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To establish a grant program to provide Internet crime prevention education.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BAYH, and Mr. JOHNSON) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Internet Safety Edu-
5 cation Act of 2008”.

6 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHING GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE**
7 **INTERNET CRIME PREVENTION EDUCATION.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF GRANT PROGRAM.—Subject
9 to the availability of the funds authorized to be appro-
10 priated under subsection (e), the Attorney General of the

1 United States shall establish a program to award grants
2 to eligible entities for the purpose of providing Internet
3 crime prevention education.

4 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—In order to be eligible to receive
5 a grant under this section, an entity shall—

6 (1) assist elementary and secondary school ad-
7 ministrators, faculty, and staff and law enforcement
8 officials to implement Internet crime prevention edu-
9 cation;

10 (2) be located within the United States, the
11 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or a territory or pos-
12 session of the United States; and

13 (3) submit an application at such time, in such
14 form, and with such information and assurances as
15 the Attorney General may require.

16 (c) CRITERIA FOR PRIORITIZATION OF GRANT RE-
17 CIPIENTS.—The Attorney General, in awarding grants
18 under this section, shall develop selection criteria, includ-
19 ing but not limited to that the entity—

20 (1) provides Internet crime prevention edu-
21 cation in all 50 States, the District of Columbia, the
22 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and territories and
23 possessions of the United States;

24 (2) provides Internet crime prevention edu-
25 cation through both in person instruction and

1 courses offered in whole or in part through tele-
2 communications; and

3 (3) provides comprehensive curricula at no cost
4 to participants for use in teaching elementary and
5 secondary school students that—

6 (A) is based on current brain development
7 research;

8 (B) is aligned to the National Educational
9 Technology Standards for teachers, students,
10 and administrators;

11 (C) is accessible in a variety of physical
12 settings both with and without computing capa-
13 bilities; and

14 (D) meets a variety of teaching and learn-
15 ing needs, including materials that are age ap-
16 propriate and accommodate differing levels of
17 language proficiencies.

18 (d) INTERNET CRIME PREVENTION EDUCATION DE-
19 FINED.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The term “Internet crime
21 prevention education” means programs that help
22 parents, educators, and law enforcement officials to
23 educate children and communities about how to rec-
24 ognize and prevent potentially criminal activity on
25 the Internet, telephone, and other electronic means.

1 (2) RELATED DEFINITIONS.—

2 (A) POTENTIALLY CRIMINAL ACTIVITY.—

3 The term “potentially criminal activity” in-
 4 cludes access through the Internet, telephone,
 5 and other electronic means to potentially illegal
 6 activity, including sexual or racial harassment,
 7 cyberbullying, sexual exploitation, exposure to
 8 pornography, and privacy violations.

9 (B) CYBERBULLYING.—The term
 10 “cyberbullying” includes any form of psycho-
 11 logical bullying or harassment by an individual
 12 or group, using electronic means, including e-
 13 mail, instant messaging, text messages, blogs,
 14 telephones, pagers, and websites, to support de-
 15 liberate, repeated, and hostile behavior that is
 16 intended to harm others.

17 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
 18 authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 for grants
 19 under subsection (a) for each of the fiscal years 2009
 20 through 2013.

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