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S. 3343

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 2016”.

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 (17), by striking “and”
 11 after the semicolon;

12 (B) in paragraph (18), by striking the pe-
 13 riod and inserting “; and”; and

14 (C) by adding at the end the following:

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

22 (2) by adding at the end the following:

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

24 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General may
 25 award grants to eligible nonprofit organizations to
 26 assist Federal, State, tribal, and local law enforce-

1 ment agencies in the rapid recovery of missing chil-
2 dren, elderly individuals, and disabled individuals
3 through the use of a rapid telephone and cellular
4 alert call system.

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

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

13 “(B) maintain and expand technologies
14 and techniques to ensure the highest level of
15 performance of such services;

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

22 “(D) provide services to Federal, State,
23 tribal, and local Child Abduction Response
24 Teams;

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

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

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

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

23 “(4) GRANT PERIOD AND RENEWAL.—The At-
24 torney General shall determine an appropriate grant
25 period for grants awarded under this subsection.

1 Such grants may be renewed at the discretion of the
2 Attorney General.

3 “(5) EVALUATION.—The Attorney General
4 shall—

5 “(A) require each grantee under this sub-
6 section to annually submit the results of the
7 monitoring and evaluations required under sub-
8 sections (a) and (b) of section 1705; and

9 “(B) publish an annual report regarding
10 such results and the effectiveness of the activi-
11 ties carried out under each such grant.

12 “(6) INAPPLICABLE PROVISIONS.—The fol-
13 lowing provisions of this part shall not apply to
14 grants awarded under this subsection:

15 “(A) Subsection (j) of this section (relating
16 to grants to Indian tribes).

17 “(B) Section 1703 (relating to renewal of
18 grants).

19 “(7) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

20 “(A) CHILD.—The term ‘child’ means an
21 individual under 21 years of age.

22 “(B) DISABLED INDIVIDUAL.—The term
23 ‘disabled individual’ means—

24 “(i) an individual with one or more
25 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 not less than 1,000 telephone and cellular calls in 60 seconds to a specific geographic area determined by law enforcement—

“(i) based on the last known whereabouts of a missing individual; or

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

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