

112TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 4305

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.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 29, 2012

Mr. CHABOT (for himself and Mr. DEUTCH) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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”.

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 an eligible nonprofit organiza-  
17 tion 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 “(1) CHILD AND ELDERLY MISSING ALERTS.—

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

8           “(2) SPECIFIED USE OF FUNDS.—The grant  
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, and local law enforcement agency offi-  
22 cials about missing children, elderly individuals,  
23 and disabled individuals and use of a rapid tele-  
24 phone 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 the grant under this  
21          subsection, a nonprofit organization shall—

22                 “(A) have 5 or more years of experience  
23                 providing rapid telephone and cellular alert calls  
24                 on behalf of Federal, State, and local law en-

1           enforcement agencies to find missing children and  
2           elderly adults;

3           “(B) provide documentation of safe recov-  
4           eries of missing children and elderly individuals  
5           assisted by the organization; and

6           “(C) have the ability to provide services  
7           and educational assistance to Federal, State,  
8           tribal, and local law enforcement agencies in  
9           every State.

10          “(4) GRANT PERIOD AND RENEWAL.—The At-  
11          torney General shall determine an appropriate grant  
12          period for the grant awarded under this subsection,  
13          and such grant may be renewed at the discretion of  
14          the Attorney General.

15          “(5) EVALUATION.—The Attorney General shall  
16          require the grantee under this subsection to annually  
17          submit the results of the monitoring and evaluations  
18          required under subsections (a) and (b) of section  
19          1705, and shall publish an annual report regarding  
20          such results and the effectiveness of the activities  
21          carried out under such grant.

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

1           “(A) Subsection (g) of this section (relat-  
2           ing to matching funds).

3           “(B) Subsection (j) of this section (relating  
4           to grants to Indian tribes).

5           “(C) Section 1703 (relating to renewal of  
6           grants).

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

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

10          “(B) DISABLED INDIVIDUAL.—The term  
11          ‘disabled individual’ means—

12                 “(i) an individual with 1 or more dis-  
13                 abilities (as defined in section 3 of the  
14                 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990  
15                 (42 U.S.C. 12102)); or

16                 “(ii) an individual who has been diag-  
17                 nosed by a physician or other qualified  
18                 medical professional with Alzheimer’s dis-  
19                 ease or a related dementia.

20          “(C) ELDERLY INDIVIDUAL.—The term  
21          ‘elderly individual’ means an individual who is  
22          55 years of age or older.

23          “(D) MISSING.—The term ‘missing’, with  
24          respect to a child, an elderly individual, or a  
25          disabled individual, means such a child or indi-

1           vidual who has been reported missing and  
2           whose whereabouts are unknown to Federal,  
3           State, tribal, and local law enforcement agen-  
4           cies.

5           “(E) RAPID TELEPHONE AND CELLULAR  
6           ALERT CALL SYSTEM.—The term ‘rapid tele-  
7           phone and cellular alert call system’ means an  
8           automated system with the ability to place at  
9           least 1,000 telephone and cellular calls in 60  
10          seconds to a specific geographic area deter-  
11          mined by law enforcement—

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

14                 “(ii) based on other evidence and de-  
15                 termined by such law enforcement agency  
16                 to be necessary to the search for the miss-  
17                 ing individual.”.

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