

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 5720
OFFERED BY M_____

Strike all that follows after the enacting clause and
insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Courthouse Ethics and
3 Transparency Act”.

4 SEC. 2. PERIODIC TRANSACTION REPORTS AND ONLINE
5 PUBLICATION OF FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE
6 REPORTS OF FEDERAL JUDICIAL OFFICERS.

7 (a) PERIODIC TRANSACTION REPORTING REQUIRE-
8 MENT FOR FEDERAL JUDICIAL OFFICERS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 103(l) of the Ethics
10 in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is
11 amended by adding at the end the following:

12 “(11) Each judicial officer.”.

13 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made
14 by paragraph (1) shall apply to applicable trans-
15 actions occurring on or after the date that is 90
16 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

17 (b) ONLINE PUBLICATION OF FINANCIAL DISCLO-
18 SURE REPORTS OF FEDERAL JUDICIAL OFFICERS.—Sec-

1 tion 105 of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5
2 U.S.C. App.) is amended—

3 (1) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as
4 subsections (d) and (e), respectively; and

5 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(c) ONLINE PUBLICATION OF FINANCIAL DISCLO-
8 SURE REPORTS OF JUDICIAL OFFICERS.—

9 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF DATABASE.—Not
10 later than 180 days after the date of enactment of
11 the Courthouse Ethics and Transparency Act, the
12 Administrative Office of the United States Courts
13 shall establish a searchable internet database to en-
14 able public access to any report required to be filed
15 by a judicial officer under this title.

16 “(2) AVAILABILITY.—Not later than 90 days
17 after the date on which a report is required to be
18 filed under this title by a judicial officer, the Admin-
19 istrative Office of the United States Courts shall
20 make the report available on the database estab-
21 lished under paragraph (1) in a full-text searchable,
22 sortable, and downloadable format for access by the
23 public.

24 “(3) REDACTION.—Any report made available
25 on the database established under paragraph (1)

1 shall not contain any information that is redacted in
2 accordance with subsection (b)(3).”.

3 (c) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

4 (1) Section 103(l) of the Ethics in Government
5 Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) (as amended by sub-
6 section (a)(1)) is amended—

7 (A) in paragraph (9), by striking “, as de-
8 fined under section 109(12)”;

9 (B) in paragraph (10), by striking “, as
10 defined under section 109(13)”.

11 (2) Section 105 of the Ethics in Government
12 Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) (as amended by sub-
13 section (b)) is amended—

14 (A) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “be
15 revealing” and inserting “by revealing”; and

16 (B) in subsection (b)—

17 (i) in paragraph (1)—

18 (I) in the first sentence, by strik-
19 ing “be,,” and inserting “be,”; and

20 (II) in the third sentence, by
21 striking “may be may” and inserting
22 “may be, may”; and

23 (ii) in paragraph (3)(A), by striking
24 “described in section 109(8) or 109(10) of

1 this Act” and inserting “who is a judicial
2 officer or a judicial employee”.

3 (3) Section 107(a)(1) of the Ethics in Govern-
4 ment Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App) is amended in the
5 last sentence by striking “and (d)” and inserting
6 “and (e)”.

