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National AMBER Alert Network Act of 2002

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Sep 4, 2002
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 20, 2002
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 11, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 HR 5326	Related bill	Sep 21, 2002: See also H.R. 5422.

Summary (as of Sep 10, 2002)

National AMBER Alert Network Act of 2002 - (Sec. 2) Requires the Attorney General to assign an AMBER Alert Coordinator of the Department of Justice to act as the national coordinator of the AMBER Alert communications network regarding abducted children.

Requires the Coordinator to: (1) seek to eliminate gaps in the network; (2) work with States to encourage the development of additional network elements and to ensure regional coordination; (3) act as the nationwide point of contact for network development and for regional coordination of alerts on abducted children through the network; (4) notify and consult with the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning each child abduction for which an AMBER alert is issued; (5) establish minimum standards for the issuance of alerts and for the extent of their dissemination (limited to the geographic areas most likely to facilitate the recovery of the abducted child); (6) cooperate with the Secretary, the Federal Communications Commission, local broadcasters, and State and local law enforcement agencies; and (7) consult with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and other private sector entities and organizations (including non-profit organizations) having relevant expertise.

(Sec. 4) Requires the Secretary of Transportation to provide grants to States for the development or enhancement of notification or communications systems along highways for alerts and other information for the recovery of abducted children. Includes among permissible activities the development or enhancement of electronic message boards, and the placement of additional signage, along highways.

(Sec. 5) Directs the Attorney General to provide grants to States for the development or enhancement of education, training, and law enforcement programs and activities for the support of AMBER Alert communications plans.

Authorizes appropriations.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 20, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Sep 11, 2002:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 11, 2002:** Received in the House.
- **Sep 11, 2002:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
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- **Sep 10, 2002:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S8436-8441; text as passed Senate: CR S8437)
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- **Sep 5, 2002:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Sep 5, 2002:** Committee on the Judiciary. Reported by Senator Leahy with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
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- **Sep 5, 2002:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 566.
- **Sep 4, 2002:** Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information. Hearings held.
- **Sep 3, 2002:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 3, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8094)
- **Sep 3, 2002:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.