

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-**

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Page 1047, insert after line 14 the following (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

**1 SEC. 1735. COREY ADAMS SEARCHLIGHT ACT.**

2 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the  
3 “Corey Adams Searchlight Act”.

4 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) MISSING VETERAN.—The term “missing  
6 veteran” means an individual who—

7 (A) is reported to, or identified by, a law  
8 enforcement agency as a missing person;

9 (B) is a veteran; and

10 (C) meets the requirements to be des-  
11 ignated as a missing veteran, as determined by  
12 the State in which the individual is reported or  
13 identified as a missing person.

14 (2) STATE.—The term “State” means each of  
15 the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Com-  
16 monwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin  
17 Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Common-  
18 wealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

1           (3) GREEN ALERT.—The term “Green Alert”  
2 means an alert issued through the Green Alert com-  
3 munications network, related to a missing veteran.

4           (4) VETERAN.—The term “veteran” means a  
5 person who served in the Armed Forces.

6           (c) GREEN ALERT COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK.—

7           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall,  
8 subject to the availability of appropriations, establish  
9 a national communications network, to be known as  
10 the Green Alert communications network, within the  
11 Department of Justice to provide assistance to re-  
12 gional and local search efforts for missing veterans  
13 through the initiation, facilitation, and promotion of  
14 local elements of the network (referred to in this sec-  
15 tion as “Green Alert plans”), in coordination with  
16 States, units of local government, law enforcement  
17 agencies, and other concerned entities with expertise  
18 in providing services to veterans.

19           (2) COORDINATION WITH AMBER ALERT NET-  
20 WORK.—In establishing the Green Alert communica-  
21 tions network under paragraph (1), the Attorney  
22 General shall ensure that, when feasible, the Green  
23 Alert communications network is able to operate in  
24 coordination with the AMBER Alert communications  
25 network, established under subtitle A of title III of

1 the PROTECT Act (34 U.S.C. 20501 et seq.), to  
2 maximize the efficiency of both networks.

3 (d) GREEN ALERT COORDINATOR.—

4 (1) NATIONAL COORDINATOR WITHIN DEPART-  
5 MENT OF JUSTICE.—The Attorney General shall  
6 designate an individual of the Department of Justice  
7 to act as the national coordinator of the Green Alert  
8 communications network. The individual so des-  
9 ignated shall be known as the Green Alert Coordi-  
10 nator of the Department of Justice (referred to in  
11 this section as the “Coordinator”).

12 (2) DUTIES OF THE COORDINATOR.—In acting  
13 as the national coordinator of the Green Alert com-  
14 munications network, the Coordinator shall—

15 (A) work with States to encourage the de-  
16 velopment of additional Green Alert plans in  
17 the network;

18 (B) establish voluntary guidelines for  
19 States to use in developing Green Alert plans  
20 that will promote compatible and integrated  
21 Green Alert plans throughout the United  
22 States, including—

23 (i) a list of the resources necessary to  
24 establish a Green Alert plan;

1 (ii) criteria for evaluating whether a  
2 situation warrants issuing a Green Alert,  
3 taking into consideration the need for the  
4 use of such Alerts to be limited in scope  
5 because the effectiveness of the Green  
6 Alert communications network may be af-  
7 fected by overuse, including criteria to de-  
8 termine—

9 (I) whether the mental or phys-  
10 ical capacity of a veteran who is miss-  
11 ing, and the circumstances of his or  
12 her disappearance, warrant the  
13 issuance of a Green Alert, including  
14 whether the veteran has a condition  
15 related to the veteran's service in the  
16 Armed Forces that increases the risk  
17 that the veteran will harm himself or  
18 herself, or another person; and

19 (II) whether the individual who  
20 reports that a veteran is missing is an  
21 appropriate and credible source on  
22 which to base the issuance of a Green  
23 Alert;

24 (iii) a description of the appropriate  
25 uses of the Green Alert name to readily

1 identify the nature of search efforts for  
2 missing veterans; and

3 (iv) recommendations on how to pro-  
4 tect the privacy, dignity, independence, and  
5 autonomy of any missing veteran who may  
6 be the subject of a Green Alert;

7 (C) develop proposed protocols for efforts  
8 to recover missing veterans and to reduce the  
9 number of veterans who are reported missing,  
10 including protocols for procedures that are  
11 needed from the time of initial notification of a  
12 law enforcement agency that the veteran is  
13 missing through the time of the return of the  
14 veteran to family, guardian, or domicile, as ap-  
15 propriate, including—

16 (i) public safety communications pro-  
17 tocol;

18 (ii) case management protocol;

19 (iii) command center operations;

20 (iv) reunification protocol; and

21 (v) incident review, evaluation, de-  
22 briefing, and public information proce-  
23 dures;

1 (D) work with States to ensure appropriate  
2 regional coordination of various elements of the  
3 network;

4 (E) establish an advisory group to assist  
5 States, units of local government, law enforce-  
6 ment agencies, and other entities involved in  
7 the Green Alert communications network with  
8 initiating, facilitating, and promoting Green  
9 Alert plans, which shall include—

10 (i) to the maximum extent practicable,  
11 representation from the various geographic  
12 regions of the United States; and

13 (ii) members who are—

14 (I) representatives of veteran ad-  
15 vocacy groups, law enforcement agen-  
16 cies, and public safety communica-  
17 tions;

18 (II) broadcasters, first respond-  
19 ers, dispatchers, and radio station  
20 personnel; and

21 (III) representatives of any other  
22 individuals or organizations that the  
23 Coordinator determines are necessary  
24 to the success of the Green Alert com-  
25 munications network; and

1 (F) act as the nationwide point of contact  
2 for—

3 (i) the development of the network;

4 and

5 (ii) regional coordination of alerts for  
6 missing veterans through the network.

7 (3) COORDINATION.—

8 (A) COORDINATION WITH OTHER AGEN-  
9 CIES.—The Coordinator shall coordinate and  
10 consult with the Secretary of Transportation,  
11 the Federal Communications Commission, the  
12 Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and other appro-  
13 priate offices of the Department of Justice in  
14 carrying out activities under this section.

15 (B) STATE AND LOCAL COORDINATION.—  
16 The Coordinator shall consult with local broad-  
17 casters and State and local law enforcement  
18 agencies in establishing minimum standards  
19 under subsection (e) and in carrying out other  
20 activities under this section, as appropriate.

21 (4) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not later than one  
22 year after the date of enactment of this section, and  
23 annually thereafter, the Coordinator shall submit to  
24 Congress a report on the activities of the Coordi-  
25 nator and the effectiveness and status of the Green

1 Alert plans of each State that has established or is  
2 in the process of establishing such a plan. Each such  
3 report shall include—

4 (A) a list of States that have established  
5 Green Alert plans;

6 (B) a list of States that are in the process  
7 of establishing Green Alert plans;

8 (C) for each State that has established  
9 such a plan, to the extent the data is avail-  
10 able—

11 (i) the number of Green Alerts issued;

12 (ii) the number of individuals located  
13 successfully;

14 (iii) the average period of time be-  
15 tween the issuance of a Green Alert and  
16 the location of the individual for whom  
17 such Alert was issued;

18 (iv) the State agency or authority  
19 issuing Green Alerts, and the process by  
20 which Green Alerts are disseminated;

21 (v) the cost of establishing and oper-  
22 ating such a plan;

23 (vi) the criteria used by the State to  
24 determine whether to issue a Green Alert;

25 and



1 (vii) the extent to which missing indi-  
2 viduals for whom Green Alerts were issued  
3 crossed State lines;

4 (D) actions States have taken to protect  
5 the privacy and dignity of the individuals for  
6 whom Green Alerts are issued;

7 (E) ways that States have facilitated and  
8 improved communication about missing individ-  
9 uals between families, caregivers, law enforce-  
10 ment officials, and other authorities; and

11 (F) any other information the Coordinator  
12 determines to be appropriate.

13 (e) MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR ISSUANCE AND DIS-  
14 SEMINATION OF ALERTS THROUGH GREEN ALERT COM-  
15 MUNICATIONS NETWORK.—

16 (1) ESTABLISHMENT OF MINIMUM STAND-  
17 ARDS.—Subject to paragraph (2), the Coordinator  
18 shall establish minimum standards for—

19 (A) the issuance of alerts through the  
20 Green Alert communications network; and

21 (B) the extent of the dissemination of  
22 alerts issued through the network.

23 (2) LIMITATIONS.—

24 (A) VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION.—The  
25 minimum standards established under para-

1 graph (1) of this subsection, and any other  
2 guidelines and programs established under sub-  
3 section (d), shall be adoptable on a voluntary  
4 basis only.

5 (B) DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION.—

6 The minimum standards shall, to the maximum  
7 extent practicable (as determined by the Coordi-  
8 nator in consultation with State and local law  
9 enforcement agencies), provide that appropriate  
10 information relating to the special needs of a  
11 missing veteran (including health care needs)  
12 are disseminated to the appropriate law en-  
13 forcement, public health, and other public offi-  
14 cials.

15 (C) GEOGRAPHIC AREAS.—The minimum  
16 standards shall, to the maximum extent prac-  
17 ticable (as determined by the Coordinator in  
18 consultation with State and local law enforce-  
19 ment agencies), provide that the dissemination  
20 of an alert through the Green Alert communica-  
21 tions network be limited to the geographic areas  
22 which the missing veteran could reasonably  
23 reach, considering the missing veteran's cir-  
24 cumstances and physical and mental condition,  
25 the modes of transportation available to the

1 missing veteran, and the circumstances of the  
2 disappearance.

3 (D) PRIVACY AND CIVIL LIBERTIES PRO-  
4 TECTIONS.—The minimum standards shall—

5 (i) ensure that alerts issued through  
6 the Green Alert communications network  
7 comply with all applicable Federal, State,  
8 and local privacy laws and regulations; and

9 (ii) include standards that specifically  
10 provide for the protection of the civil lib-  
11 erties and sensitive medical information of  
12 missing veterans.

13 (E) STATE AND LOCAL VOLUNTARY CO-  
14 ORDINATION.—In carrying out the activities  
15 under paragraph (1), the Coordinator may not  
16 interfere with the current system of voluntary  
17 coordination between local broadcasters and  
18 State and local law enforcement agencies for  
19 purposes of the Green Alert communications  
20 network.

21 (f) TRAINING AND OTHER RESOURCES.—

22 (1) TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.—  
23 The Coordinator shall make available to States,  
24 units of local government, law enforcement agencies,  
25 and other concerned entities that are involved in ini-

1       tiating, facilitating, or promoting Green Alert plans,  
2       including broadcasters, first responders, dispatchers,  
3       public safety communications personnel, and radio  
4       station personnel—

5               (A) training and educational programs re-  
6       lated to the Green Alert communications net-  
7       work and the capabilities, limitations, and an-  
8       ticipated behaviors of missing veterans, which  
9       shall be updated regularly to encourage the use  
10      of new tools, technologies, and resources in  
11      Green Alert plans; and

12              (B) informational materials, including bro-  
13      chures, videos, posters, and web sites to support  
14      and supplement such training and educational  
15      programs.

16      (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE  
17      GREEN ALERT COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK.—There are  
18      authorized to be appropriated to the Attorney General  
19      \$500,000 to carry out the Green Alert communications  
20      network as authorized under this section.

