

- (A) physical, sexual, and psychological abuse of elders;
- (B) exploitation of elders, including financial abuse and scams targeting elders; and
- (C) neglect of elders; and

(2) assessing, addressing, and mitigating the physical and psychological trauma to victims of elder abuse.

(Pub. L. 115–70, title IV, §403, Oct. 18, 2017, 131 Stat. 1214.)

§ 21742. Interstate initiatives

(a) Interstate agreements and compacts

The consent of Congress is given to any two or more States (acting through State agencies with jurisdiction over adult protective services) to enter into agreements or compacts for cooperative effort and mutual assistance—

- (1) in promoting the safety and well-being of elders; and
- (2) in enforcing their respective laws and policies to promote such safety and well-being.

(b) Recommendations on interstate communication

The Executive Director of the State Justice Institute, in consultation with State or local adult protective services, aging, social, and human services and law enforcement agencies, nationally recognized nonprofit associations with expertise in data sharing among criminal justice agencies and familiarity with the issues raised in elder abuse cases, and the Secretary of Health and Human Services, shall submit to Congress legislative proposals relating to the facilitation of interstate agreements and compacts.

(Pub. L. 115–70, title IV, §404, Oct. 18, 2017, 131 Stat. 1215.)

SUBCHAPTER V—MISCELLANEOUS

§ 21751. Model power of attorney legislation

The Attorney General shall publish model power of attorney legislation for the purpose of preventing elder abuse.

(Pub. L. 115–70, title V, §504, Oct. 18, 2017, 131 Stat. 1217.)

§ 21752. Best practices and model legislation for guardianship proceedings

The Attorney General shall publish best practices for improving guardianship proceedings and model legislation relating to guardianship proceedings for the purpose of preventing elder abuse.

(Pub. L. 115–70, title V, §505, Oct. 18, 2017, 131 Stat. 1217.)

CHAPTER 219—ASHANTI ALERT COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

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§ 21901. Definitions

In this chapter:

(1) AMBER Alert communications network

The term “AMBER Alert communications network” means the AMBER Alert communications network established under subtitle A of title III of the PROTECT Act (34 U.S.C. 20501 et seq.).

(2) Ashanti Alert

The term “Ashanti Alert” means an alert issued through the Ashanti Alert communications network, related to a missing adult.

(3) Ashanti Alert communications network

The term “Ashanti Alert communications network” means the national communications network established by the Attorney General under section 21902(a) of this title.

(4) Ashanti Alert Coordinator of the Department of Justice; Coordinator

The term “Ashanti Alert Coordinator of the Department of Justice” or “Coordinator” means the employee designated by the Attorney General to act as the national coordinator of the Ashanti Alert communications network under section 21903(a) of this title.

(5) Ashanti Alert plan

The term “Ashanti Alert plan” means a local element of the Ashanti Alert communications network.

(6) Indian Tribe

The term “Indian Tribe” means a federally recognized Indian Tribe or a Native village, Regional Corporation, or Village Corporation (as those terms are defined in section 1602 of title 43).

(7) Missing adult

The term “missing adult” means an individual who—

- (A) is older than the age for which an alert may be issued through the AMBER Alert communications network in the State or territory of an Indian Tribe in which the individual is identified as a missing individual;
- (B) is identified by a law enforcement agency as a missing individual; and
- (C) meets the requirements to be designated as a missing adult, as determined by the State in which, or the Indian Tribe in the territory of which, the individual is identified as a missing individual.

(8) State

The term “State” means each of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

(Pub. L. 106–468, title II, §201, as added Pub. L. 115–401, §2(5), Dec. 31, 2018, 132 Stat. 5336.)