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H. R. 8070

To amend section 552 of title 5, United States Code, to require the public availability of certain information relating to certain speeches and meetings of the heads of agencies, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 15, 2022

Mr. BEYER (for himself and Mr. ROY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and 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 “Transparent Leader-
5 ship Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION**
2 **RELATING TO CERTAIN SPEECHES AND**
3 **MEETINGS OF HEADS OF AGENCIES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 552 of title 5, United
5 States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)(2)—

7 (A) by redesignating subparagraph (D)
8 and (E) as subparagraph (F) and (G), respec-
9 tively;

10 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (C)
11 the following:

12 “(D) a copy of each speech given after the date
13 of the enactment of this subparagraph by the head
14 of the agency acting in an official capacity;

15 “(E) a document disclosing any meeting that
16 occurs after the date of the enactment of this sub-
17 paragraph between the head of the agency acting in
18 an official capacity and a person not employed by
19 the agency;” and

20 (C) in the flush left text by inserting after
21 “electronic means.” the following: “A copy of a
22 speech required to be made available under sub-
23 paragraph (D) shall be made available not later
24 than 30 days, but not earlier than 14 days,
25 after the date on which such speech is given. A
26 document disclosing a meeting required to be

1 made available under subparagraph (E) shall be
2 made available not later than 30 days, but not
3 earlier than 14 days, after the date on which
4 such meeting occurs.”; and

5 (2) in subsection (f)—

6 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “; and”
7 and inserting a semicolon;

8 (B) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking the
9 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

10 (C) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(3) ‘speech’ means a formal address delivered
12 either virtually or in-person to a group of individuals
13 (other than a group of individuals employed by the
14 agency).

15 (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—Section 552(a) of
16 title 5, United States Code, is further amended—

17 (1) in paragraph (2), in the flush left text—

18 (A) by striking “subparagraph (D)” and
19 inserting “subparagraph (F)”;

20 (B) by striking “subparagraph (E)” and
21 inserting “subparagraph (G)”;

22 (2) in paragraph (3)(A), by striking “subpara-
23 graph (E)” and inserting “subparagraph (G)”.

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