

112TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 994

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 12, 2011

Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. DURBIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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## 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 “State Ethics Law Pro-  
5 tection Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. PAY-TO-PLAY REFORM.**

7 Section 112 of title 23, United States Code, is  
8 amended by adding at the end the following:

1       “(h) PAY-TO-PLAY REFORM.—A State transportation  
2 department shall not be considered to have violated a re-  
3 quirement of this section solely because the State in which  
4 that State transportation department is located, or a local  
5 government within that State, has in effect a law or an  
6 order that limits the amount of money an individual or  
7 entity that is doing business with a State or local agency  
8 with respect to a Federal-aid highway project may con-  
9 tribute to a political party, campaign, candidate, or elected  
10 official.”.

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