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To establish a grants program to assist States and units of local governments to establish and expand programs that employ global positioning system technologies as alternative sentencing options, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WEINER 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 “GPS Protection &
5 Safety Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. GPS ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING OPTIONS GRANTS**
7 **PROGRAM.**

8 (a) GRANT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall
2 establish a program under which the Attorney Gen-
3 eral may make grants to States and units of local
4 government to establish or expand programs that
5 provide for global positioning system to be used by
6 law enforcement agencies of such States and units
7 of local government to monitor individuals described
8 in paragraph (2) as an alternative to incarcerating
9 such individuals or in order to ensure compliance by
10 such individuals with the terms and conditions of a
11 properly issued protective order or other court man-
12 dated condition.

13 (2) INDIVIDUALS DESCRIBED.—An individual
14 described in this paragraph includes the following:

15 (A) An individual who is a convicted sex
16 offender.

17 (B) An individual who is subject to an
18 order of protection or a restraining order.

19 (C) An individual who is charged or con-
20 victed for driving while intoxicated.

21 (b) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant
22 under subsection (a), a State or unit of local government
23 shall submit to the Attorney General an application at
24 such time, in such manner, and containing such informa-
25 tion as the Attorney General may require through con-

1 sultation and coordination with appropriate district attor-
2 neys, court systems, local probation departments, and po-
3 lice and sheriff departments.

4 (c) GAO STUDY.—The Comptroller General shall
5 conduct a study to examine the extent to which the use
6 of a global positioning system is effective as a means to
7 track individuals described in subsection (a)(2).

8 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 (1) GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM.—The term
10 “global positioning system” means a satellite-based
11 navigation system made up of satellites designed to
12 pinpoint longitude and latitude through the trans-
13 mission of digital radio signals.

14 (2) SEX OFFENDER.—The term “sex offender”
15 has the meaning given such term in section 111 of
16 the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of
17 2006.

18 (3) STATE.—The term “State” includes the 50
19 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth
20 of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the North-
21 ern Mariana Islands, and the United States Virgin
22 Islands.

23 (4) UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—The term
24 “unit of local government” has the meaning given
25 such term in section 901 of the Omnibus Crime

1 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C.
2 3791).

3 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
4 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act
5 \$140,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2010 through
6 2014.

7 **SEC. 3. PUBLIC SERVICE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall pro-
9 vide for a public service awareness campaign to educate
10 the public on the importance of reporting instances of
11 stalking.

12 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
13 authorized to be appropriated to carry out subsection (a)
14 \$10,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2010 through
15 2014.

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