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To amend the Missing Children’s Assistance Act, to expand the purpose of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to cover individuals who are at least 18 but have not yet attained the age of 22.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. EDWARDS (for himself and Mr. BIDEN) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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 “Abducted Young  
5       Adults Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS IN REGARD TO VULNERABLE INVOLUN-**  
2 **TARILY MISSING YOUNG ADULTS.**

3 (a) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 402 of the  
4 Missing Children’s Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5771) is  
5 amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (2), by inserting after “these  
7 children” the following: “and involuntarily missing  
8 young adults”;

9 (2) in paragraph (3), by inserting after “these  
10 children” the following: “and involuntarily missing  
11 young adults”;

12 (3) in paragraph (4), by inserting after “many  
13 missing children” the following: “and involuntarily  
14 missing young adults”;

15 (4) in paragraph (6), by inserting after “ab-  
16 ducted children” the following: “and involuntarily  
17 missing young adults”; and

18 (5) in paragraph (7)—

19 (A) by inserting after “leads in missing  
20 children” the following: “and involuntarily miss-  
21 ing young adults”; and

22 (B) by inserting after “where the child”  
23 the following: “or involuntarily missing young  
24 adult”.

1 (b) ADDITIONAL FINDINGS.—Section 402 of the  
 2 Missing Children’s Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5771) is  
 3 amended by—

4 (1) redesignating paragraphs (2) through (21)  
 5 as paragraphs (3) through (22), respectively; and

6 (2) inserting after paragraph (1) the following:

7 “(2) each year many young adults are abducted  
 8 or are involuntarily missing under circumstances  
 9 which immediately place them in grave danger;”.

10 **SEC. 3. EXPANSION OF PURPOSE OF NATIONAL CENTER**  
 11 **FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN.**

12 Section 403 of the Missing Children’s Assistance Act  
 13 (42 U.S.C. 5772) is amended—

14 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as  
 15 paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively; and

16 (2) by adding after paragraph (1) the following:

17 “(2) the term ‘involuntarily missing young  
 18 adult’ means any individual who is at least 18 but  
 19 has not attained the age of 22 whose whereabouts  
 20 are unknown to such individual’s parent or guardian  
 21 if law enforcement determines—

22 “(A) there is a reasonable indication or  
 23 suspicion that the individual has been abducted  
 24 or is missing under circumstances suggesting  
 25 foul play or a threat to life; or

1 “(B) the individual is known to be suicidal  
 2 or has a severe medical condition that poses a  
 3 threat to his or her life;

4 “(3) the term ‘young adult’ means any indi-  
 5 vidual who is at least 18 but has not attained the  
 6 age of 22;”.

7 **SEC. 4. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATOR**  
 8 **IN REGARD TO INVOLUNTARILY MISSING**  
 9 **YOUNG ADULTS.**

10 Section 404 of the Missing Children’s Assistance Act  
 11 (42 U.S.C. 5773) is amended—

12 (1) in subsection (a)—

13 (A) in paragraph (2), by inserting after  
 14 “missing children” the following: “and involun-  
 15 tarily missing young adults”;

16 (B) in paragraph (5)(A), by inserting after  
 17 “missing children” the following: “and involun-  
 18 tarily missing young adults”;

19 (C) in paragraph (5)(B), by inserting after  
 20 “missing children” the following: “and involun-  
 21 tarily missing young adults”;

22 (D) in paragraph (5)(C), by—

23 (i) inserting after “missing children”  
 24 the following: “or involuntarily missing  
 25 young adults”; and

1 (ii) inserting after “or to children”  
 2 the following: “or involuntarily missing  
 3 young adults”; and

4 (E) in paragraph (5)(I)(iv), by inserting  
 5 after “missing children” the following: “and in-  
 6 voluntarily missing young adults”;

7 (2) in subsection (b)(1)—

8 (A) in subparagraph (A)(i), by—

9 (i) inserting after “regarding the loca-  
 10 tion of any” the following: “involuntarily  
 11 missing young adult or”; and

12 (ii) inserting after “reunite such child  
 13 with such child’s legal custodian” the fol-  
 14 lowing: “, or request information per-  
 15 taining to procedures necessary to notify  
 16 law enforcement about such involuntarily  
 17 missing young adult”;

18 (B) in subparagraph (C)(i), by inserting  
 19 after “children and their families” the fol-  
 20 lowing: “and involuntarily missing young adults  
 21 and their families”;

22 (C) by redesignating subparagraphs (E),  
 23 (F), and (G) as subparagraphs (F), (G), and  
 24 (H), respectively;

1 (D) by inserting after subparagraph (D)  
 2 the following:

3 “(E) to coordinate public and private pro-  
 4 grams which locate or recover involuntarily  
 5 missing young adults;”;

6 (E) in subparagraph (F), as redesignated,  
 7 by inserting after “missing and exploited chil-  
 8 dren” the following: “and involuntarily missing  
 9 young adults;”;

10 (F) in subparagraph (G), as redesignated  
 11 by inserting after “missing and exploited chil-  
 12 dren” the following: “and involuntarily missing  
 13 young adults”; and

14 (G) in subparagraph (H), as redesignated,  
 15 by inserting after “missing and exploited chil-  
 16 dren” the following: “and involuntarily missing  
 17 young adults;”;

18 (3) in subsection (c)—

19 (A) paragraph (1), by inserting after  
 20 “number of children” each place it appears (ex-  
 21 cept after “who are victims of parental  
 22 kidnappings”) the following: “and involuntarily  
 23 missing young adults”; and

1 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting after  
 2 “missing children” the following: “and involun-  
 3 tarily missing young adults”.

4 **SEC. 5. AUTHORITY OF ADMINISTRATOR TO MAKE GRANTS**  
 5 **AND ENTER IN CONTRACTS RELATING TO IN-**  
 6 **VOLUNTARILY MISSING YOUNG ADULTS.**

7 Section 405 of the Missing Children’s Assistance Act  
 8 (42 U.S.C. 5775) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a)—

10 (A) in paragraph (1)—

11 (i) by inserting after “children,” the  
 12 first place it appears the following: “young  
 13 adults,”;

14 (ii) by inserting after “children” the  
 15 second place it appears the following: “or  
 16 involuntarily missing young adults”;

17 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting after  
 18 “children” the following: “or involuntarily miss-  
 19 ing young adults”;

20 (C) in paragraph (3), by inserting after  
 21 “children” the following: “or involuntarily miss-  
 22 ing young adults”;

23 (D) in paragraph (4)—

24 (i) in the matter before subparagraph  
 25 (A), by inserting after “children” the fol-

1           lowing: “or involuntarily missing young  
2           adults”;

3           (ii) in subparagraph (A), by inserting  
4           after “child” each place it appears the fol-  
5           lowing: “or involuntarily missing young  
6           adult”; and

7           (iii) in subparagraph (B), by inserting  
8           after “child” the following: “or involun-  
9           tarily missing young adult”;

10          (E) in paragraph (5), by inserting after  
11          “missing children’s” the following: “or involun-  
12          tarily missing young adults’ ”;

13          (F) in paragraph (6), by inserting after  
14          “children” each place it appears the following:  
15          “or involuntarily missing young adults”;

16          (G) in paragraph (7), by inserting after  
17          “children” each place it appears the following:  
18          “or involuntarily missing young adults”; and

19          (H) in paragraph (9), by inserting after  
20          “children” the following: “or involuntarily miss-  
21          ing young adults”; and

22          (2) in subsection (b)(1)—

23                (A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting after  
24                “children” the first place it appears the fol-  
25                lowing: “or involuntarily missing young adults”;



1 (B) in subparagraph (B), by inserting  
 2 after “services to” the following: “involuntarily  
 3 missing young adults,”; and

4 (C) in subparagraph (C), by inserting after  
 5 “children” the following: “or involuntarily miss-  
 6 ing young adults”.

7 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

8 Section 408(a) of the Missing Children’s Assistance  
 9 Act (42 U.S.C. 5777(a)) is amended by adding at the end  
 10 the following: “In addition, there is authorized to be ap-  
 11 propriated \$2,500,000 for fiscal years 2001 through 2003  
 12 to carry out the provisions of the amendments made to  
 13 this Act by the Abducted Young Adults Act.”.

14 **SEC. 7. SPECIAL STUDY AND REPORT.**

15 (a) STUDY.—Not later than 1 year after the date of  
 16 enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Office of  
 17 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention shall begin  
 18 to conduct a study to determine the obstacles that prevent  
 19 or impede law enforcement from recovering involuntarily  
 20 missing young adults.

21 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date  
 22 of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Office  
 23 of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention shall sub-  
 24 mit a report to the chairman of the Committee on the Ju-  
 25 diciary of the House of Representatives and the chairman

1 of the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate con-  
2 taining a description, and a summary of the results, of  
3 the study conducted under subsection (a).

4 **SEC. 8. REPORTING REQUIREMENT.**

5 Section 3701(a) of the Crime Control Act of 1990  
6 (42 U.S.C. 5779) is amended by adding at the end the  
7 following: “Each Federal, State, and local law enforce-  
8 ment agency may report each case of an involuntarily  
9 missing young adult reported to such agency to the Na-  
10 tional Crime Information Center of the Department of  
11 Justice.”.

12 **SEC. 9. STATE REQUIREMENTS.**

13 Section 3702 of the Crime Control Act of 1990 (42  
14 U.S.C. 5780) is amended by—

15 (1) redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph  
16 (4);

17 (2) inserting after paragraph (2) the following:

18 “(3) provide that each involuntarily missing  
19 young adult report and all necessary and available  
20 information with respect to such report, shall  
21 include—

22 “(A) the name, date of birth, sex, race,  
23 height, weight, and eye and hair color of the in-  
24 voluntarily missing young adult;

1           “(B) the date and location of the last  
2           known contact with the involuntarily missing  
3           young adult; and

4           “(C) once the State agency receiving the  
5           case has made a determination to enter such re-  
6           port into the State law enforcement system and  
7           the National Crime Information Center com-  
8           puter networks, and make such report available  
9           to the Missing and Exploited Children Informa-  
10          tion Clearinghouse within the State or other  
11          agency designated within the State to receive  
12          such reports, shall immediately enter such re-  
13          port and all necessary and available information  
14          described in subparagraphs (A) and (B);”;

15          (3) in paragraph (4), as redesignated, by strik-  
16          ing “paragraph (2)” and inserting the following:  
17          “paragraphs (2) and (3)”; and

18          (4) in paragraph (4)(C), as redesignated, by in-  
19          serting after “missing children” the following: “and  
20          involuntarily missing young adults”.

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