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National Incident-Based Reporting System

WHEREAS, Existing law enforcement records management systems urgently need improvement and modernization for operational and statistical purposes;

WHEREAS, The National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) is designed to provide vital statistics for national policymaking including law enforcement and criminal justice;

WHEREAS, NIBRS has not been able to realize its full potential, in part, because of chronic under-funding of records management systems;

WHEREAS, A National commitment is needed to fund and develop operational records management systems for law enforcement with statistical generating capabilities for NIBRS;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Congress establish a law enforcement information systems justice assistance program to be administered by the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), which will provide funding and leadership for the development and implementation of operational law enforcement record management systems with capabilities to participate effectively in the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS).