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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 SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MENENDEZ introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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
5 Missing Alert Program Act of 2014”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROGRAM TO ASSIST FEDERAL, STATE, TRIBAL,**
 2 **AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**
 3 **IN THE RAPID RECOVERY OF MISSING CHIL-**
 4 **DREN, THE ELDERLY, AND DISABLED INDI-**
 5 **VIDUALS.**

6 Section 1701 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control
 7 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796dd) is
 8 amended—

9 (1) in subsection (b)—

10 (A) in paragraph (16), by striking “and”
 11 after the semicolon;

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

14 (C) by adding at the end the following new
 15 paragraph:

16 “(18) to permit eligible nonprofit organizations
 17 to assist Federal, State, tribal, and local law en-
 18 forcement agencies in the rapid recovery of missing
 19 children, elderly individuals, and disabled individuals
 20 through the use of a rapid telephone and cellular
 21 alert call system, in accordance with subsection (l).”;
 22 and

23 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
 24 section:

25 “(l) CHILD AND ELDERLY MISSING ALERTS.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General is
2 authorized to award grants to eligible nonprofit or-
3 ganizations to assist Federal, State, tribal, and local
4 law enforcement agencies in the rapid recovery of
5 missing children, elderly individuals, and disabled in-
6 dividuals through the use of a rapid telephone and
7 cellular alert call system.

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

10 “(A) provide services to Federal, State,
11 tribal, and local law enforcement agencies, in
12 response to a request from such agencies, to
13 promote the rapid recovery of a missing child,
14 an elderly individual, or a disabled individual by
15 utilizing rapid telephone and cellular alert calls;

16 “(B) maintain and expand technologies
17 and techniques to ensure the highest level of
18 performance of such services;

19 “(C) provide both centralized and on-site
20 training and distribute information to Federal,
21 State, tribal, and local law enforcement agency
22 officials about missing children, elderly individ-
23 uals, and disabled individuals and use of a
24 rapid telephone and cellular alert call system;

1 “(D) provide services to Federal, State,
2 tribal, and local Child Abduction Response
3 Teams;

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

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

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

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

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

6 “(5) EVALUATION.—The Attorney General shall
 7 require each grantee under this subsection to annu-
 8 ally submit the results of the monitoring and evalua-
 9 tions required under subsections (a) and (b) of sec-
 10 tion 1705, and shall publish an annual report re-
 11 garding such results and the effectiveness of the ac-
 12 tivities carried out under each such grant.

13 “(6) INAPPLICABLE PROVISIONS.—The fol-
 14 lowing provisions of this part shall not apply to
 15 grants 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—

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

“(ii) an individual who has been diagnosed by a physician or other qualified medical professional with Alzheimer’s disease or a related dementia.

“(C) ELDERLY INDIVIDUAL.—The term ‘elderly individual’ means an individual who is 60 years of age or older.

“(D) MISSING.—The term ‘missing’, with respect to a child, an elderly individual, or a disabled individual, means such a child or individual who has been reported to law enforcement as missing and whose whereabouts are unknown to Federal, State, tribal, and local law enforcement agencies.

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

1 “(i) based on the last known where-
2 abouts of a missing individual; or

3 “(ii) based on other evidence and de-
4 termined by such law enforcement agency
5 to be necessary to the search for the miss-
6 ing individual.”.

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