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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 “Presidential Transition  
5       Act of 2000”.

6       **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION ACT**  
7                               **OF 1963.**

8       Section 3(a) of the Presidential Transition Act of  
9       1963 (3 U.S.C. 102 note) is amended—

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

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

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

17               “(8)(A)(i) Not withstanding subsection (b),  
18               payment of expenses during the transition for brief-  
19               ings, workshops, or other activities to acquaint key  
20               prospective Presidential appointees with the types of  
21               problems and challenges that most typically confront  
22               new political appointees when they make the transi-  
23               tion from campaign and other prior activities to as-  
24               suming the responsibility for governance after inau-  
25               guration.

1           “(ii) Activities under this paragraph may in-  
2           clude interchange between such appointees and indi-  
3           viduals who—

4                   “(I) held similar leadership roles in prior  
5           administrations;

6                   “(II) are department or agency experts  
7           from the Office of Management and Budget or  
8           an Office of Inspector General of a department  
9           or agency; or

10                  “(III) are relevant staff from the General  
11           Accounting Office.

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

18           “(iv) Activities under this paragraph may in-  
19           clude training or orientation in human resources  
20           management and performance-based management.

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

1           “(9)(A) Notwithstanding subsection (b), devel-  
2           opment of a transition directory by the Adminis-  
3           trator of General Services Administration, in con-  
4           sultation with the Archivist of the United States  
5           (head of the National Archives and Records Admin-  
6           istration) for activities conducted under paragraph  
7           (8).

8           “(B) The transition directory shall be a com-  
9           pilation of Federal publications and materials with  
10          supplementary materials developed by the Adminis-  
11          trator that provides information on the officers, or-  
12          ganization, and statutory and administrative au-  
13          thorities, functions, duties, responsibilities, and mis-  
14          sion of each department and agency.

15          “(10)(A) Notwithstanding subsection (b), con-  
16          sultation by the Administrator with any candidate  
17          for President or Vice President to develop a systems  
18          architecture plan for the computer and communica-  
19          tions systems of the candidate to coordinate a tran-  
20          sition to Federal systems, if the candidate is elected.

21          “(B) Consultations under this paragraph shall  
22          be conducted at the discretion of the Adminis-  
23          trator.”.

1 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON IMPROVING THE FINANCIAL DISCLO-**  
2 **SURE PROCESS FOR PRESIDENTIAL NOMI-**  
3 **NEES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months after the  
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Office of Govern-  
6 ment Ethics shall conduct a study and submit a report  
7 on improvements to the financial disclosure process for  
8 Presidential nominees required to file reports under sec-  
9 tion 101(b) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5  
10 U.S.C. App.) to the Committee on Governmental Affairs  
11 of the Senate and the Committee on Government Reform  
12 of the House of Representatives.

13 (b) CONTENT OF REPORT.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The report under this sec-  
15 tion shall include recommendations and legislative  
16 proposals on—

17 (A) streamlining, standardizing, and co-  
18 ordinating the financial disclosure process and  
19 the requirements of financial disclosure reports  
20 under the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5  
21 U.S.C. App.) for Presidential nominees;

22 (B) avoiding duplication of effort and re-  
23 ducing the burden of filing with respect to fi-  
24 nancial disclosure of information to the White  
25 House Office, the Office of Government Ethics,  
26 and the Senate; and

1 (C) any other relevant matter the Office of  
2 Government Ethics determines appropriate.

3 (2) LIMITATION RELATING TO CONFLICTS OF  
4 INTEREST.—The recommendations and proposals  
5 under this subsection shall not (if implemented)  
6 have the effect of lessening substantive compliance  
7 with any conflict of interest requirement.

8 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
9 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be  
10 necessary to carry out this section.

Passed the House of Representatives September 13,  
2000.

Attest:

*Clerk.*