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H. R. 2666

To amend the PROTECT Act to make Indian tribes eligible for AMBER
Alert grants.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 25, 2017

Mr. BIGGS (for himself, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. O'HALLERAN, Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. MOORE, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. NOLAN, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mr. DUFFY, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. SOTO, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. ISSA, Mr. BUCK, Mr. GALLEGRO, and Mr. RATCLIFFE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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for AMBER Alert grants.

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 “AMBER Alert in In-
5 dian Country Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMBER ALERT GRANTS FOR INDIAN TRIBES.**

7 Section 304 of the PROTECT Act (42 U.S.C. 5791c)
8 is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “and Indian
2 tribes” after “States”;

3 (2) in subsection (b)—

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

6 (B) by redesignating paragraph (4) as
7 paragraph (5); and

8 (C) by inserting after paragraph (3) the
9 following:

10 “(4) the integration of State or regional
11 AMBER Alert communication plans with an Indian
12 tribe; and”;

13 (3) in subsection (c)—

14 (A) by striking “The Federal” and insert-
15 ing the following:

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
17 graph (2), the Federal”; and

18 (B) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(2) WAIVER OF FEDERAL SHARE.—If the At-
20 torney General determines that an Indian tribe does
21 not have sufficient funds available to comply with
22 the Federal share requirement under paragraph (1)
23 for the cost of activities funded by a grant for the
24 purpose described in subsection (b)(4), the Attorney
25 General may increase the Federal share of the costs

1 for such activities to the extent the Attorney General
2 determines necessary.”;

3 (4) in subsection (e), by striking “for grants
4 under” and inserting “and standards to improve ac-
5 countability and transparency for grants awarded
6 under”;

7 (5) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-
8 section (g);

9 (6) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
10 lowing:

11 “(f) DEFINITION OF INDIAN TRIBE.—In this section,
12 the term ‘Indian tribe’ means a federally recognized In-
13 dian tribe or a Native village, Regional Corporation, or
14 Village Corporation (as those terms are defined in section
15 3 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C.
16 1602)).”; and

17 (7) in subsection (g)(1), as so redesignated—

18 (A) by striking “2004” each place it ap-
19 pears and inserting “2018”; and

20 (B) by striking “subsection (b)(3)” and in-
21 serting “paragraphs (3) and (4) of subsection
22 (b)”.

23 **SEC. 3. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

24 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
25 of this Act, the Attorney General shall submit a report

1 evaluating the readiness, education, and training needs,
2 technological challenges, and specific obstacles encoun-
3 tered by Indian tribes in the integration of State or re-
4 gional AMBER Alert communication plans to—

5 (1) the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Sen-
6 ate;

7 (2) the Committee on the Judiciary of the Sen-
8 ate;

9 (3) the Committee on Natural Resources of the
10 House of Representatives; and

11 (4) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
12 House of Representatives.

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