

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 3059

AN ACT

To amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to provide for a periodic transaction reporting requirement for Federal judicial officers and the online publication of financial disclosure reports of Federal judicial officers, and for other purposes.

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 “Courthouse Ethics and
3 Transparency Act”.

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

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

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 103(1) 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 “(12) Each bankruptcy judge appointed under
14 section 152 of title 28, United States Code.

15 “(13) Each United States magistrate judge ap-
16 pointed under section 631 of title 28, United States
17 Code.”.

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

22 (b) ONLINE PUBLICATION OF FINANCIAL DISCLO-
23 SURE REPORTS OF FEDERAL JUDGES.—Section 105 of
24 the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.)
25 is amended—

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

3 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(c) ONLINE PUBLICATION OF FINANCIAL DISCLO-
6 SURE REPORTS OF FEDERAL JUDGES.—

7 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF DATABASE.—Subject
8 to paragraph (4), not later than 180 days after the
9 date of enactment of the Courthouse Ethics and
10 Transparency Act, the Administrative Office of the
11 United States Courts shall establish a searchable
12 internet database to enable public access to any re-
13 port required to be filed under this title by a judicial
14 officer, bankruptcy judge, or magistrate judge.

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

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

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

3 “(4) ADDITIONAL TIME.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
5 graph (B), the requirements of this subsection
6 may be implemented after the date described in
7 paragraph (1) if the Administrative Office of
8 the United States Courts identifies in writing to
9 the relevant committees of Congress the addi-
10 tional time needed for that implementation.

11 “(B) PUBLICATION REQUIREMENT.—The
12 Administrative Office of the United States
13 Courts shall continue to make the reports de-
14 scribed in paragraph (1) available to the public
15 during the period in which the Administrative
16 Office of the United States Courts establishes
17 the database under this subsection.”.

18 (c) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

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

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

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

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

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

6 (B) in subsection (b)—

7 (i) in paragraph (1)—

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

10 (II) in the third sentence, by
11 striking “may be may” and inserting
12 “may be, may”; and

13 (ii) in paragraph (3)(A), by striking
14 “described in section 109(8) or 109(10) of
15 this Act” and inserting “who is a judicial
16 officer or a judicial employee”.

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

Passed the Senate February 17, 2022.

Attest:

Secretary.

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