

§ 5784. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subchapter such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008.

(Pub. L. 93-415, title V, §505, as added Pub. L. 107-273, div. C, title II, §12222(a), Nov. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 1896.)

CODIFICATION

Another section 505 of Pub. L. 93-415, title V, Sept. 7, 1974, 88 Stat. 1135, amended section 5035 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 5784, Pub. L. 93-415, title V, §505, as added Pub. L. 102-586, §5(a), Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 5028; amended Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, §101(b) [title I, §129(a)(2)(F)], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-50, 2681-76, related to grants for prevention programs, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 107-273.

A prior section 5785, Pub. L. 93-415, title V, §506, as added Pub. L. 102-586, §5(a), Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 5029, authorized appropriations, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 107-273.

SUBCHAPTER VI—PUBLIC OUTREACH

CODIFICATION

Subchapter was enacted as part of the Prosecutorial Remedies and Other Tools to end the Exploitation of Children Today Act of 2003, also known as the PROTECT Act, and not as part of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 which comprises this chapter.

PART A—AMBER ALERT

§ 5791. National coordination of AMBER Alert communications network**(a) Coordination within Department of Justice**

The Attorney General shall assign an officer of the Department of Justice to act as the national coordinator of the AMBER Alert communications network regarding abducted children. The officer so designated shall be known as the AMBER Alert Coordinator of the Department of Justice.

(b) Duties

In acting as the national coordinator of the AMBER Alert communications network, the Coordinator shall—

- (1) seek to eliminate gaps in the network, including gaps in areas of interstate travel;
- (2) work with States to encourage the development of additional elements (known as local AMBER plans) in the network;
- (3) work with States to ensure appropriate regional coordination of various elements of the network; and
- (4) act as the nationwide point of contact for—
 - (A) the development of the network; and
 - (B) regional coordination of alerts on abducted children through the network.

(c) Consultation with Federal Bureau of Investigation

In carrying out duties under subsection (b) of this section, the Coordinator shall notify and consult with the Director of the Federal Bureau

of Investigation concerning each child abduction for which an alert is issued through the AMBER Alert communications network.

(d) Cooperation

The Coordinator shall cooperate with the Secretary of Transportation and the Federal Communications Commission in carrying out activities under this section.

(e) Report

Not later than March 1, 2005, the Coordinator shall submit to Congress a report on the activities of the Coordinator and the effectiveness and status of the AMBER plans of each State that has implemented such a plan. The Coordinator shall prepare the report in consultation with the Secretary of Transportation.

(Pub. L. 108-21, title III, §301, Apr. 30, 2003, 117 Stat. 660.)

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Prosecutorial Remedies and Other Tools to end the Exploitation of Children Today Act of 2003, also known as the PROTECT Act, and not as part of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 which comprises this chapter.

§ 5791a. Minimum standards for issuance and dissemination of alerts through AMBER Alert communications network**(a) Establishment of minimum standards**

Subject to subsection (b) of this section, the AMBER Alert Coordinator of the Department of Justice shall establish minimum standards for—

- (1) the issuance of alerts through the AMBER Alert communications network; and
- (2) the extent of the dissemination of alerts issued through the network.

(b) Limitations

(1) The minimum standards established under subsection (a) of this section shall be adoptable on a voluntary basis only.

(2) The minimum standards shall, to the maximum extent practicable (as determined by the Coordinator in consultation with State and local law enforcement agencies), provide that appropriate information relating to the special needs of an abducted child (including health care needs) are disseminated to the appropriate law enforcement, public health, and other public officials.

(3) The minimum standards shall, to the maximum extent practicable (as determined by the Coordinator in consultation with State and local law enforcement agencies), provide that the dissemination of an alert through the AMBER Alert communications network be limited to the geographic areas most likely to facilitate the recovery of the abducted child concerned.

(4) In carrying out activities under subsection (a) of this section, the Coordinator may not interfere with the current system of voluntary coordination between local broadcasters and State and local law enforcement agencies for purposes of the AMBER Alert communications network.

(c) Cooperation

(1) The Coordinator shall cooperate with the Secretary of Transportation and the Federal