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To provide for the training or orientation of individuals, during a Presidential transition, who the President intends to appoint to certain key positions, to provide for a study and report on improving the financial disclosure process for certain Presidential nominees, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HORN (for himself and Mr. TURNER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

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 “Presidential Transition
5 Act of 2000”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION ACT**
2 **OF 1963.**

3 Section 3(a) of the Presidential Transition Act of
4 1963 (3 U.S.C. 102 note) is amended—

5 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by
6 striking “including—” and inserting “including the
7 following:”;

8 (2) in each of paragraphs (1) through (6) by
9 striking the semicolon at the end and inserting a pe-
10 riod; and

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

12 “(8)(A)(i) Notwithstanding subsection (b),
13 payment of expenses during the transition for brief-
14 ings, workshops, or other activities to acquaint key
15 prospective Presidential appointees with the types of
16 problems and challenges that most typically confront
17 new political appointees when they make the transi-
18 tion from campaign and other prior activities to as-
19 suming the responsibility for governance after inau-
20 guration.

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

24 “(I) held similar leadership roles in prior
25 administrations;

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

5 “(III) are relevant staff from the General
6 Accounting Office.

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

13 “(iv) Activities under this paragraph may in-
14 clude training or orientation in human resources
15 management and performance-based management.

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

21 “(9)(A) Notwithstanding subsection (b), devel-
22 opment of a transition directory by the Adminis-
23 trator of General Services Administration, in con-
24 sultation with the Archivist of the United States
25 (head of the National Archives and Records Admin-

1 istration) for activities conducted under paragraph
2 (8).

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

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

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

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

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months after the
23 date of enactment of this Act, the Office of Government
24 Ethics shall conduct a study and submit a report on im-
25 provements to the financial disclosure process for Presi-

1 dential nominees required to file reports under section
2 101(b) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C.
3 App.) to the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the
4 Senate and the Committee on Government Reform of the
5 House of Representatives.

6 (b) CONTENT OF REPORT.—

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

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

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

20 (C) any other relevant matter the Office of
21 Government Ethics determines appropriate.

22 (2) LIMITATION RELATING TO CONFLICTS OF
23 INTEREST.—The recommendations and proposals
24 under this subsection shall not (if implemented)

1 have the effect of lessening substantive compliance
2 with any conflict of interest requirement.

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

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