

## SEARCH Resolution 99-25

Of the Membership Group of SEARCH, The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics

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### **Funding to the FBI for Support of the III Compact Council**

**WHEREAS**, Title 2 of Public Law No. 105-251, the Crime Identification Technology Act of 1998, enacted into law the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact, made the Federal government a party to the Compact, and consented to the entry into the Compact by the states;

**WHEREAS**, four states have subsequently ratified the Compact and, therefore, the Compact is now in effect;

**WHEREAS**, under Article VI of the Compact, there is established a Compact Council comprised of 15 members, nine of whom are compact officers of states which have ratified the Compact or the directors of state criminal history record repositories in states that have not yet ratified the compact;

**WHEREAS**, the Compact Council is authorized to promulgate rules and procedures governing the use of the Interstate Identification Index System for non-criminal justice purposes;

**WHEREAS**, the membership structure of the Compact Council ensures that the interests and concerns of state and local criminal history record officials and record users will be considered by the Compact Council and reflected in its rulemaking activities;

**WHEREAS**, state and local criminal history record officials and record users have a keen interest in ensuring that the Compact Council is provided with adequate funding and other resources to ensure that it can operate effectively; and

**WHEREAS**, under Article VI of the Compact, the Council is to be located, for administrative purposes, within the FBI and is authorized to call upon the FBI for such reports, studies and other information or materials as may be necessary to facilitate the Council's operation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Membership Group of SEARCH, The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics, that: "The Congress of the United States is urged to appropriate adequate funding beginning in FY 00 specifically allocated to the FBI for the support of the Compact Council, including travel to Compact Council meetings by members of the Compact and other funding necessary to facilitate appropriate meetings; funding for adequate staff support for the Council; and such other monies as the FBI may request and/or may be needed for the appropriate and effective operation of the Council."