

119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 9118

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 3, 2026

Mr. ALFORD (for himself and Mr. SMITH of Missouri) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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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 “Enhanced Alerts for  
5        Missing Loved Ones with Disabilities Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. ALERTS FOR MISSING ADULTS WITH DEVELOP-**  
2 **MENTAL DISABILITIES, ALZHEIMER'S DIS-**  
3 **EASE, AND DEMENTIA.**

4 Section 204(b) of Kristen's Act (34 U.S.C. 21904(b))  
5 is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting after “(in-  
7 cluding health care needs” the following: “and  
8 whether the individual has a developmental disability  
9 (as such term is defined in section 102 of the Devel-  
10 opmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights  
11 Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 15002), alzheimer's disease,  
12 or dementia”;

13 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking “suffers from  
14 a proven mental or physical disability” and inserting  
15 the following: “has been diagnosed with a mental  
16 disability, a physical disability, a developmental dis-  
17 ability, alzheimer's disease, or dementia”.

18 **SEC. 3. TRAINING RELATED TO DEVELOPMENTALLY DIS-**  
19 **ABLED MISSING PERSONS.**

20 (a) **MISSING ADULTS.**—Section 206 of Kristen's Act  
21 (34 U.S.C. 21906) is amended—

22 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “and” at the  
23 end;

24 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking the period at  
25 the end and inserting “; and”;

26 (3) by adding at the end the following:

1           “(3) training and educational programs related  
2           to responding effectively to a reported missing adult  
3           with a developmental disability.”.

4           (b) MISSING CHILDREN.—Section 301(b) of the  
5 PROTECT Act (34 U.S.C. 20501(b)) is amended—

6           (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “and” at the  
7           end;

8           (2) in paragraph (4), by striking the period at  
9           the end and inserting “; and”; and

10          (3) by adding at the end the following:

11          “(5) provide training and educational programs  
12          for use by States, territories of the United States,  
13          and tribal governments, related to responding effec-  
14          tively to a reported missing child with a develop-  
15          mental disability.”.

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