

118TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 6688

To permit grant funds to be used to identify unidentified human remains without regard as to whether the manner of death is determined to be a homicide.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 7, 2023

Mr. RESCHENTHALER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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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 “Cold Case Moderniza-
5 tion Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZING GRANT UNDER JENNIFER’S LAW TO**
7 **BE USED ON ANY UNIDENTIFIED REMAINS.**

8 (a) PROGRAM AUTHORIZATION.—Section 202(a)(1)
9 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Enforcement Act (34

1 U.S.C. 40501) is amended by inserting after “including
2 migrants” the following: “, without regard to whether the
3 manner of death is determined to be a homicide”.

4 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—Title II of the Child Abuse Pre-
5 vention and Enforcement Act (34 U.S.C. 40501 et seq.)
6 is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating the first section 205 as
8 section 204; and

9 (2) in section 204(a), as redesignated, by in-
10 sserting after “including migrants” the following: “,
11 without regard to whether the manner of death is
12 determined to be a homicide”.

13 **SEC. 3. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE GRANTS.**

14 Any Department of Justice grant awarded to States
15 and units of local government for forensic genetic
16 genealogy may be used to identify unidentified human re-
17 mains without regard to whether the manner of death is
18 determined to be a homicide.

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