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To require the United States Secret Service to make certain White House visitor logs available to the public, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. HEINRICH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “White House Visitor
5 Logs Transparency Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. DISCLOSURE OF WHITE HOUSE VISITOR LOGS.**

7 Section 3056 of title 18, United States Code, is
8 amended by adding at the end the following:

9 “(h)(1) Notwithstanding section 552 of title 5 and
10 except as provided in paragraph (2), the following records

1 created or maintained by the United States Secret Service
2 in carrying out the authority granted under this section
3 and section 3056A shall be made available to the public
4 upon request:

5 “(A) The name of each covered visitor to the
6 White House.

7 “(B) The date and time each covered visitor en-
8 tered and left the White House.

9 “(C) The name of each individual in the White
10 House, including the President if applicable, with
11 whom each covered visitor met.

12 “(2) The following records created or maintained by
13 the United States Secret Service shall not be disclosed to
14 the public under paragraph (1) or under section 552 of
15 title 5:

16 “(A) Information relating to an individual
17 whose visit to the White House was as a guest of
18 the President or his family and entirely personal in
19 nature.

20 “(B) Information that, if disclosed to the pub-
21 lic, would cause a threat to national security inter-
22 ests.

23 “(C) Time-sensitive information concerning par-
24 ticularly sensitive meetings.

1 “(3) If a request for disclosure of information is
2 made under this subsection and the Director of the United
3 States Secret Service determines the requested informa-
4 tion is prohibited from being disclosed under paragraph
5 (2), the Director of the United States Secret Service shall
6 make available to the public the reason for such deter-
7 mination.

8 “(4) Not later than 30 days after the date on which
9 a request for disclosure is made under this subsection, the
10 Director of the United States Secret Service shall—

11 “(A) make the requested information available;

12 or

13 “(B) in the case of a determination described in
14 paragraph (3), make the reason for such determina-
15 tion available.

16 “(5) In this subsection, the term ‘covered visitor’
17 means an individual who—

18 “(A) visits the White House for the purpose of
19 conducting business; and

20 “(B) during the visit described in subparagraph
21 (A) meets with the President or an employee of the
22 Executive Office of the President.”.

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