system or the National Crime Information Center computer database based solely on the age of the person; and<sup>1</sup>

(3) 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 within 2 hours of receipt into the State law enforcement system and the National Crime Information Center 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

(4) provide that after receiving reports as provided in paragraph (2), the law enforcement agency that entered the report into the National Crime Information Center shall—

(A) no later than 60 days after the original entry of the record into the State law enforcement system and National Crime Information Center 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 Children for the exchange of information and technical assistance in the missing children cases.

(Pub. L. 101-647, title XXXVII, § 3702, Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 4967; Pub. L. 109-248, title I, § 154(a), July 27, 2006, 120 Stat. 611.)

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AMENDMENTS

2006—Pub. L. 109-248 added par. (2), redesignated former pars. (2) and (3) as (3) and (4), respectively, and substituted "within 2 hours of receipt" for "immediately" in concluding provisions of par. (3).

**§ 5780a. Authority of Inspectors General**

**(a) In general**

An Inspector General appointed under section 3 or 8G of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) may authorize staff to assist the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children—

(1) by conducting reviews of inactive case files to develop recommendations for further investigations; and

(2) by engaging in similar activities.

**(b) Limitations**

**(1) Priority**

An Inspector General may not permit staff to engage in activities described in subsection (a) if such activities will interfere with the duties of the Inspector General under the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.).

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.

<sup>1</sup> So in original. The word "and" probably should not appear.