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To promote crime awareness and cybercrime prevention initiatives, and for other purposes.

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Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ (for herself and Mr. CULBERSON) introduced the following bill; which was 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 “Adolescent Web
5 Awareness Requires Education Act” or the “AWARE
6 Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM.**

8 (a) **AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS.**—

9 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to subsection (e)(1),
10 the Attorney General shall make grants to eligible

1 entities to carry out an Internet crime awareness
2 and cybercrime prevention program.

3 (2) PERIOD.—A grant under this section shall
4 be for a 2-year period.

5 (b) APPLICATION.—An eligible entity desiring a grant
6 under this section shall submit an application to the Attor-
7 ney General, which shall include—

8 (1) a description of the partnership arrange-
9 ments, if any, of the eligible entity relating to the
10 activities to be carried out with the grant;

11 (2) a description of the measurable goals of the
12 eligible entity relating to the activities to be carried
13 out with the grant;

14 (3) a description of how the Internet crime
15 awareness and cybercrime prevention program of the
16 eligible entity shall achieve the measurable goals de-
17 scribed in paragraph (2);

18 (4) a description of the plan of the eligible enti-
19 ty to continue to implement the Internet crime
20 awareness and cybercrime prevention program after
21 the grant under this section ends;

22 (5) a description of how funds under the grant
23 may be used and coordinated with Internet crime
24 awareness and cybercrime prevention programs
25 being carried out on the date of enactment of this

1 Act or other Internet crime awareness and
2 cybercrime prevention programs established with
3 grants under this section;

4 (6) a description of the target audience under
5 the proposed Internet crime awareness and
6 cybercrime prevention program;

7 (7) a certification that the eligible entity en-
8 forces the operation of measures which prevent the
9 Internet from being used to victimize children if the
10 eligible entity provides Internet access to minors;
11 and

12 (8) any other information or assurances re-
13 quired by the Attorney General.

14 (c) PRIORITIZATION.—In making grants under this
15 section, the Attorney General shall give priority to an eligi-
16 ble entity that—

17 (1) identifies and targets children at-risk of en-
18 gaging in cybercrimes or becoming crime victims;

19 (2) works in partnership with the private sec-
20 tor, law enforcement, the philanthropic community,
21 the media, researchers, social services organizations,
22 or other community-based groups;

23 (3) provides Internet crime awareness and
24 cybercrime prevention programs at no cost to stu-
25 dents or schools;

1 (4) accommodates different languages and lan-
2 guage proficiencies;

3 (5) accommodates differing levels of techno-
4 logical sophistication; or

5 (6) has a viable plan to sustain the Internet
6 crime awareness and cybercrime prevention program
7 after the grant program ends.

8 (d) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity may use a
9 grant under this section to—

10 (1) identify, develop, and implement Internet
11 crime awareness and cybercrime prevention pro-
12 grams, including educational technology, multimedia
13 and interactive applications, online resources, and
14 lesson plans;

15 (2) provide professional training to elementary
16 and secondary school teachers, administrators, and
17 other staff on crime awareness and cybercrime pre-
18 vention;

19 (3) educate parents about teaching their chil-
20 dren how to protect themselves from becoming vic-
21 tims of Internet crime;

22 (4) develop Internet crime awareness and
23 cybercrime prevention programs for children;

1 (5) train and support peer-driven Internet
2 crime awareness and cybercrime prevention initia-
3 tives;

4 (6) coordinate and fund research initiatives that
5 investigate online risks to children and Internet
6 crime awareness and cybercrime prevention; or

7 (7) develop and implement public education
8 campaigns to promote awareness of crimes against
9 children on the Internet and the prevention of such
10 crimes.

11 (e) GRANT GUIDANCE.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Before making grants under
13 this section, and not later than 1 month after the
14 date on which the study under paragraph (3)(A) is
15 completed, the Attorney General, in consultation
16 with education groups, Internet crime awareness and
17 cybercrime prevention groups, and other relevant ex-
18 perts in the field of new media and child safety,
19 shall issue detailed guidance for the grant program
20 under this section.

21 (2) CONTENTS OF GUIDANCE.—The grant guid-
22 ance shall be implemented by the Attorney General
23 in accordance with best practices relating to Internet
24 crime awareness and cybercrime prevention and the

1 research-based recommendations derived from the
2 study conducted under paragraph (3)(A).

3 (3) INTERNET CRIME AWARENESS AND
4 CYBERCRIME PREVENTION RESEARCH.—

5 (A) INITIAL RESEARCH.—The Attorney
6 General shall enter into contracts with 1 or
7 more private companies, government agencies,
8 or nonprofit organizations to complete a study,
9 not later than 6 months after the date of enact-
10 ment of this Act, regarding—

11 (i) the nature, prevalence, and quality
12 of Internet crime awareness and
13 cybercrime prevention programs and any
14 evidence-based research conducted relating
15 to the programs;

16 (ii) findings regarding which children
17 are most at risk of becoming crime victims;

18 (iii) gaps in Internet crime awareness
19 and cybercrime prevention and youth on-
20 line risk research; and

21 (iv) any other area determined appro-
22 priate by the Attorney General.

23 (B) ADDITIONAL RESEARCH.—Subject to
24 the availability of appropriations, the Attorney
25 General shall enter into contracts with private

1 companies, government agencies, or nonprofit
2 organizations to conduct additional research re-
3 garding the issues described in subparagraph
4 (A). Any research conducted under this sub-
5 paragraph shall be included in the reports
6 under subsection (g)(3).

7 (f) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Attorney General
8 shall provide technical assistance to eligible entities that
9 receive a grant under this section, which may include
10 maintaining a Web site to facilitate outreach and commu-
11 nication among the eligible entities that receive a grant
12 under this section.

13 (g) REPORTS.—

14 (1) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—An eligible entity
15 that receives a grant under this section shall submit
16 to the Attorney General and make public an annual
17 report regarding the activities carried out using
18 funds made available under the grant, which shall
19 include—

20 (A) a description of how the eligible entity
21 implemented the Internet crime awareness and
22 cybercrime prevention program carried out with
23 the grant;

24 (B) a detailed description of the audience
25 reached;

1 (C) an analysis of whether and to what de-
2 gree the goals for the Internet crime awareness
3 and cybercrime prevention program were met;

4 (D) an analysis of the challenges, if any,
5 that interfered with achieving the goals de-
6 scribed in subparagraph (C);

7 (E) plans for future Internet crime aware-
8 ness and cybercrime prevention programs; and

9 (F) an accounting of the funds used.

10 (2) COMPILATION OF ANNUAL REPORTS FOR
11 REVISED GRANT GUIDANCE.—The Attorney General
12 shall—

13 (A) review the report under paragraph (1)
14 submitted by each eligible entity that receives a
15 grant under this section during the first fiscal
16 year for which grants under this section are
17 made; and

18 (B) not later than 6 months after the date
19 on which all reports described in subparagraph
20 (A) are submitted, modify, as appropriate, the
21 grant guidance based on the reports.

22 (3) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
23 27 months after the date on which the Attorney
24 General makes the first grant under this section,
25 and annually thereafter, the Attorney General shall

1 submit to Congress a report regarding the grant
2 program under this section, which shall include—

3 (A) a compilation of the information and
4 findings of the annual reports submitted under
5 paragraph (1);

6 (B) the findings and conclusions of the At-
7 torney General, including findings and conclu-
8 sions relating to the effectiveness of Internet
9 crime awareness and cybercrime prevention pro-
10 grams carried out using a grant under this sec-
11 tion; and

12 (C) best practices identified by the Attor-
13 ney General relating to Internet crime aware-
14 ness and cybercrime prevention.

15 (h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
17 appropriated to the Attorney General to carry out
18 this section \$25,000,000 for each of fiscal years
19 2010 through 2014.

20 (2) LIMITATION.—Of amounts made available
21 to carry out this section, not more than 5 percent
22 shall be available to carry out subsections (e), (f),
23 and (g)(2).

24 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

25 In this Act, the following definitions apply:

1 (1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
2 ty” means—

3 (A) a partnership between a State edu-
4 cational agency and 1 or more local educational
5 agencies (as those terms are defined in section
6 9101 of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
7 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801)) of the
8 State;

9 (B) a local educational agency;

10 (C) a nonprofit organization; or

11 (D) a consortium of elementary schools or
12 secondary schools (as those terms are defined in
13 section 9101 of the Elementary and Secondary
14 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801)) col-
15 laborating with an entity described in subpara-
16 graph (A), (B), or (C).

17 (2) GRANT GUIDANCE.—The term “grant guid-
18 ance” means the grant guidance issued under sec-
19 tion 2(e)(1).

20 (3) INTERNET CRIME AWARENESS AND
21 CYBERCRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM.—The term
22 “Internet crime awareness and cybercrime preven-
23 tion program” means an age-appropriate, research-
24 based program that prevents children from becoming
25 the victims of Internet crime by encouraging safe

1 and responsible use of the Internet, promoting an in-
2 formed, critical understanding of Internet dangers,
3 and educating children, parents, and communities
4 about how to prevent or respond to problems or dan-
5 gers related to the Internet or new media.

6 (4) NEW MEDIA.—The term “new media”—

7 (A) means emerging digital, computerized,
8 or networked information and communication
9 technologies that often have interactive capabili-
10 ties; and

11 (B) includes email, instant messaging, text
12 messaging, Web sites, blogs, interactive gaming,
13 social media, cell phones, and mobile devices.

14 (5) NONPROFIT.—The term “nonprofit” means
15 an organization that is described in section 501(c) of
16 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from
17 tax under section 501(a) of that Code.

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