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To reauthorize certain programs established by the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SENSENBRENNER (for himself, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, and Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York) 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 “Adam Walsh Reau-
5 thorization Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE (SOMA)**
2 **PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION.**

3 Section 126(d) of the Adam Walsh Child Protection
4 and Safety Act of 2006 (42 U.S.C. 16926(d)) is amended
5 to read as follows:

6 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
7 are authorized to be appropriated to the Attorney General
8 \$20,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2018 through
9 2022, to be available only for the SOMA program.”.

10 **SEC. 3. REAUTHORIZATION OF FEDERAL ASSISTANCE WITH**
11 **RESPECT TO VIOLATIONS OF REGISTRATION**
12 **REQUIREMENTS.**

13 Section 142(b) of the Adam Walsh Child Protection
14 and Safety Act of 2006 (42 U.S.C. 16941(b)) is amended
15 by striking “such sums as may be necessary for fiscal
16 years 2007 through 2009” and inserting “to the United
17 States Marshals Service not less than \$66,300,000 for
18 each of the fiscal years 2018 through 2022”.

19 **SEC. 4. DURATION OF SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION RE-**
20 **QUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN JUVENILES.**

21 Subparagraph (B) of section 115(b)(2) of the Adam
22 Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 (42 U.S.C.
23 16915(b)(2)) is amended by striking “25 years” and in-
24 serting “15 years”.

1 **SEC. 5. PUBLIC ACCESS TO JUVENILE SEX OFFENDER IN-**
2 **FORMATION.**

3 Section 118(c) of the Adam Walsh Child Protection
4 and Safety Act of 2006 (42 U.S.C. 16918(c)) is amend-
5 ed—

6 (1) by striking “and” after the semicolon in
7 paragraph (3);

8 (2) by redesignating paragraph (4) as para-
9 graph (5); and

10 (3) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-
11 lowing:

12 “(4) any information about a sex offender for
13 whom the offense giving rise to the duty to register
14 was an offense for which the offender was adju-
15 dicated delinquent; and”.

16 **SEC. 6. PROTECTION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM**
17 **STATE NONCOMPLIANCE PENALTY UNDER**
18 **SORNA.**

19 Section 125 of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and
20 Safety Act of 2006 (42 U.S.C. 16925(a)) is amended—

21 (1) by striking “jurisdiction” each place it ap-
22 pears and inserting “State”;

23 (2) in subsection (a)—

24 (A) by striking “subpart 1 of part E” and
25 inserting “section 505(c)”; and

1 (B) by striking “(42 U.S.C. 3750 et seq.)”

2 and inserting “(42 U.S.C. 3755(c))”; and

3 (3) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(e) CALCULATION OF ALLOCATION TO UNITS OF
5 LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—Notwithstanding the formula
6 under section 505(c) of the Omnibus Crime Control and
7 Safe Streets Act 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3755(c)), a State which
8 is subject to a reduction in funding under subsection (a)
9 shall—

10 “(1) calculate the amount to be made available
11 to units of local government by the State pursuant
12 to the formula under section 505(c) using the
13 amount that would otherwise be allocated to that
14 State for that fiscal year under section 505(c) of
15 that Act, and make such amount available to such
16 units of local government; and

17 “(2) retain for the purposes described in section
18 501 any amount remaining after the allocation re-
19 quired by paragraph (1).”.

20 **SEC. 7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN**
21 **ANNUAL REPORT ON ENFORCEMENT OF REG-**
22 **ISTRATION REQUIREMENTS.**

23 Section 635 of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and
24 Safety Act of 2006 (42 U.S.C. 16991) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “Not later than July 1 of each
2 year” and inserting “On January 1 of each year,”;

3 (2) in paragraph (3), by inserting before the
4 semicolon at the end the following: “, and an anal-
5 ysis of any common reasons for noncompliance with
6 such Act”;

7 (3) in paragraph (4), by striking “and” at the
8 end;

9 (4) in paragraph (5), by striking the period at
10 the end and inserting a semicolon; and

11 (5) by adding after paragraph (5) the following:

12 “(6) the number of sex offenders registered in
13 the National Sex Offender Registry;

14 “(7) the number of sex offenders registered in
15 the National Sex Offender Registry who—

16 “(A) are adults;

17 “(B) are juveniles;

18 “(C) are adults, but who are required to
19 register as a result of conduct committed as a
20 juvenile; and

21 “(D) were convicted of statutory rape as a
22 result of conduct committed as a juvenile; and

23 “(8) to the extent such information is obtain-
24 able, of the number of sex offenders registered in the
25 National Sex Offender Registry who are juveniles—

1 “(A) the percentage of such offenders who
2 were adjudicated delinquent; and

3 “(B) the percentage of such offenders who
4 were prosecuted as adults.”.

5 **SEC. 8. ENSURING SUPERVISION OF RELEASED SEXUALLY**
6 **DANGEROUS PERSONS.**

7 (a) PROBATION OFFICERS.—Section 3603 of title 18,
8 United States Code, is amended in paragraph (8)(A) by
9 striking “or 4246” and inserting “, 4246, or 4248”.

10 (b) PRETRIAL SERVICES OFFICERS.—Section 3154
11 of title 18, United States Code, is amended in paragraph
12 (12)(A) by striking “or 4246” and inserting “, 4246, or
13 4248”.

14 **SEC. 9. CIVIL REMEDY FOR SURVIVORS OF CHILD SEXUAL**
15 **EXPLOITATION AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING.**

16 Section 2255(b) of title 18, United States Code, is
17 amended—

18 (1) by striking “three years” and inserting “10
19 years”; and

20 (2) by inserting “ends” before the period at the
21 end.

22 **SEC. 10. TRIBAL ACCESS PROGRAM.**

23 The Attorney General is authorized to provide tech-
24 nical assistance, including equipment, to tribal govern-
25 ments for the purpose of enabling such governments to

1 access, enter information into, and obtain information
2 from, Federal criminal information databases, as author-
3 ized under section 534(d) of title 28, United States Code.

4 **SEC. 11. ALTERNATIVE MECHANISMS FOR IN-PERSON**
5 **VERIFICATION.**

6 Section 116 of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and
7 Safety Act of 2006 (42 U.S.C. 16916) is amended—

8 (1) by striking “A sex offender shall” and in-
9 serting the following:

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
11 (b), a sex offender shall”; and

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

13 “(b) ALTERNATIVE VERIFICATION METHOD.—A ju-
14 risdiction may allow a sex offender to comply with the re-
15 quirements under subsection (a) by video conference, or
16 another similar method, except that each offender shall
17 appear in person not less than one time per year. The At-
18 torney General shall approve an alternative verification
19 method described in this subsection prior to its implemen-
20 tation by a jurisdiction in order to ensure that such meth-
21 od provides for verification that is sufficient to ensure the
22 public safety.”.

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