

Calendar No. 542

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION**S. 2344**

To create a competitive grant program to provide for age-appropriate Internet education for children.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 13, 2007

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

DECEMBER 13, 2007

Reported by Mr. LEAHY, without amendment

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 “Internet Safety Edu-
5 cation Act of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR INTERNET SAFETY EDUCATION PRO-**
2 **GRAMS.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to the availability of
4 the funds authorized to be appropriated under this section,
5 the Attorney General of the United States shall create and
6 administer a competitive grant program for eligible orga-
7 nizations to carry out Internet safety education programs.

8 (b) ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATION.—For purposes of this
9 section, the Attorney General shall by rule define the term
10 eligible organization. The rulemaking conducted under
11 this subsection shall require that the term eligible organi-
12 zation includes State organizations.

13 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

14 (1) the term “Internet safety” includes issues
15 regarding the use of the Internet in a manner that
16 promotes safe online activity for children, includ-
17 ing—

18 (A) interacting with other individuals on
19 social networking programs, chat rooms, email,
20 bulletin boards, instant messaging, and other
21 means of online communication;

22 (B) teaching parents and teachers about
23 online safety for children; and

24 (C) empowering and encouraging parents
25 to talk to their children about internet safety;
26 and

1 (2) the term “Internet safety education pro-
2 grams” means programs that provide—

3 (A) age-appropriate free Internet Safety
4 education services to children; and

5 (B) free Internet Safety programs for par-
6 ents and teachers for the purpose of educating
7 children.

8 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
9 authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 for grants
10 under this section for each of fiscal years 2008 through
11 2012.

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