

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 769

To require the disclosure of certain visitor access records.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 13, 2019

Mr. UDALL (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CARPER, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. REED, Mr. WYDEN, and Ms. HIRONO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

A BILL

To require the disclosure of certain visitor access records.

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 “Making Access Records
5 Available to Lead American Government Openness Act”
6 or the “MAR-A-LAGO Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. IMPROVING ACCESS TO INFLUENTIAL VISITOR AC-**
8 **CESS RECORDS.**

9 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (1) COVERED LOCATION.—The term “covered
11 location” means—

1 (A) the White House;

2 (B) the residence of the Vice President;

3 and

4 (C) any other location at which the Presi-
5 dent or the Vice President regularly conducts
6 official business.

7 (2) COVERED RECORDS.—The term “covered
8 records” means information relating to a visit at a
9 covered location, which shall include—

10 (A) the name of each visitor at the covered
11 location;

12 (B) the name of each individual with whom
13 each visitor described in subparagraph (A) met
14 at the covered location; and

15 (C) the purpose of the visit.

16 (b) REQUIREMENT.—Except as provided in sub-
17 section (c), not later than 30 days after the date of enact-
18 ment of this Act, the President shall establish, and update
19 every 90 days, a publicly available database that contains
20 covered records for the preceding 90-day period.

21 (c) EXCEPTIONS.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall not in-
23 clude in the database established under subsection

24 (b) any covered record—

1 (A) the posting of which would implicate
2 personal privacy or law enforcement concerns or
3 threaten national security; or

4 (B) relating to a purely personal guest at
5 a covered location.

6 (2) SENSITIVE MEETINGS.—With respect to a
7 particularly sensitive meeting at a covered location,
8 the President shall—

9 (A) include the number of visitors at the
10 covered location in the database established
11 under subsection (b); and

12 (B) post the applicable covered records in
13 the database established under subsection (b)
14 when the President determines that release of
15 the covered records is no longer sensitive.

○