

SUBCHAPTER II—IMPROVED DATA COLLECTION AND FEDERAL COORDINATION

§ 21721. Establishment of best practices for local, State, and Federal data collection

(a) In general

The Attorney General, in consultation with Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies, shall—

- (1) establish best practices for data collection to focus on elder abuse; and
- (2) provide technical assistance to State, local, and tribal governments in adopting the best practices established under paragraph (1).

(b) Deadline

Not later than 1 year after October 18, 2017, the Attorney General shall publish the best practices established under subsection (a)(1) on the website of the Department of Justice in a publicly accessible manner.

(c) Limitation

Nothing in this section shall be construed to require or obligate compliance with the best practices established under subsection (a)(1).

(Pub. L. 115-70, title II, §201, Oct. 18, 2017, 131 Stat. 1211.)

§ 21722. Effective interagency coordination and Federal data collection

(a) In general

The Attorney General, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall, on an annual basis—

- (1) collect from Federal law enforcement agencies, other agencies as appropriate, and Federal prosecutors' offices statistical data related to elder abuse cases, including cases or investigations where one or more victims were elders, or the case or investigation involved a financial scheme or scam that was either targeted directly toward or largely affected elders; and
- (2) publish on the website of the Department of Justice in a publicly accessible manner—
 - (A) a summary of the data collected under paragraph (1); and
 - (B) recommendations for collecting additional data relating to elder abuse, including recommendations for ways to improve data reporting across Federal, State, and local agencies.

(b) Requirement

The data collected under subsection (a)(1) shall include—

- (1) the total number of investigations initiated by Federal law enforcement agencies, other agencies as appropriate, and Federal prosecutors' offices related to elder abuse;
- (2) the total number and types of elder abuse cases filed in Federal courts; and
- (3) for each case described in paragraph (2)—
 - (A) the name of the district where the case originated;
 - (B) the style of the case, including the case name and number;
 - (C) a description of the act or acts giving rise to the elder abuse;

(D) in the case of a scheme or scam, a description of such scheme or scam giving rise to the elder abuse;

(E) information about each alleged perpetrator of the elder abuse; and

(F) the outcome of the case.

(c) HHS requirement

The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall, on an annual basis, provide to the Attorney General statistical data collected by the Secretary relating to elder abuse cases investigated by adult protective services, which shall be included in the summary published under subsection (a)(2).

(d) Prohibition on individual data

None of the information reported under this section shall include specific individually identifiable data.

(Pub. L. 115-70, title II, §202, Oct. 18, 2017, 131 Stat. 1211.)

SUBCHAPTER III—ENHANCED VICTIM ASSISTANCE TO ELDER ABUSE SURVIVORS

§ 21731. Report

(a) In general

Not later than 1 year after the date on which the collection of statistical data under section 21722(a)(1) of this title begins and once each year thereafter, the Director of the Office for Victims of Crime shall submit a report to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives that addresses, to the extent data are available, the nature, extent, and amount of funding under the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10601 et seq.)¹ for victims of crime who are elders.

(b) Contents

The report required under subsection (a) shall include—

- (1) an analysis of victims' assistance, victims' compensation, and discretionary grants under which elder abuse victims (including elder victims of financial abuse, financial exploitation, and fraud) received assistance; and
- (2) recommendations for improving services for victims of elder abuse.

(Pub. L. 115-70, title III, §302, Oct. 18, 2017, 131 Stat. 1212.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Victims of Crime Act of 1984, referred to in subsec. (a), is chapter XIV of title II of Pub. L. 98-473, Oct. 12, 1984, 98 Stat. 2170, which was classified principally to chapter 112 (§10601 et seq.) of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, prior to editorial reclassification as chapter 201 (§20101 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title of 1984 Act note set out under section 10101 of this title and Tables.

SUBCHAPTER IV—ROBERT MATAVA ELDER ABUSE PROSECUTION ACT OF 2017

§ 21741. Training and technical assistance for States

The Attorney General, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services and

¹ See References in Text note below.