

HR 4221

Kevin and Avonte's Law of 2017

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]

Party: Republican • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (36 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-14]	D · PA		Nov 2, 2017
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Nov 2, 2017
Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]	D · IL		Nov 15, 2017
Rep. Meehan, Patrick [R-PA-7]	R · PA		Nov 15, 2017
Rep. Comstock, Barbara [R-VA-10]	R · VA		Dec 14, 2017
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Jan 18, 2018
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		Jan 18, 2018
Rep. Hanabusa, Colleen [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Jan 18, 2018
Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-2]	R · NY		Jan 18, 2018
Rep. Maloney, Sean Patrick [D-NY-18]	D · NY		Jan 18, 2018
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Jan 18, 2018
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Jan 18, 2018
Rep. Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. [R-WI-5]	R · WI		Jan 18, 2018
Rep. Serrano, Jose E. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Jan 18, 2018
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Jan 18, 2018
Rep. Costello, Ryan A. [R-PA-6]	R · PA		Jan 29, 2018
Rep. Donovan, Daniel M., Jr. [R-NY-11]	R · NY		Jan 29, 2018
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Jan 29, 2018
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Feb 5, 2018
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Feb 5, 2018
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Feb 5, 2018
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Feb 23, 2018
Rep. Mast, Brian J. [R-FL-18]	R · FL		Feb 23, 2018
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Mar 20, 2018
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Mar 20, 2018
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Mar 20, 2018
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Mar 20, 2018
Rep. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Mar 23, 2018
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Mar 23, 2018
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Mar 23, 2018
Rep. Kennedy, Joseph P., III [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Mar 23, 2018
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Mar 23, 2018
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Mar 23, 2018
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Mar 23, 2018
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Apr 10, 2018
Rep. Curbelo, Carlos [R-FL-26]	R · FL		Apr 10, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 2, 2017
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 21, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 1625	Related bill	Mar 23, 2018: Became Public Law No: 115-141.
115 HR 195	Related bill	Jan 22, 2018: Became Public Law No: 115-120.
115 S 2070	Identical bill	Jan 18, 2018: By Senator Grassley from Committee on the Judiciary filed written report. Report No. 115-200.

Summary (as of Nov 2, 2017)

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Missing Americans Alert Program Act of 2017

This bill amends the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to revise, rename, and reauthorize through FY2022 the Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program.

It directs the Department of Justice's (DOJ's) Bureau of Justice Assistance to award grants:

- to develop or operate programs to prevent wandering and locate missing individuals with dementia or children with developmental disabilities, and
- to develop tracking technology programs to locate missing individuals with dementia or children with developmental disabilities.

The bill amends the Missing Children's Assistance Act to specify that, with respect to training and technical assistance provided by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, cases involving missing and exploited children include cases involving children with developmental disabilities such as autism.

DOJ must establish and certain grant recipients must comply with standards and best practices related to the use of tracking technology to locate missing individuals with dementia or developmental disabilities.

The bill prohibits the use of data from tracking devices to create a federal database. It also prohibits construing this bill to require a parent or guardian to use a tracking device.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 30, 2017:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (E1621-1622)
- **Nov 21, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
- **Nov 2, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 2, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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.