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To establish the Karly Rain Wood Repeat Violent Felon Registration and Notification Program within the Department of Justice, and for other purposes.

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Mr. RICKETTS (for himself and Mrs. FISCHER) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and 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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Karly Rain Wood Act”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
7 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

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Sec. 3. Definitions.

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- Sec. 5. Registration requirements.
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- Sec. 7. Public access to repeat violent felon information.
- Sec. 8. National Repeat Violent Felon Registry and website.
- Sec. 9. Repeat Violent Felon Community Notification Program.
- Sec. 10. Registry management and website software.
- Sec. 11. Implementation by jurisdictions.
- Sec. 12. Repeat Violent Felon Management Assistance Program.
- Sec. 13. Election as jurisdiction by Indian Tribes.
- Sec. 14. Registration of repeat violent felons entering the United States.
- Sec. 15. Registration of repeat violent felons released from military corrections facilities or upon conviction.
- Sec. 16. Immunity for good faith conduct.

1 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

2 The purpose of this Act is to protect the public from
 3 repeat violent felons by establishing a comprehensive na-
 4 tional system for the registration of repeat violent felons
 5 in response to the vicious attack of Karly Rain Wood.

6 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) ARSON; ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO COMMIT
 9 RAPE; EXTORTION; FIREARMS USE; KIDNAPPING; SE-
 10 RIOUS VIOLENT FELONY; SERIOUS DRUG OFFENSE;
 11 STATE.—The terms “arson”, “assault with intent to
 12 commit rape”, “extortion”, “firearms use”, “serious
 13 violent felony”, “serious drug offense” and “State”
 14 have the meanings given those terms in section
 15 3559(c)(2) of title 18, United States Code.

16 (2) ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—The term “assist-
 17 ance program” means the Repeat Violent Felon

1 Management Assistance Program established under
2 section 12.

3 (3) EMPLOYEE.—The term “employee” includes
4 an individual who is self-employed or works for any
5 other entity, whether compensated or not.

6 (4) EXCEPTED OFFENSE.—The term “excepted
7 offense” means—

8 (A) robbery, an attempt, conspiracy, or so-
9 licitation to commit robbery, or a miscellaneous
10 violent offense for which the defendant estab-
11 lishes by clear and convincing evidence that—

12 (i) no firearm or other dangerous
13 weapon was used in the offense and no
14 threat of use of a firearm or other dan-
15 gerous weapon was involved in the offense;
16 and

17 (ii) the offense did not result in death
18 or serious bodily injury (as defined in sec-
19 tion 1365 of title 18, United States Code)
20 to any person; and

21 (B) arson for which the defendant estab-
22 lishes by clear and convincing evidence that—

23 (i) the offense posed no threat to
24 human life; and

1 (ii) the defendant reasonably believed
2 the offense posed no threat to human life.

3 (5) FIREARM.—The term “firearm” has the
4 meaning given the term in section 5845 of the Inter-
5 nal Revenue Code of 1986.

6 (6) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian Tribe”
7 means a federally recognized Indian Tribe.

8 (7) JURISDICTION.—The term “jurisdiction”
9 means—

10 (A) a State; and

11 (B) an Indian Tribe that elects to qualify
12 as a jurisdiction for the purposes of this Act
13 under section 13(a)(1).

14 (8) MISCELLANEOUS VIOLENT OFFENSE.—The
15 term “miscellaneous violent offense” means an of-
16 fense punishable by a maximum term of imprison-
17 ment of 5 years or more that has as an element the
18 use, attempted use, or threatened use of physical
19 force against the person of another or that, by its
20 nature, involves a substantial risk that physical force
21 against the person of another may be used in the
22 course of committing the offense.

23 (9) NATIONAL REPEAT VIOLENT FELON REG-
24 ISTRY.—The term “National Repeat Violent Felon

1 Registry” means the registry maintained under sec-
2 tion 8(a)(1).

3 (10) NATIONAL WEBSITE.—The term “national
4 website” means National Repeat Violent Felon Pub-
5 lic Website established under section 8(b)(1).

6 (11) NOTIFICATION PROGRAM.—The term “no-
7 tification program” means the Repeat Violent Felon
8 Community Notification Program established under
9 section 9(a).

10 (12) QUALIFYING OFFENSE.—The term “quali-
11 fying offense”—

12 (A) means—

13 (i) arson;

14 (ii) murder;

15 (iii) voluntary manslaughter;

16 (iv) kidnapping;

17 (v) aggravated assault;

18 (vi) a forcible sexual offense;

19 (vii) robbery;

20 (viii) extortion;

21 (ix) the unlawful use or unlawful pos-
22 session of a firearm;

23 (x) the use or unlawful possession of
24 explosive material (as defined in section
25 841 of title 18, United States Code);

1 (xi) assault with intent to commit
 2 rape;

3 (xii) a serious violent felony; and

4 (xiii) the use of a firearm, during and
 5 in relation to, or in furtherance of an of-
 6 fense described in clauses (i) through (xii);
 7 and

8 (B) does not include an excepted offense.

9 (13) REGISTER.—The term “register” means
 10 the submission of a registration to a registry.

11 (14) REGISTRY.—The term “registry” means a
 12 jurisdiction-wide repeat violent felon registry main-
 13 tained in accordance with section 4(b).

14 (15) RESIDES.—The term “resides” means,
 15 with respect to an individual, the location of the in-
 16 dividual’s home or other place where the individual
 17 habitually lives.

18 (16) REPEAT VIOLENT FELON.—The term “re-
 19 peat violent felon” means an individual who—has re-
 20 ceived a final conviction of—

21 (A) not fewer than 2 qualifying offenses;

22 or

23 (B) not fewer than 1 qualifying offense
 24 and not fewer than 1 serious drug offense.

1 (17) STUDENT.—The term “student” means an
2 individual who enrolls in or attends an educational
3 institution, including (whether public or private) a
4 secondary school, trade or professional school, and
5 institution of higher education.

6 **SEC. 4. KARLY RAIN WOOD REPEAT VIOLENT FELON REG-**
7 **ISTRATION AND NOTIFICATION PROGRAM.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—

9 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Attorney General
10 shall establish a program within the Department of
11 Justice to be known as the “Karly Rain Wood Re-
12 peat Violent Felon Registration and Notification
13 Program”.

14 (2) COORDINATION OF STATE REGISTRIES.—
15 Under the program established under paragraph (1),
16 the Attorney General shall coordinate with jurisdic-
17 tions in maintaining the registries required under
18 subsection (b).

19 (3) REGULATIONS.—The Attorney General shall
20 issue guidance and promulgate regulations to carry
21 out this Act.

22 (b) JURISDICTION REQUIREMENT.—Not later than
23 the date prescribed under section 11(a), each jurisdiction
24 shall maintain a jurisdiction-wide repeat violent felon reg-
25 istry under which a repeat violent felon shall be required

1 to comply with the registration requirements under section
2 5.

3 **SEC. 5. REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—A repeat violent felon shall reg-
5 ister and keep the registration current in each jurisdiction
6 where the repeat violent felon—

7 (1) resides;

8 (2) is an employee; and

9 (3) is a student.

10 (b) INITIAL REGISTRATION.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—For initial registration pur-
12 poses only, a repeat violent felon shall register in
13 each jurisdiction in which the repeat violent felon is
14 convicted if such jurisdiction is different from the
15 jurisdiction in which the repeat violent felon resides.

16 (2) DEADLINE.—A repeat violent felon required
17 to register under this Act shall submit an initial reg-
18 istration to each required registry—

19 (A) before completing a sentence of impris-
20 onment with respect to the offense giving rise
21 to the registration requirement; or

22 (B) if the repeat violent felon is not sen-
23 tenced to a term of imprisonment, not later
24 than 3 business days after being sentenced for
25 that offense.

1 (3) INABILITY TO COMPLY.—The Attorney Gen-
2 eral may—

3 (A) specify the applicability of—

4 (i) the requirements of this Act to re-
5 peat violent felons convicted before the en-
6 actment of this Act; or

7 (ii) the implementation of this Act in
8 a particular jurisdiction; and

9 (B) prescribe rules for the registration of
10 any repeat violent felon who is unable to comply
11 with this paragraph.

12 (c) CONTENTS.—

13 (1) INFORMATION PROVIDED BY REPEAT VIO-
14 LENT FELON.—A registration by a repeat violent
15 felon shall include—

16 (A) the name of the repeat violent felon
17 (including any alias used by the individual);

18 (B) the social security number of the re-
19 peat violent felon;

20 (C) the address of each residence at which
21 the repeat violent felon resides or will reside;

22 (D) the name and address of any place
23 where the repeat violent felon is an employee or
24 will be an employee;

1 (E) the name and address of any place
2 where the repeat violent felon is a student or
3 will be a student;

4 (F) the license plate number and a descrip-
5 tion of any vehicle owned or operated by the re-
6 peat violent felon;

7 (G) information relating to intended travel
8 of the repeat violent felon outside the United
9 States, including any anticipated dates and
10 places of departure, arrival, or return, carrier
11 and flight numbers for air travel, destination
12 country and address or other contact informa-
13 tion therein, means and purpose of travel, and
14 any other itinerary or other travel-related infor-
15 mation determined appropriate by the Attorney
16 General; and

17 (H) any other information determined ap-
18 propriate by the Attorney General.

19 (2) INFORMATION PROVIDED BY JURISDIC-
20 TION.—Each jurisdiction in which a repeat violent
21 felon registers shall include in the registry with re-
22 spect to the repeat violent felon—

23 (A) a physical description of the repeat
24 violent felon;

1 (B) the text of the provision of law defin-
2 ing each criminal offense for which the repeat
3 violent felon is registered;

4 (C) the criminal history of the repeat vio-
5 lent felon, including—

6 (i) the date of all arrests and convic-
7 tions;

8 (ii) the status of parole, probation, or
9 supervised release;

10 (iii) registration status; and

11 (iv) the existence of any outstanding
12 arrest warrants for the repeat violent felon;

13 (D) an up-to-date photograph of the repeat
14 violent felon;

15 (E) a set of fingerprints and palm prints
16 of the repeat violent felon;

17 (F) a DNA sample of the repeat violent
18 felon;

19 (G) a photocopy of a valid driver's license
20 or identification card issued to the repeat vio-
21 lent felon by a jurisdiction; and

22 (H) any other information determined ap-
23 propriate by the Attorney General.

24 (d) PERIODIC IN PERSON VERIFICATION.—Not less
25 frequently than once every 90 days after the date on which

1 a repeat violent offender completes initial registration in
2 accordance with this Act, the repeat violent felon shall—

3 (1) appear in person in a facility of not less
4 than 1 jurisdiction in which the repeat violent felon
5 is registered;

6 (2) allow the jurisdiction to take an up-to-date
7 photograph; and

8 (3) verify the information in each registry in
9 which the repeat violent felon is required to be reg-
10 istered.

11 (e) TIME AND MANNER OF UPDATES.—A repeat vio-
12 lent felon shall provide and update information required
13 under subsection (c)(1), including information relating to
14 intended travel outside the United States required under
15 subsection (c)(1)(G), in conformity with any time and
16 manner requirements prescribed by the Attorney General.

17 (f) PERIOD OF REGISTRATION.—A repeat violent
18 felon shall keep the registration required under this Act
19 current for the life of the repeat violent felon (excluding
20 any time the repeat violent felon is in custody or civilly
21 committed).

22 (g) KEEPING REGISTRATION CURRENT.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 business
24 days after the date on which a repeat violent felon
25 has a change in name, student status, or place of

1 residence or employment, the repeat violent felon
2 shall appear in person in not fewer than 1 jurisdic-
3 tion in which the repeat violent felon is registered to
4 inform the jurisdiction of the change.

5 (2) JURISDICTION NOTIFICATION.—A jurisdic-
6 tion receiving information of a change from a repeat
7 violent felon under paragraph (1) shall immediately
8 inform each other jurisdiction in which the repeat
9 violent felon is registered of the change.

10 (h) EFFECTS OF FAILURE TO COMPLY.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Each jurisdiction, other than
12 a federally recognized Indian Tribe, shall provide a
13 criminal penalty that includes a maximum term of
14 imprisonment that is greater than 1 year for the
15 failure of a repeat violent felon to comply with the
16 requirements of this Act.

17 (2) NOTIFICATION.—If a repeat violent felon
18 fails to comply with the requirements of this Act, an
19 appropriate official of the relevant jurisdiction
20 shall—

21 (A) notify the Attorney General and appro-
22 priate law enforcement agencies; and

23 (B) revise the registry of the jurisdiction to
24 reflect the failure.

1 (3) ACTION.—The appropriate official described
2 in paragraph (2), the Attorney General, and each
3 appropriate law enforcement agency shall take any
4 appropriate action to ensure compliance of a repeat
5 violent felon with the requirements of this Act.

6 **SEC. 6. DUTY TO NOTIFY REPEAT FELONS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Shortly before the release of a re-
8 peat violent felon from custody, or, if the repeat violent
9 felon is not in custody, immediately after the sentencing
10 of the repeat violent felon for the offense giving rise to
11 the duty to register, an appropriate official shall—

12 (1) inform the repeat violent felon of the duties
13 of a repeat violent felon under this Act and explain
14 those duties;

15 (2) require the repeat violent felon to read and
16 sign a form stating that the duty to register has
17 been explained and that the repeat violent felon un-
18 derstands the registration requirement; and

19 (3) ensure that the repeat violent felon is reg-
20 istered.

21 (b) INABILITY TO COMPLY.—The Attorney General
22 shall prescribe rules for the notification of repeat violent
23 felons who cannot be registered in accordance with sub-
24 section (a).

1 **SEC. 7. PUBLIC ACCESS TO REPEAT VIOLENT FELON IN-**
2 **FORMATION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—

4 (1) INFORMATION.—Subject to subsection (b),
5 each jurisdiction shall make available on the inter-
6 net, in a manner that is readily accessible to all ju-
7 risdictions and to the public, a public website that
8 includes all information about each repeat violent
9 felon in the registry of the jurisdiction.

10 (2) SINGLE QUERY.—The jurisdiction shall
11 maintain the website required under paragraph (1)
12 in a manner that will permit the public to obtain rel-
13 evant information for each repeat violent felon by a
14 single query for any given ZIP Code or geographic
15 radius set by the user.

16 (3) PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL REPEAT VIO-
17 LENT PUBLIC WEBSITE.—Each jurisdiction shall—

18 (A) include in the design of the website re-
19 quired under paragraph (1) all field search ca-
20 pabilities needed for full participation in the na-
21 tional website; and

22 (B) participate in the national website as
23 provided by the Attorney General.

24 (b) MANDATORY EXEMPTIONS.—A jurisdiction shall
25 exempt from disclosure on the internet website required
26 under subsection (a)(1)—

1 (1) the identity of any victim of a sex offense;

2 (2) the social security number of a repeat vio-
3 lent felon;

4 (3) any reference to arrests of a repeat violent
5 felon that did not result in conviction; and

6 (4) any other information exempted from disclo-
7 sure by the Attorney General.

8 (c) LINKS.—Each internet website required under
9 subsection (a)(1) shall include, to the extent practicable,
10 links to repeat violent felon safety and education re-
11 sources.

12 (d) CORRECTION OF ERRORS.—Each internet website
13 required under subsection (a)(1) shall include instructions
14 on how to seek correction of information that an individual
15 contends is erroneous.

16 (e) WARNING.—Each internet website required under
17 subsection (a)(1) shall include a warning that—

18 (1) instructs that information on the website
19 should not be used to unlawfully injure, harass, or
20 commit a crime against any individual named in the
21 registry or residing or working at any reported ad-
22 dress; and

23 (2) notes that any action described in para-
24 graph (1) could result in civil or criminal penalties.

1 **SEC. 8. NATIONAL REPEAT VIOLENT FELON REGISTRY AND**
2 **WEBSITE.**

3 (a) REGISTRY.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall
5 maintain a national database to be known as the
6 “National Repeat Violent Felon Registry” within the
7 Federal Bureau of Investigation for the registration
8 of—

9 (A) each repeat violent felon; and

10 (B) any other individual required to reg-
11 ister in the registry of a jurisdiction.

12 (2) ELECTRONIC FORWARDING.—The Attorney
13 General shall ensure through the National Repeat
14 Violent Felon Registry or otherwise that updated in-
15 formation about a repeat violent felon is immediately
16 transmitted by electronic forwarding to each relevant
17 jurisdiction.

18 (b) NATIONAL WEBSITE.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall
20 establish and maintain a website to be known as the
21 “National Repeat Violent Felon Public Website”.

22 (2) CONTENTS.—The national website shall—

23 (A) include relevant information for—

24 (i) each repeat violent felon; and

1 (ii) any other individual included on
 2 the website of a jurisdiction established
 3 under section 7(a)(1);

4 (B) allow the public to obtain relevant in-
 5 formation for each repeat violent felon by a sin-
 6 gle query for any given ZIP Code or geo-
 7 graphical radius set by the user in a form and
 8 with such limitations as may be established by
 9 the Attorney General; and

10 (C) have such other field search capabili-
 11 ties as the Attorney General determines appro-
 12 priate.

13 **SEC. 9. REPEAT VIOLENT FELON COMMUNITY NOTIFICA-**
 14 **TION PROGRAM.**

15 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established within
 16 the Department of Justice a program to be known as the
 17 “Repeat Violent Felon Community Notification Pro-
 18 gram”.

19 (b) NOTIFICATION.—Except as provided in sub-
 20 section (c), immediately upon a repeat violent felon reg-
 21 istering or updating a registration, an appropriate official
 22 in the jurisdiction of the relevant registry shall provide
 23 the information in the registry (other than information ex-
 24 empted from disclosure under section 7(b)) with respect
 25 to the repeat violent felon to the following:

1 (1) The Attorney General for inclusion in the
2 National Repeat Violent Felon Registry and other
3 appropriate databases.

4 (2) Appropriate law enforcement agencies (in-
5 cluding appropriate probation agencies) and each
6 school and public housing agency in each area in
7 which the repeat violent felon resides, is an em-
8 ployee, or is a student.

9 (3) Each jurisdiction where the repeat violent
10 felon resides, is an employee, or is a student, and
11 each jurisdiction from or to which a change of resi-
12 dence, employment, or student status occurs.

13 (4) Any agency responsible for conducting em-
14 ployment-related background checks under section 3
15 of the National Child Protection Act of 1993 (34
16 U.S.C. 40102).

17 (5) Social service entities responsible for pro-
18 tecting minors in the child welfare system in any rel-
19 evant jurisdiction.

20 (6) Volunteer organizations in which contact
21 with minors or other vulnerable individuals might
22 occur in any relevant jurisdiction.

23 (7) Any organization, company, or individual
24 who requests such notification pursuant to proce-
25 dures established by the jurisdiction.

1 (c) FREQUENCY.—An organization, company, or indi-
 2 vidual described in subsection (b)(6) or (b)(7) may opt to
 3 receive the notification described in that subsection not
 4 less frequently than once every 5 business days.

5 **SEC. 10. REGISTRY MANAGEMENT AND WEBSITE SOFT-**
 6 **WARE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the
 8 date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General, in
 9 consultation with jurisdictions, shall develop and support
 10 software to enable jurisdictions to establish and operate
 11 uniform registries and websites required under section
 12 7(a)(1).

13 (b) CRITERIA.—The software developed and main-
 14 tained under subsection (a) shall facilitate—

15 (1) the immediate exchange of information
 16 among jurisdictions;

17 (2) public access over the internet to appro-
 18 priate information, including the number of reg-
 19 istered repeat violent felons in each jurisdiction on
 20 a current basis;

21 (3) full compliance with the requirements of
 22 this Act; and

23 (4) communication of information under the no-
 24 tification program.

1 **SEC. 11. IMPLEMENTATION BY JURISDICTIONS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Each jurisdiction shall implement
3 the requirements of this Act not later than the later of—

4 (1) 3 years after the date of enactment; and

5 (2) 1 year after the date on which the software
6 developed under section 10(a) is available for use by
7 jurisdictions.

8 (b) EXTENSIONS.—The Attorney General may au-
9 thorize for a jurisdiction not more than 2 1-year exten-
10 sions of the deadline for implementation prescribed under
11 subsection (a).

12 (c) FAILURE TO COMPLY.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (d),
14 for any fiscal year beginning after the date on which
15 a jurisdiction is required to begin to implement the
16 requirements of this Act, if the jurisdiction fails, as
17 determined by the Attorney General, to substantially
18 implement this Act, the Attorney General shall re-
19 duce the amounts that would otherwise be allocated
20 for that fiscal year to the jurisdiction under subpart
21 1 of part E of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control
22 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10151 et
23 seq.) by 10 percent.

24 (2) REALLOCATION; PURPOSE.—The Attorney
25 General may reallocate amounts not allocated to a
26 jurisdiction pursuant to paragraph (1) to that juris-

1 diction to be used solely for the purpose of imple-
2 menting the requirements of this Act.

3 (d) STATE CONSTITUTIONALITY.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—In evaluating whether a ju-
5 risdiction has substantially implemented the require-
6 ments of this Act for the purpose of subsection
7 (c)(1), the Attorney General shall consider whether
8 the jurisdiction is unable to substantially implement
9 those requirements because of a demonstrated in-
10 ability to implement certain provisions that would
11 place the jurisdiction in violation of the constitution
12 of the jurisdiction, as determined by a ruling of the
13 highest court of the jurisdiction.

14 (2) EFFORTS.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—If a jurisdiction is un-
16 able to substantially implement the require-
17 ments of this Act due to the circumstances de-
18 scribed in paragraph (1)—

19 (i) the Attorney General and the juris-
20 diction shall make good faith efforts to ac-
21 complish substantial implementation of
22 this Act and to reconcile any conflicts be-
23 tween this Act and the constitution of the
24 jurisdiction; and

1 (ii) the Attorney General may deter-
2 mine that the jurisdiction is in compliance
3 with this Act if the jurisdiction has made,
4 or is in the process of implementing, 2 rea-
5 sonable alternative procedures or accom-
6 modations consistent with the purposes of
7 this Act.

8 (B) CONSULTATION.—In considering
9 whether compliance with the requirements of
10 this Act would likely violate the constitution of
11 a jurisdiction or an interpretation thereof by
12 the highest court of the jurisdiction, the Attor-
13 ney General shall consult with the chief execu-
14 tive and chief legal officer of the jurisdiction
15 concerning the jurisdiction’s interpretation of
16 the jurisdiction’s constitution and rulings there-
17 on by the jurisdiction’s highest court.

18 (e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The provisions of this
19 Act directing States or officials of States shall be con-
20 strued to constitute conditions required to avoid the reduc-
21 tion of Federal funding described in subsection (c)(1).

1 **SEC. 12. REPEAT VIOLENT FELON MANAGEMENT ASSIST-**
2 **ANCE PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall estab-
4 lish and implement a program to be known as the “Repeat
5 Violent Felon Management Assistance Program”.

6 (b) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Under the program estab-
8 lished under subsection (a), the Attorney General
9 may award grants to jurisdictions to offset the costs
10 of implementing the requirements of this Act.

11 (2) APPLICATION.—The chief executive of a ju-
12 risdiction seeking a grant under this section shall,
13 for each fiscal year during which a grant under this
14 section is sought, submit to the Attorney General an
15 application in such form and containing such infor-
16 mation as the Attorney General may require.

17 (c) BONUS PAYMENTS FOR PROMPT COMPLIANCE.—

18 (1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY DEFINED.—In this sub-
19 section, the term “eligible entity” means a jurisdic-
20 tion that, as determined by the Attorney General,
21 substantially complies with the requirements of this
22 Act by a date that is not later than 2 years after
23 the date of enactment of this Act.

24 (2) BONUS PAYMENTS.—The Attorney General
25 may award an eligible entity with a grant as a bonus
26 for prompt compliance with the requirements of this

1 Act for the first fiscal year beginning after the date
2 on which the Attorney General determines the eligi-
3 ble entity is in substantial compliance with those re-
4 quirements.

5 (3) AMOUNT.—The amount of a payment under
6 this subsection to an eligible entity shall be, of the
7 total amount received by the eligible entity under a
8 grant under subsection (b) for the preceding fiscal
9 year—

10 (A) 10 percent if the Attorney General
11 makes the determination described in para-
12 graph (2) during the period beginning on the
13 date of enactment of this Act and ending on the
14 date that is 540 days after such date; and

15 (B) 5 percent if the Attorney General
16 makes the determination described in para-
17 graph (2) during the period beginning 540 days
18 after the date of enactment of this Act and end-
19 ing on the date that is 2 years after such date.

20 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
21 are authorized to be appropriated to the Attorney General
22 such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years
23 2027 and 2028 to carry out this section.

1 **SEC. 13. ELECTION AS JURISDICTION BY INDIAN TRIBES.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—An Indian Tribe may, by resolu-
3 tion or other enactment of the relevant Tribal council or
4 comparable governmental body—

5 (1) elect to qualify as a jurisdiction for the pur-
6 poses of this Act; or

7 (2) elect to—

8 (A) delegate the requirements of this Act
9 to not less than 1 jurisdiction within which the
10 territory of the Indian Tribe is located; or

11 (B) provide access to its territory and such
12 other cooperation and assistance as may be
13 needed to enable such other jurisdiction or ju-
14 risdictions to carry out and enforce the require-
15 ments of this part.

16 (b) IMPUTED ELECTION IN CERTAIN CASES.—An In-
17 dian Tribe shall be deemed to have made the election de-
18 scribed in subsection (a)(2)(B) if—

19 (1) the Indian Tribe is subject to the law en-
20 forcement jurisdiction of a State under section 1162
21 of title 18, United States Code; and

22 (2) the Indian Tribe—

23 (A) does not make an election under sub-
24 section (a)(1) by the date that is 1 year after
25 the date of enactment of this Act;

1 (B) rescinds an election of the Indian
 2 Tribe under subsection (a)(1); or

3 (C) the Attorney General determines that
 4 the Indian Tribe—

5 (i) has not substantially implemented
 6 the requirements of this Act; and

7 (ii) is not likely to become capable of
 8 substantially implementing the require-
 9 ments of this Act within a reasonable
 10 amount of time.

11 (c) COOPERATION BETWEEN TRIBAL AUTHORITIES
 12 AND OTHER JURISDICTIONS.—

13 (1) NONDUPLICATION.—An Indian Tribe that
 14 elects to be a jurisdiction for the purposes of this
 15 Act shall not be required to duplicate functions
 16 under this Act which are fully carried out by another
 17 jurisdiction or jurisdictions within which the terri-
 18 tory of the Indian Tribe is located.

19 (2) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—An Indian
 20 Tribe may, through cooperative agreements with a
 21 jurisdiction or jurisdictions described in paragraph
 22 (1)—

23 (A) arrange for the Indian Tribe to carry
 24 out any function of such a jurisdiction under

1 this Act with respect to repeat violent felons
2 subject to the Indian Tribe’s jurisdiction; and

3 (B) arrange for such a jurisdiction to carry
4 out any function of the Indian Tribe under this
5 Act with respect to repeat violent felons subject
6 to the Indian Tribe’s jurisdiction.

7 **SEC. 14. REGISTRATION OF REPEAT VIOLENT FELONS EN-**
8 **TERING THE UNITED STATES.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General, in con-
10 sultation with the Secretary of State and the Secretary
11 of Homeland Security, shall establish and maintain a sys-
12 tem for informing the relevant jurisdictions about individ-
13 uals entering the United States who are required to reg-
14 ister under this Act.

15 (b) INFORMATION PROVISION.—The Secretary of
16 State and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall pro-
17 vide information relevant to subsection (a) and carry out
18 such functions as the Attorney General may direct in the
19 operation of the system established under subsection (a).

20 **SEC. 15. REGISTRATION OF REPEAT VIOLENT FELONS RE-**
21 **LEASED FROM MILITARY CORRECTIONS FA-**
22 **CILITIES OR UPON CONVICTION.**

23 The Secretary of Defense shall provide to the Attor-
24 ney General the information described in section 5(c)(2)
25 to be included in the National Repeat Violent Felon Reg-

1 istry and the national website relating to repeat violent
2 felons who are—

3 (1) released from military corrections facilities
4 following a sentence imposed for the commission of
5 a qualifying offense; or

6 (2) convicted of a qualifying offense if the sen-
7 tences adjudged by courts-martial under chapter 47
8 of title 10, United States Code (the Uniform Code
9 of Military Justice), do not include confinement.

10 **SEC. 16. IMMUNITY FOR GOOD FAITH CONDUCT.**

11 The Federal Government, jurisdictions, political sub-
12 divisions of jurisdictions, and their agencies, officers, em-
13 ployees, and agents shall be immune from liability for good
14 faith conduct under this Act.

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