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[Report No. 112-]

To authorize the Attorney General to provide a grant to assist Federal, State, tribal, and local law enforcement agencies in the rapid recovery of missing individuals.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 29, 2012

Mr. CHABOT (for himself and Mr. DEUTCH) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

SEPTEMBER --, 2012

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

[For text of introduced bill, see bill as introduced on March 29, 2012]

A BILL

To authorize the Attorney General to provide a grant to assist Federal, State, tribal, and local law enforcement agencies in the rapid recovery of missing individuals.

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 “Child and Elderly Miss-*
5 *ing Alert Program”.*

6 **SEC. 2. PROGRAM TO ASSIST FEDERAL, STATE, TRIBAL, AND**
7 **LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THE**
8 **RAPID RECOVERY OF MISSING CHILDREN,**
9 **THE ELDERLY, AND DISABLED INDIVIDUALS.**

10 *Section 1701 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control*
11 *and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796dd) is amend-*
12 *ed—*

13 *(1) in subsection (b)—*

14 *(A) in paragraph (16), by striking “and”*
15 *after the semicolon;*

16 *(B) in paragraph (17), by striking the pe-*
17 *riod and inserting “; and”; and*

18 *(C) by adding at the end the following new*
19 *paragraph:*

20 *“(18) to permit eligible nonprofit organizations*
21 *to assist Federal, State, tribal, and local law enforce-*
22 *ment agencies in the rapid recovery of missing chil-*
23 *dren, elderly individuals, and disabled individuals*
24 *through the use of a rapid telephone and cellular alert*
25 *call system, in accordance with subsection (l).”;* and

1 (2) *by adding at the end the following new sub-*
2 *section:*

3 “(l) *CHILD AND ELDERLY MISSING ALERTS.—*

4 “(1) *IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General is au-*
5 *thorized to award grants to eligible nonprofit organi-*
6 *zations to assist Federal, State, tribal, and local law*
7 *enforcement agencies in the rapid recovery of missing*
8 *children, elderly individuals, and disabled individuals*
9 *through the use of a rapid telephone and cellular alert*
10 *call system.*

11 “(2) *SPECIFIED USE OF FUNDS.—The grants*
12 *awarded under this subsection shall be used to—*

13 “(A) *provide services to Federal, State, trib-*
14 *al, and local law enforcement agencies, in re-*
15 *sponse to a request from such agencies, to pro-*
16 *mote the rapid recovery of a missing child, an*
17 *elderly individual, or a disabled individual by*
18 *utilizing rapid telephone and cellular alert calls;*

19 “(B) *maintain and expand technologies and*
20 *techniques to ensure the highest level of perform-*
21 *ance of such services;*

22 “(C) *provide both centralized and on-site*
23 *training and distribute information to Federal,*
24 *State, tribal, and local law enforcement agency*
25 *officials about missing children, elderly individ-*

1 uals, and disabled individuals and use of a
2 rapid telephone and cellular alert call system;

3 “(D) provide services to Federal, State, trib-
4 al, and local Child Abduction Response Teams;

5 “(E) assist Federal, State, tribal, and local
6 law enforcement agencies to combat human traf-
7 ficking through the use of rapid telephone and
8 cellular alert calls;

9 “(F) share appropriate information on
10 cases with the National Center for Missing and
11 Exploited Children, the AMBER Alert, Silver
12 Alert, and Blue Alert programs, and appropriate
13 Federal, State, tribal, and local law enforcement
14 agencies; and

15 “(G) assist appropriate organizations, in-
16 cluding Federal, State, tribal, and local law en-
17 forcement agencies, with education and preven-
18 tion programs related to missing children, elder-
19 ly individuals, and disabled individuals.

20 “(3) ELIGIBILITY.—To be an eligible nonprofit
21 organization for purposes of a grant under this sub-
22 section, a nonprofit organization shall have experi-
23 ence providing rapid telephone and cellular alert calls
24 on behalf of Federal, State, and local law enforcement
25 agencies to find missing children and elderly adults.

1 “(4) *GRANT PERIOD AND RENEWAL.*—*The Attor-*
2 *ney General shall determine an appropriate grant pe-*
3 *riod for grants awarded under this subsection. Such*
4 *grants may be renewed at the discretion of the Attor-*
5 *ney General.*

6 “(5) *EVALUATION.*—*The Attorney General shall*
7 *require each grantee under this subsection to annually*
8 *submit the results of the monitoring and evaluations*
9 *required under subsections (a) and (b) of section*
10 *1705, and shall publish an annual report regarding*
11 *such results and the effectiveness of the activities car-*
12 *ried out under each such grant.*

13 “(6) *INAPPLICABLE PROVISIONS.*—*The following*
14 *provisions of this part shall not apply to grants*
15 *awarded under this subsection:*

16 “(A) *Subsection (j) of this section (relating*
17 *to grants to Indian tribes).*

18 “(B) *Section 1703 (relating to renewal of*
19 *grants).*

20 “(7) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this subsection:*

21 “(A) *CHILD.*—*The term ‘child’ means an*
22 *individual under 21 years of age.*

23 “(B) *DISABLED INDIVIDUAL.*—*The term*
24 *‘disabled individual’ means—*

1 “(i) *an individual with 1 or more dis-*
2 *abilities (as defined in section 3 of the*
3 *Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42*
4 *U.S.C. 12102)); or*

5 “(ii) *an individual who has been diag-*
6 *nosed by a physician or other qualified*
7 *medical professional with Alzheimer’s dis-*
8 *ease or a related dementia.*

9 “(C) *ELDERLY INDIVIDUAL.—The term ‘el-*
10 *derly individual’ means an individual who is 60*
11 *years of age or older.*

12 “(D) *MISSING.—The term ‘missing’, with*
13 *respect to a child, an elderly individual, or a*
14 *disabled individual, means such a child or indi-*
15 *vidual who has been reported to law enforcement*
16 *as missing and whose whereabouts are unknown*
17 *to Federal, State, tribal, and local law enforce-*
18 *ment agencies.*

19 “(E) *RAPID TELEPHONE AND CELLULAR*
20 *ALERT CALL SYSTEM.—The term ‘rapid telephone*
21 *and cellular alert call system’ means an auto-*
22 *mated system with the ability to place at least*
23 *1,000 telephone and cellular calls in 60 seconds*
24 *to a specific geographic area determined by law*
25 *enforcement—*

1 “(i) based on the last known where-
2 abouts of a missing individual; or
3 “(ii) based on other evidence and deter-
4 mined by such law enforcement agency to be
5 necessary to the search for the missing indi-
6 vidual.”.