

Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006

Registry

States must have sex offender registries by July 2009. These must be a three tier system:

Tier I – least serious; register for 15 years, update in person each year

Tier II – more serious; register for 25 years; update in person every six months

Tier III – most serious; register for life, update in person every three months

Must have a criminal penalty for failure to register

Info must be readily available on internet

Failure of states to comply may result in 10% loss of federal law enforcement grants

Grants

Grants are available for setting up registry, setting up GPS systems, and civil commitment programs.

Civil Commitment

Attorney General will make efforts to “cause a state to assume responsibility” for custody and treatment of sex offenders, but cannot force states to do so.

A total of \$10 million per year for 4 years is available for states willing to establish sex offender civil commitment programs that meet standards of the act. Deadline for submission is July 2008.

[NASMHPD cautions that the money available will not cover the long-term costs to states for establishing such programs.]