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2<sup>D</sup> SESSION**S. 2705****[Report No. 106-348]**

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**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES**

JUNE 8, 2000

Mr. THOMPSON (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. AKAKA, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. VOINOVICH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

JULY 18, 2000

Reported by Mr. THOMPSON, without amendment

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Presidential Transition  
3 Act of 2000”.

4 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION ACT**  
5 **OF 1963.**

6 Section 3(a) of the Presidential Transition Act of  
7 1963 (3 U.S.C. 102 note) is amended—

8 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by  
9 striking “including—” and inserting “including the  
10 following:”;

11 (2) in each of paragraphs (1) through (6) by  
12 striking the semicolon at the end and inserting a pe-  
13 riod; and

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

15 “(8)(A)(i) Payment of expenses during the  
16 transition for briefings, workshops, or other activi-  
17 ties to acquaint key prospective Presidential ap-  
18 pointees with the types of problems and challenges  
19 that most typically confront new political appointees  
20 when they make the transition from campaign and  
21 other prior activities to assuming the responsibility  
22 for governance after inauguration.

23 “(ii) Activities under this paragraph may in-  
24 clude interchange between such appointees and indi-  
25 viduals who—

1           “(I) held similar leadership roles in prior  
2           administrations;

3           “(II) are department or agency experts  
4           from the Office of Management and Budget or  
5           an Office of Inspector General of a department  
6           or agency; or

7           “(III) are relevant staff from the General  
8           Accounting Office.

9           “(iii) Activities under this paragraph may in-  
10          clude training in records management to comply  
11          with section 2203 of title 44, United States Code,  
12          including training on the separation of Presidential  
13          records and personal records to comply with sub-  
14          section (b) of that section.

15          “(iv) Activities under this paragraph may in-  
16          clude training in human resources management and  
17          performance-based management.

18          “(B) Activities under this paragraph shall be  
19          conducted primarily for individuals the President-  
20          elect intends to nominate as department heads or  
21          appoint to key positions in the Executive Office of  
22          the President.

23          “(9)(A) Development of a transition directory  
24          by the Administrator for activities conducted under  
25          paragraph (8).

1           “(B) The transition directory shall be a com-  
2           pilation of Federal publications and materials with  
3           supplementary materials developed by the Adminis-  
4           trator that provides information on the officers, or-  
5           ganization, and statutory and administrative au-  
6           thorities, functions, duties, responsibilities, and mis-  
7           sion of each department and agency.

8           “(10)(A) Notwithstanding subsection (b), con-  
9           sultation by the Administrator with any candidate  
10          for President or Vice President to develop a systems  
11          architecture plan for the computer and communica-  
12          tions systems of the candidate to coordinate a tran-  
13          sition to Federal systems, if the candidate is elected.

14          “(B) Consultations under this paragraph shall  
15          be conducted at the discretion of the Adminis-  
16          trator.”.

17 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON IMPROVING THE FINANCIAL DISCLO-**  
18 **SURE PROCESS FOR PRESIDENTIAL NOMI-**  
19 **NEES.**

20          (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months after the  
21          date of enactment of this Act, the Office of Government  
22          Ethics shall conduct a study and submit a report on im-  
23          provements to the financial disclosure process for Presi-  
24          dential nominees required to file reports under section  
25          101(b) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C.

1 App.) to the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the  
2 Senate and the Committee on Government Reform of the  
3 House of Representatives.

4 (b) CONTENT OF REPORT.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The report under this sec-  
6 tion shall include recommendations and legislative  
7 proposals on—

8 (A) streamlining, standardizing, and co-  
9 ordinating the financial disclosure process and  
10 the requirements of financial disclosure reports  
11 under the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5  
12 U.S.C. App.) for Presidential nominees;

13 (B) avoiding duplication of effort and re-  
14 ducing the burden of filing with respect to fi-  
15 nancial disclosure of information to the White  
16 House Office, the Office of Government Ethics,  
17 and the Senate; and

18 (C) any other relevant matter the Office of  
19 Government Ethics determines appropriate.

20 (2) LIMITATION RELATING TO CONFLICTS OF  
21 INTEREST.—The recommendations and proposals  
22 under this subsection shall not (if implemented)  
23 have the effect of lessening substantive compliance  
24 with any conflict of interest requirement.

1       (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
2 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be  
3 necessary to carry out this section.



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