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#### IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

| Mr. | Varner (for himself, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Moran, and Mr. Cornyn) in        | ntro- |
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|     | luced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the C | Com-  |
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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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.
- 4 (a) Short Title.—This Act may be cited as the
- 5 "Classification Reform Act of 2023".
- 6 (b) Table of Contents for
- 7 this Act is as follows:
  - Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
  - Sec. 2. Definitions.

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# TITLE I—GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR REFORM OF THE SECURITY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

- Sec. 101. Executive Agent for Classification and Declassification.
- Sec. 102. Executive Committee on Classification and Declassification Programs and Technology.
- Sec. 103. Advisory bodies for Executive Agent for Classification and Declassification.
- Sec. 104. Information Security Oversight Office.

#### TITLE II—REDUCING OVERCLASSIFICATION

- Sec. 201. Classification and declassification of information.
- Sec. 202. Declassification working capital funds.
- Sec. 203. Transparency officers.
- Sec. 204. Continuity of membership of the Public Interest Declassification Board.

# TITLE III—PREVENTING MISHANDLING OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

- Sec. 301. Security review of certain records of the President and Vice President.
- Sec. 302. Mandatory counterintelligence risk assessments.
- Sec. 303. Minimum standards for Executive agency insider threat programs.

#### TITLE IV—OTHER MATTERS

- Sec. 401. Prohibitions.
- Sec. 402. Conforming amendment.
- Sec. 403. Clerical amendment.

#### 1 SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

- 2 Title VIII of the National Security Act of 1947 (50
- 3 U.S.C. 3161 et seq.) is amended—
- 4 (1) in the title heading by striking "ACCESS
- 5 TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION PROCE-
- 6 **DURES**" and inserting "**PROTECTION OF**
- 7 NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION";
- 8 (2) in the matter before section 801, by insert-
- 9 ing the following:

## "Subtitle A—Definitions

- 11 "SEC. 800. DEFINITIONS.
- "In this title:

1 "(1) AGENCY.—The term 'agency' means any 2 Executive agency as defined in section 105 of title 3 5, United States Code, any military department as 4 defined in section 102 of such title, and any other 5 entity in the executive branch of the Federal Gov-6 ernment that comes into the possession of classified 7 information. 8 "(2) AUTHORIZED INVESTIGATIVE AGENCY.— 9 The term 'authorized investigative agency' means an 10 agency authorized by law or regulation to conduct a 11 counterintelligence investigation or investigations of 12 persons who are proposed for access to classified in-13 formation to ascertain whether such persons satisfy 14 the criteria for obtaining and retaining access to 15 such information. "(3) Classify, classified, classification.— 16 17 The terms 'classify', 'classified', and 'classification' 18 refer to the process by which information is deter-19 mined to require protection from unauthorized dis-20 closure pursuant to this title in order to protect the 21 national security of the United States. 22 CLASSIFIED INFORMATION.—the 23 'classified information' means information that has been classified. 24

| 1  | "(5) Computer.—The term 'computer' means                |
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| 2  | any electronic, magnetic, optical, electrochemical, or  |
| 3  | other high speed data processing device performing      |
| 4  | logical, arithmetic, or storage functions, and includes |
| 5  | any data storage facility or communications facility    |
| 6  | directly related to or operating in conjunction with    |
| 7  | such device and any data or other information           |
| 8  | stored or contained in such device.                     |
| 9  | "(6) Consumer reporting agency.—The                     |
| 10 | term 'consumer reporting agency' has the meaning        |
| 11 | given such term in section 603 of the Consumer          |
| 12 | Credit Protection Act (15 U.S.C. 1681a).                |
| 13 | "(7) Declassify, declassified, declas-                  |
| 14 | SIFICATION.—The terms 'declassify', 'declassified',     |
| 15 | and 'declassification' refer to the process by which    |
| 16 | information that has been classified is determined to   |
| 17 | no longer require protection from unauthorized dis-     |
| 18 | closure pursuant to this title.                         |
| 19 | "(8) DOCUMENT.—The term 'document' means                |
| 20 | any recorded information, regardless of the nature of   |
| 21 | the medium or the method or circumstances of re-        |
| 22 | cording.  |
| 23 | "(9) Employee.—The term 'employee' includes             |
| 24 | any person who receives a salary or compensation of     |
| 25 | any kind from the United States Government, is a        |

| 1  | contractor of the United States Government or an      |
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| 2  | employee thereof, is an unpaid consultant of the      |
| 3  | United States Government, or otherwise acts for or    |
| 4  | on behalf of the United States Government, except     |
| 5  | as otherwise determined by the President.             |
| 6  | "(10) Executive agent for classification              |
| 7  | AND DECLASSIFICATION.—The term 'Executive             |
| 8  | Agent for Classification and Declassification' means  |
| 9  | the Executive Agent for Classification and Declas-    |
| 10 | sification established by section 811(a).             |
| 11 | "(11) Financial agency and holding com-               |
| 12 | PANY.—The terms 'financial agency' and 'financial     |
| 13 | institution' have the meanings given to such terms    |
| 14 | in section 5312(a) of title 31, United States Code,   |
| 15 | and the term 'holding company' has the meaning        |
| 16 | given to such term in section 1101(6) of the Right    |
| 17 | to Financial Privacy Act of 1978 (12 U.S.C. 3401).    |
| 18 | "(12) Foreign power and agent of a for-               |
| 19 | EIGN POWER.—The terms 'foreign power' and 'agent      |
| 20 | of a foreign power' have the meanings given such      |
| 21 | terms in section 101 of the Foreign Intelligence Sur- |
| 22 | veillance Act of 1978 (50 U.S.C. 1801).               |
| 23 | "(13) Information.—The term 'information'             |
| 24 | means any knowledge that can be communicated or       |
| 25 | documentary material, regardless of its physical      |

1 form or characteristics, that is owned by, is pro-2 duced by or for, or is under the control of the 3 United States Government. 4 "(14) Information security oversight of-5 FICE.—The term 'Information Security Oversight 6 Office' means the Information Security Oversight 7 Office established by section 814(a). 8 "(15)ORIGINAL CLASSIFICATION **AUTHOR-**9 ITY.—The term 'original classification authority' 10 means an individual authorized in writing, either by 11 the President, the Vice President, or by agency 12 heads or other officials designated by the President, 13 to classify information in the first instance. 14 "(16) Records.—The term 'records' means the 15 records of an agency and Presidential papers or 16 Presidential records, as those terms are defined in 17 title 44, United States Code, including those created 18 or maintained by a government contractor, licensee, 19 certificate holder, or grantee that are subject to the 20 sponsoring agency's control under the terms of the 21 contract, license, certificate, or grant. 22 "(17) State.—The term 'State' means each of 23 the several States of the United States, the District 24 of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the 25 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,

| 1  | the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American          |
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| 2  | Samoa, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the          |
| 3  | Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of       |
| 4  | Palau, and any other possession of the United             |
| 5  | States.   |
| 6  | "Subtitle B—Access to Classified                          |
| 7  | Information Procedures"; and                              |
| 8  | (3) by striking section 805.                              |
| 9  | TITLE I—GOVERNANCE AND AC-                                |
| 10 | COUNTABILITY FOR REFORM                                   |
| 11 | OF THE SECURITY CLASSI-                                   |
| 12 | FICATION SYSTEM   |
| 13 | SEC. 101. EXECUTIVE AGENT FOR CLASSIFICATION AND DE-      |
| 14 | CLASSIFICATION.   |
| 15 | Title VIII of the National Security Act of 1947 (50       |
| 16 | U.S.C. 3161 et seq.), as amended by section 2, is further |
| 17 | amended by adding at the end the following:               |
| 18 | "Subtitle C—Security Classification                       |
| 19 | Governance  |
| 20 | "SEC. 811. EXECUTIVE AGENT FOR CLASSIFICATION AND         |
| 21 | DECLASSIFICATION.   |
| 22 | "(a) Establishment.—There is in the executive             |
| 23 | branch of the Federal Government an Executive Agent for   |
| 24 | Classification and Declassification who shall be respon-  |
| 25 | sible for promoting programs, processes, and systems re-  |

- 1 lating to classification and declassification, including de-
- 2 veloping technical solutions for automating declassification
- 3 review, and directing resources for such purposes in the
- 4 Federal Government.
- 5 "(b) Designation.—The Director of National Intel-
- 6 ligence shall serve as the Executive Agent for Classifica-
- 7 tion and Declassification.
- 8 "(c) Duties.—The duties of the Executive Agent for
- 9 Classification and Declassification are as follows:
- 10 "(1) To promote classification and declassifica-
- tion programs, processes, and systems with the goal
- of ensuring that declassification activities keep pace
- with classification activities and that classified infor-
- mation is declassified at such time as it no longer
- meets the standard for classification.
- 16 "(2) To promote classification and declassifica-
- tion programs, processes, and systems that ensure
- 18 secure management of and tracking of classified
- records.
- 20 "(3) To promote the establishment of a fed-
- 21 erated classification and declassification system to
- streamline, modernize, and oversee declassification
- across agencies.
- 24 "(4) To direct resources to develop, coordinate,
- and implement a federated classification and declas-

| 1  | sification system that includes technologies that      |
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| 2  | automate declassification review and promote con-      |
| 3  | sistency in declassification determinations across the |
| 4  | executive branch of the Federal Government.            |
| 5  | "(5) To work with the Director of the Office of        |
| 6  | Management and Budget in developing a line item        |
| 7  | for classification and declassification in each budget |
| 8  | of the President that is submitted for a fiscal year   |
| 9  | under section 1105(a) of title 31, United States       |
| 10 | Code.  |
| 11 | "(6) To identify and support the development           |
| 12 | of—  |
| 13 | "(A) best practices for classification and             |
| 14 | declassification among agencies; and                   |
| 15 | "(B) goal oriented classification and de-              |
| 16 | classification pilot programs.                         |
| 17 | "(7) To promote and implement technological            |
| 18 | and automated solutions relating to classification     |
| 19 | and declassification, with human input as necessary    |
| 20 | for key policy decisions.                              |
| 21 | "(8) To promote feasible, sustainable, and             |
| 22 | interoperable programs and processes to facilitate a   |
| 23 | federated classification and declassification system.  |
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| 1  | "(9) To direct the implementation across agen-           |
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| 2  | cies of the most effective programs and approaches       |
| 3  | relating to classification and declassification.         |
| 4  | "(10) To establish, oversee, and enforce acquisi-        |
| 5  | tion and contracting policies relating to classification |
| 6  | and declassification programs.                           |
| 7  | "(11) In coordination with the Information Se-           |
| 8  | curity Oversight Office—                                 |
| 9  | "(A) to issue policies and directives to the             |
| 10 | heads of agencies relating to directing resources        |
| 11 | and making technological investments in classi-          |
| 12 | fication and declassification that include sup-          |
| 13 | port for a federated system;                             |
| 14 | "(B) to ensure implementation of the poli-               |
| 15 | cies and directives issued under subparagraph            |
| 16 | (A);   |
| 17 | "(C) to collect information on classification            |
| 18 | and declassification practices and policies across       |
| 19 | agencies, including challenges to effective de-          |
| 20 | classification, training, accounting, and costs          |
| 21 | associated with classification and declassifica-         |
| 22 | tion;  |
| 23 | "(D) to develop policies for ensuring the                |
| 24 | accuracy of information obtained from Federal            |
| 25 | agencies; and  |

| 1  | "(E) to develop accurate and relevant                    |
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| 2  | metrics for judging the success of classification        |
| 3  | and declassification policies and directives.            |
| 4  | "(12) To work with appropriate agencies to               |
| 5  | oversee the implementation of policies, procedures,      |
| 6  | and processes governing the submission of materials      |
| 7  | for prepublication review by persons obligated to        |
| 8  | submit materials for such review by the terms of a       |
| 9  | nondisclosure agreement signed in accordance with        |
| 10 | Executive Order 12968 (50 U.S.C. 3161 note; relat-       |
| 11 | ing to access to classified information), or successor   |
| 12 | order, and to ensure such policies, procedures, and      |
| 13 | processes—   |
| 14 | "(A) include clear and consistent guidance               |
| 15 | on materials that must be submitted and the              |
| 16 | mechanisms for making such submissions;                  |
| 17 | "(B) produce timely and consistent deter-                |
| 18 | minations across agencies; and                           |
| 19 | "(C) incorporate mechanisms for the time-                |
| 20 | ly appeal of such determinations.                        |
| 21 | "(d) Consultation With Executive Committee               |
| 22 | ON CLASSIFICATION AND DECLASSIFICATION PROGRAMS          |
| 23 | AND TECHNOLOGY.—In making decisions under this sec-      |
| 24 | tion, the Executive Agent for Classification and Declas- |
| 25 | sification shall consult with the Executive Committee on |

- 1 Classification and Declassification Programs and Tech-
- 2 nology established under section 102(a).
- 3 "(e) Coordination With the National Declas-
- 4 SIFICATION CENTER.—In implementing a federated classi-
- 5 fication and declassification system, the Executive Agent
- 6 for Classification and Declassification shall act in coordi-
- 7 nation with the National Declassification Center estab-
- 8 lished by section 3.7(a) of Executive Order 13526 (50
- 9 U.S.C. 3161 note; relating to classified national security
- 10 information), or successor order.
- 11 "(f) STANDARDS AND DIRECTIVES OF THE INFORMA-
- 12 TION SECURITY OVERSIGHT OFFICE.—The programs,
- 13 policies, and systems promoted by the Executive Agent for
- 14 Classification and Declassification shall be consistent with
- 15 the standards and directives established by the Informa-
- 16 tion Security Oversight Office.
- 17 "(g) Annual Report.—
- 18 "(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than the end of
- the first full fiscal year beginning after the date of
- the enactment of the Classification Reform Act of
- 21 2023 and not less frequently than once each fiscal
- year thereafter, the Executive Agent for Classifica-
- tion and Declassification shall submit to Congress
- and make available to the public a report on the im-
- 25 plementation of classification and declassification

| 1  | programs and processes in the most recently com-     |
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| 2  | pleted fiscal year.                                  |
| 3  | "(2) COORDINATION.—Each report submitted             |
| 4  | and made available under paragraph (1) shall be co-  |
| 5  | ordinated with the annual report of the Information  |
| 6  | Security Oversight Office issued pursuant to section |
| 7  | 814(d).  |
| 8  | "(3) Contents.—Each report submitted and             |
| 9  | made available under subsection (a) shall include,   |
| 10 | for the period covered by the report, the following: |
| 11 | "(A) The costs incurred by the Federal               |
| 12 | Government for classification and declassifica-      |
| 13 | tion.  |
| 14 | "(B) A description of information systems            |
| 15 | of the Federal Government and technology pro-        |
| 16 | grams, processes, and systems of agencies re-        |
| 17 | lated to classification and declassification.        |
| 18 | "(C) A description of the policies and di-           |
| 19 | rectives issued by the Executive Agent for Clas-     |
| 20 | sification and Declassification and other activi-    |
| 21 | ties of the Executive Agent for Classification       |
| 22 | and Declassification.                                |
| 23 | "(D) A description of the challenges posed           |
| 24 | to agencies in implementing the policies and di-     |
| 25 | rectives of the Executive Agent for Classifica-      |

| 1  | tion and Declassification as well as relevant im-    |
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| 2  | plementing policies of the agencies.                 |
| 3  | "(E) A description of pilot programs and             |
| 4  | new investments in programs, processes, and          |
| 5  | systems relating to classification and declas-       |
| 6  | sification and metrics of effectiveness for such     |
| 7  | programs, processes, and systems.                    |
| 8  | "(F) A description of progress and chal-             |
| 9  | lenges in achieving the goal described in $(c)(1)$ . |
| 10 | "(h) Funding.—                                       |
| 11 | "(1) Authorization of appropriations.—               |
| 12 | There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out |
| 13 | this section amounts as follows:                     |
| 14 | "(A) \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2024.               |
| 15 | "(B) For fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal            |
| 16 | year thereafter, such sums as may be necessary       |
| 17 | to carry out this section.                           |
| 18 | "(2) Budget estimates.—In each budget that           |
| 19 | the President submits to Congress for a fiscal year  |
| 20 | under section 1105(a) of title 31, United States     |
| 21 | Code, the President shall include an estimate of the |
| 22 | amounts required to carry out this section in that   |
| 23 | fiscal year.".                                       |

| 1  | SEC. 102. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON CLASSIFICATION              |
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| 2  | AND DECLASSIFICATION PROGRAMS AND                            |
| 3  | TECHNOLOGY.  |
| 4  | Subtitle C of title VIII of the National Security Act        |
| 5  | of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3161 et seq.), as added by section        |
| 6  | 101, is further amended by adding at the end the fol-        |
| 7  | lowing:  |
| 8  | "SEC. 812. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON CLASSIFICATION             |
| 9  | AND DECLASSIFICATION PROGRAMS AND                            |
| 10 | TECHNOLOGY.  |
| 11 | "(a) Establishment.—There is established a com-              |
| 12 | mittee to provide direction, advice, and guidance to the     |
| 13 | Executive Agent for Classification and Declassification on   |
| 14 | matters relating to classification and declassification pro- |
| 15 | grams and technology.  |
| 16 | "(b) Designation.—The committee established by               |
| 17 | subsection (a) shall be known as the 'Executive Committee    |
| 18 | on Classification and Declassification Programs and Tech-    |
| 19 | nology' (in this section referred to as the 'Committee').    |
| 20 | "(c) Membership.—  |
| 21 | "(1) Composition.—The Committee shall be                     |
| 22 | composed of the following:                                   |
| 23 | "(A) The Director of National Intelligence.                  |
| 24 | "(B) The Under Secretary of Defense for                      |
| 25 | Intelligence.  |
| 26 | "(C) The Secretary of Energy.                                |

| 24       | established by section 703(a) of the Public Interest       |
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| 23       | ( )  |
| 23       | "(1) The Public Interest Declassification Board            |
| 22       | ecutive Agent for Classification and Declassification:     |
| 21       | "The following are hereby advisory bodies for the Ex-      |
| 20       | CLASSIFICATION AND DECLASSIFICATION.                       |
| 19       | "SEC. 813. ADVISORY BODIES FOR EXECUTIVE AGENT FOR         |
| 18       | adding at the end the following:                           |
| 17       | 101 and amended by section 102, is further amended by      |
| 16       | of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3161 et seq.), as added by section      |
| 15       | Subtitle C of title VIII of the National Security Act      |
| 14       | CLASSIFICATION AND DECLASSIFICATION.                       |
| 13       | SEC. 103. ADVISORY BODIES FOR EXECUTIVE AGENT FOR          |
| 12       | point the chairperson of the Committee.".                  |
| 11       | "(2) Chairperson.—The President shall ap-                  |
| 10       | considers appropriate.                                     |
| 9        | Agent for Classification and Declassification              |
| 8        | "(H) Such other members as the Executive                   |
| 7        | agement and Budget.  |
| 6        | "(G) The Director of the Office of Man-                    |
| 5        | curity Oversight Board.                                    |
| <i>3</i> | "(F) The Director of the Information Se-                   |
| 2        | "(E) The Director of the National Declassification Center. |
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| 1        | "(D) The Secretary of State.                               |

| 1  | "(2) The Office of the Historian of the Depart-         |
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| 2  | ment of State.  |
| 3  | "(3) The Historical Office of the Secretary of          |
| 4  | Defense.  |
| 5  | "(4) The Office of the Chief Historian of the           |
| 6  | Central Intelligence Agency.".                          |
| 7  | SEC. 104. INFORMATION SECURITY OVERSIGHT OFFICE.        |
| 8  | Subtitle C of title VIII of the National Security Act   |
| 9  | of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3161 et seq.), as added by section   |
| 10 | 101 and amended by sections 102 and 103, is further     |
| 11 | amended by adding at the end the following:             |
| 12 | "SEC. 814. INFORMATION SECURITY OVERSIGHT OFFICE.       |
| 13 | "(a) Establishment.—                                    |
| 14 | "(1) In general.—There is hereby established            |
| 15 | in the executive branch of the Federal Government       |
| 16 | an office to ensure the Government protects and         |
| 17 | provides proper access to information to advance the    |
| 18 | national and public interest by standardizing and as-   |
| 19 | sessing the management of classified and controlled     |
| 20 | unclassified information through oversight, policy de-  |
| 21 | velopment, guidance, education, and reporting.          |
| 22 | "(2) Designation.—The office established by             |
| 23 | paragraph (1) shall be known as the 'Information        |
| 24 | Security Oversight Office' (in this section referred to |
| 25 | as the 'Office').                                       |

- 18 1 "(b) DIRECTOR.—There is in the Office a director 2 who shall be the head of the Office and who shall be ap-3 pointed by the President. 4 "(c) Duties.—The duties of the director of the Of-5 fice, which the director shall carry out in coordination with
- the Executive Agent for Classification and Declassifica-6
- 7 tion, are as follows:
- 8 "(1) To develop directives to implement a uni-9 form system across the United States Government 10 classifying, safeguarding, declassifying, 11 downgrading of national security information.
- 12 "(2) To oversee implementation of such direc-13 tives by agencies through establishment of strategic 14 goals and objectives and periodic assessment of 15 agency performance vis-à-vis such goals and objec-16 tives.
- 17 "(d) Annual Report.—Each fiscal year, the direc-18 tor of the Office shall submit to Congress a report on the 19 execution of the duties of the director under subsection 20 (c).
- "(e) Funding.— 21
- 22 "(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.— 23 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out 24 this section amounts as follows:
- 25 "(A) \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2024.

| 1  | "(B) For fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal                  |
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| 2  | year thereafter, such sums as may be necessary             |
| 3  | to carry out this section.                                 |
| 4  | "(2) Budget estimates.—In each budget that                 |
| 5  | the President submits to Congress for a fiscal year        |
| 6  | under section 1105(a) of title 31, United States           |
| 7  | Code, the President shall include an estimate of the       |
| 8  | amounts required to carry out this section in that         |
| 9  | fiscal year.".   |
| 10 | TITLE II—REDUCING  |
| 11 | OVERCLASSIFICATION   |
| 12 | SEC. 201. CLASSIFICATION AND DECLASSIFICATION OF IN-       |
| 13 | FORMATION.   |
| 14 | (a) In General.—Title VIII of the National Secu-           |
| 15 | rity Act of 1947, as amended by title I of this Act, is    |
| 16 | further amended by adding at the end the following:        |
| 17 | "Subtitle D—Classification and                             |
| 18 | Declassification   |
| 19 | "SEC. 821. CLASSIFICATION AND DECLASSIFICATION OF IN-      |
| 20 | FORMATION.   |
| 21 | "(a) In General.—The President may, in accord-             |
| 22 | ance with this title, protect from unauthorized disclosure |
| 23 | any information owned by, produced by or for, or under     |
| 24 | the control of the executive branch when there is a demon- |
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| 1  | strable need to do so in order to protect the national secu- |
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| 2  | rity of the United States.                                   |
| 3  | "(b) Establishment of Standards and Proce-                   |
| 4  | DURES FOR CLASSIFICATION AND DECLASSIFICATION.—              |
| 5  | "(1) Governmentwide procedures.—                             |
| 6  | "(A) CLASSIFICATION.—The President                           |
| 7  | shall, to the extent necessary, establish cat-               |
| 8  | egories of information that may be classified                |
| 9  | and procedures for classifying information                   |
| 10 | under subsection (a).  |
| 11 | "(B) Declassification.—At the same                           |
| 12 | time the President establishes categories and                |
| 13 | procedures under subparagraph (A), the Presi-                |
| 14 | dent shall establish procedures for declassifying            |
| 15 | information that was previously classified.                  |
| 16 | "(C) MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.—The pro-                          |
| 17 | cedures established pursuant to subparagraphs                |
| 18 | (A) and (B) shall—   |
| 19 | "(i) permit the classification of infor-                     |
| 20 | mation only in cases in which the informa-                   |
| 21 | tion meets the standard set forth in sub-                    |
| 22 | section (c) and require the declassification                 |
| 23 | of information that does not meet such                       |
| 24 | standard;  |

| 1  | "(ii) provide for no more than two lev-         |
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| 2  | els of classification;                          |
| 3  | "(iii) provide for the declassification         |
| 4  | of information classified under this title in   |
| 5  | accordance with subsection (d);                 |
| 6  | "(iv) provide for the automatic declas-         |
| 7  | sification of classified records with perma-    |
| 8  | nent historical value in accordance with        |
| 9  | subsection (e); and                             |
| 10 | "(v) provide for the timely review of           |
| 11 | materials submitted for prepublication re-      |
| 12 | view in accordance with subsection (g).         |
| 13 | "(2) Notice and comment.—                       |
| 14 | "(A) Notice.—The President shall pub-           |
| 15 | lish in the Federal Register notice regarding   |
| 16 | the categories and procedures proposed to be    |
| 17 | established under paragraph (1).                |
| 18 | "(B) Comment.—The President shall pro-          |
| 19 | vide an opportunity for interested persons to   |
| 20 | submit comments on the categories and proce-    |
| 21 | dures covered by subparagraph (A).              |
| 22 | "(C) Deadline.—The President shall              |
| 23 | complete the establishment of categories and    |
| 24 | procedures under this subsection not later than |
| 25 | 60 days after publishing notice in the Federal  |
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| 1  | Register under subparagraph (A). Upon com-         |
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| 2  | pletion of the establishment of such categories    |
| 3  | and procedures, the President shall publish in     |
| 4  | the Federal Register notice regarding such cat-    |
| 5  | egories and procedures.                            |
| 6  | "(3) Modification.—In the event the Presi-         |
| 7  | dent determines to modify any categories or proce- |
| 8  | dures established under paragraph (1), subpara-    |
| 9  | graphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (2) shall apply to |
| 10 | the modification of such categories or procedures. |
| 11 | "(4) Agency standards and procedures.—             |
| 12 | "(A) IN GENERAL.—The head of each                  |
| 13 | agency shall establish a single set of consoli-    |
| 14 | dated standards and procedures to permit such      |
| 15 | agency to classify and declassify information      |
| 16 | created by such agency in accordance with the      |
| 17 | categories and procedures established by the       |
| 18 | President under this section and otherwise to      |
| 19 | carry out this title.                              |
| 20 | "(B) DEADLINE.—Each agency head shall              |
| 21 | establish the standards and procedures under       |
| 22 | subparagraph (A) not later than 60 days after      |
| 23 | the date on which the President publishes no-      |
| 24 | tice under paragraph (2)(C) of the categories      |

| 1  | and standards established by the President             |
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| 2  | under this subsection.                                 |
| 3  | "(C) Submittal to congress.—Each                       |
| 4  | agency head shall submit to Congress the               |
| 5  | standards and procedures established by such           |
| 6  | agency head under this paragraph.                      |
| 7  | "(c) Standard for Classification and Declas-           |
| 8  | SIFICATION.—   |
| 9  | "(1) In general.—Subject to paragraphs (2)             |
| 10 | and (3), information may be classified under this      |
| 11 | title, and classified information under review for de- |
| 12 | classification under this title may remain classified, |
| 13 | only if the harm to national security that might rea-  |
| 14 | sonably be expected from disclosure of such informa-   |
| 15 | tion outweighs the public interest in disclosure of    |
| 16 | such information.                                      |
| 17 | "(2) Default rules.—                                   |
| 18 | "(A) Default with respect to classi-                   |
| 19 | FICATION.—In the event of significant doubt            |
| 20 | whether the harm to national security that             |
| 21 | might reasonably be expected from the disclo-          |
| 22 | sure of information would outweigh the public          |
| 23 | interest in the disclosure of such information,        |
| 24 | such information shall not be classified.              |

| 1  | "(B) Default with respect to de-                       |
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| 2  | CLASSIFICATION.—In the event of significant            |
| 3  | doubt whether the harm to national security            |
| 4  | that might reasonably be expected from the dis-        |
| 5  | closure of information previously classified           |
| 6  | under this title would outweigh the public inter-      |
| 7  | est in the disclosure of such information, such        |
| 8  | information shall be declassified.                     |
| 9  | "(3) Criteria.—For purposes of this sub-               |
| 10 | section, in determining the harm to national security  |
| 11 | that might reasonably be expected from disclosure of   |
| 12 | information, and the public interest in the disclosure |
| 13 | of information, the official making the determination  |
| 14 | shall consider the following:                          |
| 15 | "(A) With regard to the harm to national               |
| 16 | security that might reasonably be expected from        |
| 17 | disclosure of information, whether or not disclo-      |
| 18 | sure of the information would—                         |
| 19 | "(i) reveal the identity of a confiden-                |
| 20 | tial human source, or reveal information               |
| 21 | about the application of an intelligence               |
| 22 | source or method, or reveal the identity of            |
| 23 | a human intelligence source when the un-               |
| 24 | authorized disclosure of that source would             |
| 25 | clearly and demonstrably damage the na-                |

| 1  | tional security interests of the United    |
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| 2  | States;                                    |
| 3  | "(ii) reveal information that would as-    |
| 4  | sist in the development or use of weapons  |
| 5  | of mass destruction;                       |
| 6  | "(iii) reveal information that would       |
| 7  | impair United States cryptologic systems   |
| 8  | or activities;                             |
| 9  | "(iv) reveal information that would        |
| 10 | impair the application of state of the art |
| 11 | technology within a United States weapons  |
| 12 | system;                                    |
| 13 | "(v) reveal actual United States mili-     |
| 14 | tary war plans that remain in effect;      |
| 15 | "(vi) reveal information that would se-    |
| 16 | riously and demonstrably impair relations  |
| 17 | between the United States and a foreign    |
| 18 | government, or seriously and demonstrably  |
| 19 | undermine ongoing diplomatic activities of |
| 20 | the United States;                         |
| 21 | "(vii) reveal information that would       |
| 22 | clearly and demonstrably impair the cur-   |
| 23 | rent ability of United States Government   |
| 24 | officials to protect the President, Vice   |
| 25 | President, and other officials for whom    |

| 1  | protection services, in the interest of na-   |
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| 2  | tional security, are authorized;              |
| 3  | "(viii) reveal information that would         |
| 4  | seriously and demonstrably impair current     |
| 5  | national security emergency preparedness      |
| 6  | plans; or                                     |
| 7  | "(ix) violate a statute, treaty, or inter-    |
| 8  | national agreement.                           |
| 9  | "(B) With regard to the public interest in    |
| 10 | disclosure of information—                    |
| 11 | "(i) whether or not disclosure of the         |
| 12 | information would better enable United        |
| 13 | States citizens to hold Government officials  |
| 14 | accountable for their actions and policies;   |
| 15 | "(ii) whether or not disclosure of the        |
| 16 | information would assist the United States    |
| 17 | criminal justice system in holding persons    |
| 18 | responsible for criminal acts or acts con-    |
| 19 | trary to the Constitution;                    |
| 20 | "(iii) whether or not disclosure of the       |
| 21 | information would assist Congress, or any     |
| 22 | committee or subcommittee thereof, in car-    |
| 23 | rying out its oversight responsibilities with |
| 24 | regard to the executive branch or in ade-     |
| 25 | quately informing itself of executive branch  |

| 1  | policies and activities in order to carry out    |
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| 2  | its legislative responsibilities;                |
| 3  | "(iv) whether the disclosure of the in-          |
| 4  | formation would assist Congress or the           |
| 5  | public in understanding the interpretation       |
| 6  | of the Federal Government of a provision         |
| 7  | of law, including Federal regulations, pres-     |
| 8  | idential directives, statutes, case law, and     |
| 9  | the Constitution of the United States; or        |
| 10 | "(v) whether or not disclosure of the            |
| 11 | information would bring about any other          |
| 12 | significant benefit, including an increase in    |
| 13 | public awareness or understanding of Gov-        |
| 14 | ernment activities or an enhancement of          |
| 15 | Government efficiency.                           |
| 16 | "(4) Written Justification for classifica-       |
| 17 | TION.—   |
| 18 | "(A) ORIGINAL CLASSIFICATION.—Each               |
| 19 | agency official who makes a decision to classify |
| 20 | information not previously classified shall, at  |
| 21 | the time of the classification decision—         |
| 22 | "(i) identify himself or herself; and            |
| 23 | "(ii) provide in writing a detailed jus-         |
| 24 | tification of that decision.                     |

| 1  | "(B) DERIVATIVE CLASSIFICATION.—In                  |
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| 2  | any case in which an agency official or con-        |
| 3  | tractor employee classifies a document on the       |
| 4  | basis of information previously classified that is  |
| 5  | included or referenced in the document, the of-     |
| 6  | ficial or employee, as the case may be, shall—      |
| 7  | "(i) identify himself or herself in that            |
| 8  | document; and                                       |
| 9  | "(ii) use a concise notation, or similar            |
| 10 | means, to document the basis for that deci-         |
| 11 | sion.   |
| 12 | "(5) Classification prohibitions and limi-          |
| 13 | TATIONS.—   |
| 14 | "(A) In general.—In no case shall infor-            |
| 15 | mation be classified, continue to be maintained     |
| 16 | as classified, or fail to be declassified in order— |
| 17 | "(i) to conceal violations of law, ineffi-          |
| 18 | ciency, or administrative error;                    |
| 19 | "(ii) to prevent embarrassment to a                 |
| 20 | person, organization, or agency;                    |
| 21 | "(iii) to restrain competition; or                  |
| 22 | "(iv) to prevent or delay the release of            |
| 23 | information that does not require protec-           |
| 24 | tion in the interest of the national security.      |

| 1  | "(B) Basic scientific research.—Basic                    |
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| 2  | scientific research information not clearly re-          |
| 3  | lated to the national security shall not be classi-      |
| 4  | fied.  |
| 5  | "(C) Reclassification.—Information                       |
| 6  | may not be reclassified after being declassified         |
| 7  | and release to the public under proper authority         |
| 8  | unless personally approved by the President              |
| 9  | based on a determination that such reclassifica-         |
| 10 | tion is required to prevent significant and de-          |
| 11 | monstrable damage to the national security;              |
| 12 | "(d) Declassification of Information Classi-             |
| 13 | FIED UNDER ACT.—   |
| 14 | "(1) In general.—No information may re-                  |
| 15 | main classified indefinitely.                            |
| 16 | "(2) Maximum period of classification.—                  |
| 17 | Except as provided in paragraphs (3), (4), and (5),      |
| 18 | information may not remain classified under this         |
| 19 | title after the date that is 25 years after the date     |
| 20 | of the original classification of the information.       |
| 21 | "(3) Earlier Declassification.—When                      |
| 22 | classifying information under this title, an agency      |
| 23 | official may provide for the declassification of the in- |
| 24 | formation as of a date or event that is earlier than     |
| 25 | the date otherwise provided for under paragraph (2).     |

| 1  | "(4) LATER DECLASSIFICATION.—When                        |
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| 2  | classifying information under this title, an agency      |
| 3  | official may provide for the declassification of the in- |
| 4  | formation on the date that is 50 years after the date    |
| 5  | of the classification if the head of the agency—         |
| 6  | "(A) determines that there is no likely set              |
| 7  | of circumstances under which declassification            |
| 8  | would occur within the time otherwise provided           |
| 9  | for under paragraph (2);                                 |
| 10 | "(B)(i) obtains the concurrence of the di-               |
| 11 | rector of the Information Security Oversight             |
| 12 | Office in the determination; or                          |
| 13 | "(ii) if the agency head seeks but is unable             |
| 14 | to obtain concurrence under clause (i), obtains          |
| 15 | the concurrence of the President; and                    |
| 16 | "(C) submits to the President a certifi-                 |
| 17 | cation of the determination.                             |
| 18 | "(5) Postponement of declassification.—                  |
| 19 | "(A) In general.—The declassification of                 |
| 20 | any information or category of information that          |
| 21 | would otherwise be declassified under para-              |
| 22 | graph (2) or (4) may be postponed, but only              |
| 23 | with the personal approval of the President              |
| 24 | based on a determination that such postpone-             |
| 25 | ment is required to prevent significant and de-          |

1 monstrable damage to the national security of 2 the United States. 3 "(B) GENERAL DURATION OF POSTPONE-4 MENT.—Information the declassification 5 which is postponed under this paragraph may 6 remain classified not longer than 10 years after 7 the date of the postponement, unless such clas-8 sification is renewed by the President. 9 "(C) Congressional notification.— 10 Within 30 days of any postponement or renewal 11 of a postponement under this paragraph, the 12 President shall provide written notification to 13 Congress of such postponement or renewal that 14 describes the significant and demonstrable dam-15 age to the national security of the United 16 States that justifies such postponement or re-17 newal. 18 "(6) Basis for determinations.—An agency 19 official making a determination under this sub-20 section with respect to the duration of classification 21 of information, or the declassification of information, 22 shall make the determination required under sub-23 section (c) with respect to classification or declas-24 sification in accordance with an assessment of the

| 1  | criteria specified in paragraph (3) of such subsection |
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| 2  | (c) that is current as of the determination.           |
| 3  | "(e) Automatic Declassification of Classified          |
| 4  | Records.—  |
| 5  | "(1) In general.—Except as provided in para-           |
| 6  | graph (2), all classified records that are more than   |
| 7  | 50 years old and have been determined to have per-     |
| 8  | manent historical value under title 44, United States  |
| 9  | Code, shall be automatically declassified on Decem-    |
| 10 | ber 31 of the year that is 50 years after the date     |
| 11 | on which the records were created, whether or not      |
| 12 | the records have been reviewed.                        |
| 13 | "(2) Postponement.—                                    |
| 14 | "(A) AGENCY POSTPONEMENT.—The head                     |
| 15 | of an agency may postpone automatic declas-            |
| 16 | sification under paragraph (1) of specific             |
| 17 | records or information, or renew a period of           |
| 18 | postponed automatic declassification, if the           |
| 19 | agency head determines that disclosure of the          |
| 20 | records or information would clearly and de-           |
| 21 | monstrably be expected—                                |
| 22 | "(i) to reveal the identity of a con-                  |
| 23 | fidential human source or a human intel-               |
| 24 | ligence source; or                                     |

| 1  | "(ii) to reveal information that would          |
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| 2  | assist in the development, production, or       |
| 3  | use of weapons of mass destruction.             |
| 4  | "(B) Presidential postponement.—                |
| 5  | The President may postpone automatic declas-    |
| 6  | sification under paragraph (1) of specific      |
| 7  | records or information if the President deter-  |
| 8  | mines that such postponement is required to     |
| 9  | prevent significant and demonstrable damage to  |
| 10 | the national security of the United States.     |
| 11 | "(C) General duration of postpone-              |
| 12 | MENT.—A period of postponement automatic        |
| 13 | declassification under this paragraph shall not |
| 14 | exceed 10 years after the date of the postpone- |
| 15 | ment, unless renewed by the agency head who     |
| 16 | postponed the automatic declassification or the |
| 17 | President.                                      |
| 18 | "(D) Congressional notification.—               |
| 19 | Within 30 days of any postponement or renewal   |
| 20 | of a postponement under this paragraph, the     |
| 21 | agency head or President responsible for the    |
| 22 | postponement shall provide written notification |
| 23 | to Congress of such postponement or renewal     |
| 24 | that describes the justification for such post- |
| 25 | ponement or renewal.                            |

| 1  | "(f) Declassification of Current Classified          |
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| 2  | Information.—  |
| 3  | "(1) Procedures.—The President shall estab-          |
| 4  | lish procedures for declassifying information that   |
| 5  | was classified before the date of the enactment of   |
| 6  | the Classification Reform Act of 2023. Such proce-   |
| 7  | dures shall, to the maximum extent practicable, be   |
| 8  | consistent with the provisions of this section.      |
| 9  | "(2) Automatic declassification.—The pro-            |
| 10 | cedures established under paragraph (1) shall in-    |
| 11 | clude procedures for the automatic declassification  |
| 12 | of information referred to in paragraph (1) that has |
| 13 | remained classified for more than 25 years as of     |
| 14 | such date.   |
| 15 | "(3) Notice and comment.—                            |
| 16 | "(A) Notice.—The President shall pub-                |
| 17 | lish notice in the Federal Register of the proce-    |
| 18 | dures proposed to be established under this sub-     |
| 19 | section.   |
| 20 | "(B) Comment.—The President shall pro-               |
| 21 | vide an opportunity for interested persons to        |
| 22 | submit comments on the procedures covered by         |
| 23 | subparagraph (A).                                    |
| 24 | "(C) DEADLINE.—The President shall                   |
| 25 | complete the establishment of procedures under       |

| 1  | this subsection not later than 60 days after           |
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| 2  | publishing notice in the Federal Register under        |
| 3  | subparagraph (A). Upon completion of the es-           |
| 4  | tablishment of such procedures, the President          |
| 5  | shall publish in the Federal Register notice re-       |
| 6  | garding such procedures.                               |
| 7  | "(g) Prepublication Review.—                           |
| 8  | "(1) In General.—The head of each agency               |
| 9  | that requires personnel to sign a nondisclosure        |
| 10 | agreement in accordance with Executive Order           |
| 11 | 12968 (50 U.S.C. 3161 note; relating to access to      |
| 12 | classified information), or successor order, providing |
| 13 | for the submittal of materials for prepublication re-  |
| 14 | view, shall establish a process for the timely review  |
| 15 | of such materials consistent with the requirements     |
| 16 | of this title.   |
| 17 | "(2) Requirements.—Each process estab-                 |
| 18 | lished under paragraph (1) shall include the fol-      |
| 19 | lowing:  |
| 20 | "(A) Clear guidance on materials required              |
| 21 | to be submitted and the means of submission.           |
| 22 | "(B) Mechanisms for ensuring consistent                |
| 23 | decisionmaking across multiple agencies.               |
| 24 | "(C) Mechanisms for appeal of decisions                |
| 25 | made in the course of the review process.              |

| 1  | "(3) Centralized Appeal.—The President                  |
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| 2  | shall establish a mechanism for centralized appeal of   |
| 3  | agency decisions made pursuant to this subsection."     |
| 4  | (b) Conforming Amendment to FOIA.—Section               |
| 5  | 552(b)(1) of title 5, United States Code, is amended to |
| 6  | read as follows:  |
| 7  | "(1)(A) specifically authorized to be classified        |
| 8  | under the Classification Reform Act of 2023, or spe-    |
| 9  | cifically authorized under criteria established by an   |
| 10 | Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of    |
| 11 | national security; and                                  |
| 12 | "(B) are in fact properly classified pursuant to        |
| 13 | that Act or Executive order;".                          |
| 14 | (c) Effective Date.—                                    |
| 15 | (1) In General.—Section 821 of the National             |
| 16 | Security Act of 1947, as added by subsection (a),       |
| 17 | and the amendment made by subsection (b), shall         |
| 18 | take effect on the date that is 180 days after the      |
| 19 | date of the enactment of this Act.                      |
| 20 | (2) Relation to presidential direc-                     |
| 21 | TIVES.—Presidential directives regarding classifying.   |
| 22 | safeguarding, and declassifying national security in-   |
| 23 | formation, including Executive Order 13526 (50          |
| 24 | U.S.C. 3161 note; relating to classified national se-   |
| 25 | curity information), or successor order, in effect or   |

- 1 the day before the date of the enactment of this Act,
- 2 as well as procedures issued pursuant to such Presi-
- dential directives, shall remain in effect until super-
- 4 sede by procedures issues pursuant to section 821 of
- 5 the National Security Act of 1947, as added by sub-
- 6 section (a).

### 7 SEC. 202. DECLASSIFICATION WORKING CAPITAL FUNDS.

- 8 Subtitle D of title VIII of the National Security Act
- 9 of 1947, as added by section 201, is further amended by
- 10 adding at the end the following:

#### 11 "SEC. 822. DECLASSIFICATION WORKING CAPITAL FUNDS.

- 12 "(a) Definition of Covered Agency.—In this
- 13 section, the term 'covered agency' means an agency that
- 14 has original classification authority.
- 15 "(b) Programs Required.—Not later than 90 days
- 16 after the date of the enactment of the Classification Re-
- 17 form Act of 2023, each head of a covered agency shall
- 18 establish a program for the automatic declassification of
- 19 classified records that have permanent historical value.
- 20 "(c) Estimates.—Each head of a covered agency
- 21 shall ensure that the program established by the head pur-
- 22 suant to subsection (b) includes a mechanism for esti-
- 23 mating the number of classified records generated by each
- 24 subcomponent of the covered agency each fiscal year.

| 1  | "(d) Declassification Working Capital                   |
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| 2  | Funds.—   |
| 3  | "(1) Establishment.—For each covered                    |
| 4  | agency, there is established in the Treasury of the     |
| 5  | United States a fund to be known as the 'Declas-        |
| 6  | sification Working Capital Fund' of the respective      |
| 7  | covered agency.   |
| 8  | "(2) Contents of funds.—Each fund estab-                |
| 9  | lished under paragraph (1) shall consist of the fol-    |
| 10 | lowing:   |
| 11 | "(A) Amounts transferred to the fund                    |
| 12 | under subsection (e).                                   |
| 13 | "(B) Amounts appropriated to the fund.                  |
| 14 | "(3) AVAILABILITY AND USE OF FUNDS.—Sub-                |
| 15 | ject to the concurrence of the Executive Agent for      |
| 16 | Classification and Declassification, amounts in a       |
| 17 | fund of a covered agency established by paragraph       |
| 18 | (1) shall be available, without fiscal year limitation, |
| 19 | to promote and implement technological and auto-        |
| 20 | mated solutions that are interoperable across cov-      |
| 21 | ered agencies to support the programs of covered        |
| 22 | agencies established pursuant to subsection (b).        |
| 23 | "(e) Transfers to the Funds.—Each head of a             |
| 24 | covered agency shall issue regulations for the covered  |
| 25 | agency, subject to review and approval by the Executive |

Agent for Classification and Declassification, that require 2 each subcomponent of the covered agency to transfer, on 3 a periodic basis, to the fund established for the covered 4 agency under subsection (c)(1), an amount for a period 5 that bears the same ratio to the total of amounts transferred to the fund by all subcomponents of the covered 6 7 agency for that period as the ratio of— "(1) the estimate for the subcomponent pursu-8 9 ant to the mechanism required by subsection (c) for 10 that period; bears to 11 "(2) the aggregate of all of the estimates for all 12 subcomponents of the Executive agency under such mechanism for the same period.". 13 14 SEC. 203. TRANSPARENCY OFFICERS. 15 Section 1062(a) of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (42 U.S.C. 2000ee–1(a)) 16 17 is amended— (1) in paragraph (3), by striking "; and" and 18 19 inserting a semicolon; 20 (2) in paragraph (4)(C), by striking the period at the end and inserting "; and"; 21 22 (3) by adding at the end the following: 23 "(5) assist the head of such department, agen-24 cy, or element and other officials of such depart-25 ment, agency, or element in identifying records of

| 1  | significant public interest and prioritizing appro-   |
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| 2  | priate review of such records in order to facilitate  |
| 3  | the public disclosure of such records in redacted or  |
| 4  | unredacted form.";                                    |
| 5  | (4) in paragraph (4), by redesignating subpara-       |
| 6  | graphs (A) through (C) as clauses (i) through (iii),  |
| 7  | respectively, and indenting such clauses 2 ems to the |
| 8  | right;  |
| 9  | (5) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through           |
| 10 | (5) as subparagraphs (A) through (E), respectively,   |
| 11 | and indenting such subparagraphs 2 ems to the         |
| 12 | right;  |
| 13 | (6) in the matter before subparagraph (A), as         |
| 14 | redesignated by paragraph (5), by striking "The At-   |
| 15 | torney General" and inserting the following:          |
| 16 | "(1) In General.—The Attorney General";               |
| 17 | and   |
| 18 | (7) by adding at the end the following:               |
| 19 | "(2) Determining public interest in dis-              |
| 20 | CLOSURE.—In assisting the head of a department,       |
| 21 | agency, or element and other officials of such de-    |
| 22 | partment, agency, or element in identifying records   |
| 23 | of significant public interest under subparagraph     |
| 24 | (E) of paragraph (1), a senior officer designated     |
| 25 | under such paragraph shall consider—                  |

| 1  | "(A) whether or not disclosure of the infor-         |
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| 2  | mation would better enable United States citi-       |
| 3  | zens to hold Federal Government officials ac-        |
| 4  | countable for their actions and policies;            |
| 5  | "(B) whether or not disclosure of the in-            |
| 6  | formation would assist the United States crimi-      |
| 7  | nal justice system in holding persons respon-        |
| 8  | sible for criminal acts or acts contrary to the      |
| 9  | Constitution;  |
| 10 | "(C) whether or not disclosure of the infor-         |
| 11 | mation would assist Congress, or any committee       |
| 12 | or subcommittee thereof, in carrying out its         |
| 13 | oversight responsibilities with regard to the ex-    |
| 14 | ecutive branch or in adequately informing itself     |
| 15 | of executive branch policies and activities in       |
| 16 | order to carry out its legislative responsibilities; |
| 17 | "(D) whether the disclosure of the infor-            |
| 18 | mation would assist Congress or the public in        |
| 19 | understanding the interpretation of the Federal      |
| 20 | Government of a provision of law, including          |
| 21 | Federal regulations, presidential directives,        |
| 22 | statutes, case law, and the Constitution of the      |
| 23 | United States; or                                    |
| 24 | "(E) whether or not disclosure of the in-            |
| 25 | formation would bring about any other signifi-       |

| 1  | cant benefit, including an increase in public              |
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| 2  | awareness or understanding of Government ac-               |
| 3  | tivities or an enhancement of Federal Govern-              |
| 4  | ment efficiency.".   |
| 5  | SEC. 204. CONTINUITY OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE PUBLIC IN-       |
| 6  | TEREST DECLASSIFICATION BOARD.                             |
| 7  | (a) Continuity of Membership.—Subsection                   |
| 8  | (c)(2) of section 703 of the Public Interest Declassifica- |
| 9  | tion Act of 2000 (50 U.S.C. 3355a) is amended by adding    |
| 10 | at the end the following:                                  |
| 11 | "(E) Notwithstanding the other provisions of               |
| 12 | this paragraph, a member whose term has expired            |
| 13 | may continue to serve until a successor is ap-             |
| 14 | pointed.".   |
| 15 | (b) Meetings.—Subsection (e) of such section is            |
| 16 | amended, in the second sentence, by inserting "appointed"  |
| 17 | before "members".  |
| 18 | TITLE III—PREVENTING MIS-                                  |
| 19 | HANDLING OF CLASSIFIED IN-                                 |
| 20 | FORMATION  |
| 21 | SEC. 301. SECURITY REVIEW OF CERTAIN RECORDS OF THE        |
| 22 | PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT.                              |
| 23 | Title VIII of the National Security Act of 1947, as        |
| 24 | amended by titles I and II of this Act, is further amended |
| 25 | by adding at the end the following:                        |

| 1  | "Subtitle E—Protection of                             |
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| 2  | <b>Classified Information</b>                         |
| 3  | "SEC. 831. SECURITY REVIEW OF CERTAIN RECORDS OF      |
| 4  | THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT.                     |
| 5  | "(a) Definitions.—In this section:                    |
| 6  | "(1) Archivist, documentary material,                 |
| 7  | PRESIDENTIAL RECORDS, PERSONAL RECORDS.—              |
| 8  | The terms 'Archivist', 'documentary material', 'Pres- |
| 9  | idential records', and 'personal records' have the    |
| 10 | meanings given such terms in section 2201 of title    |
| 11 | 44, United States Code.                               |
| 12 | "(2) Commingled or uncategorized                      |
| 13 | RECORDS.—   |
| 14 | "(A) In general.—Except as provided in                |
| 15 | subparagraph (B), the term 'commingled or             |
| 16 | uncategorized records' means all documentary          |
| 17 | materials not categorized as Presidential             |
| 18 | records or personal records upon their creation       |
| 19 | or receipt and filed separately pursuant to sec-      |
| 20 | tion 2203(d) of title 44, United States Code.         |
| 21 | "(B) Exception.—The term 'commingled                  |
| 22 | or uncategorized records' does not include docu-      |
| 23 | mentary materials that are—                           |

| 1  | "(i) official records of an agency (as                   |
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| 2  | defined in section 552(f) of title 5, United             |
| 3  | States Code);  |
| 4  | "(ii) stocks of publications and sta-                    |
| 5  | tionery; or  |
| 6  | "(iii) extra copies of documents pro-                    |
| 7  | duced only for convenience of reference,                 |
| 8  | when such copies are clearly so identified.              |
| 9  | "(3) Official records of an agency.—The                  |
| 10 | term 'official records of an agency' means official      |
| 11 | records of an agency within the meaning of such          |
| 12 | terms in section 552 of title 5, United States.          |
| 13 | "(b) Presumption of Presidential Records.—               |
| 14 | Commingled or uncategorized records shall be presumed    |
| 15 | to be Presidential records, unless the President or Vice |
| 16 | President—   |
| 17 | "(1) categorizes the commingled or                       |
| 18 | uncategorized records as personal records in accord-     |
| 19 | ance with subsection (c); or                             |
| 20 | "(2) determines the commingled or                        |
| 21 | uncategorized records are—                               |
| 22 | "(A) official records of an agency;                      |
| 23 | "(B) stocks of publications and stationery;              |
| 24 | or   |

| 1  | "(C) extra copies of documents produced                   |
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| 2  | only for convenience of reference, when such              |
| 3  | copies are clearly so identified.                         |
| 4  | "(c) Categorizing Commingled or                           |
| 5  | UNCATEGORIZED RECORDS AS PERSONAL RECORDS.—At             |
| 6  | any time during the President or Vice President's term    |
| 7  | of office, the President or Vice President may categorize |
| 8  | commingled or uncategorized records as personal records   |
| 9  | if—   |
| 10 | "(1) the Archivist performs a security review of          |
| 11 | the commingled or uncategorized records that is rea-      |
| 12 | sonably designed to identify records that contain         |
| 13 | standard markings indicating that records contain         |
| 14 | classified information;                                   |
| 15 | "(2) the President obtains written confirmation           |
| 16 | from the Archivist that the review conducted pursu-       |
| 17 | ant to paragraph (1) did not identify any records         |
| 18 | that contain standard markings indicating that            |
| 19 | records contain classified information or, if such        |
| 20 | markings were improperly applied, that such mark-         |
| 21 | ings have been corrected; and                             |
| 22 | "(3) the President obtains written confirmation           |
| 23 | from the Archivist that the Archivist is not aware of     |
| 24 | any other requirement that would preclude catego-         |

| 1  | rizing the commingled or uncategorized records as   |
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| 2  | personal records.                                   |
| 3  | "(d) Review of Commingled or Uncategorized          |
| 4  | RECORDS OF FORMER PRESIDENTS AND VICE PRESI-        |
| 5  | DENTS.—   |
| 6  | "(1) Requests for review.—During the                |
| 7  | 180-day period following the end of the term of of- |
| 8  | fice of a former President or Vice President—       |
| 9  | "(A) the former President or Vice Presi-            |
| 10 | dent may request that the Archivist review the      |
| 11 | categorization of any commingled or                 |
| 12 | uncategorized records created or received dur-      |
| 13 | ing the term of the former President or Vice-       |
| 14 | President; and                                      |
| 15 | "(B) the Archivist shall perform a security         |
| 16 | review of the commingled or uncategorized           |
| 17 | records pursuant to the request.                    |
| 18 | "(2) ACTIONS UPON COMPLETION OF RE-                 |
| 19 | VIEW.—If, pursuant to a review under paragraph      |
| 20 | (1), the Archivist determines that any commingled   |
| 21 | or uncategorized records reviewed are improperly    |
| 22 | categorized, the Archivist shall—                   |
| 23 | "(A) submit to the President a rec-                 |
| 24 | ommendation to correct the categorization of        |
| 25 | the records; and                                    |

| 1  | "(B) notify the former President or Vice-                    |
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| 2  | President of that recommendation.".                          |
| 3  | SEC. 302. MANDATORY COUNTERINTELLIGENCE RISK AS              |
| 4  | SESSMENTS.   |
| 5  | (a) In General.—Subtitle E of title VIII of the Na-          |
| 6  | tional Security Act of 1947, as added by section 301, is     |
| 7  | amended by adding at the end the following:                  |
| 8  | "SEC. 832. MANDATORY COUNTERINTELLIGENCE RISK AS-            |
| 9  | SESSMENTS.   |
| 10 | "(a) Mishandling or Unauthorized Disclosure                  |
| 11 | OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION DEFINED.—In this section,          |
| 12 | the term 'mishandling or unauthorized disclosure of classi-  |
| 13 | fied information' means any unauthorized storage, reten-     |
| 14 | tion, communication, confirmation, acknowledgment, or        |
| 15 | physical transfer of classified information.                 |
| 16 | "(b) Assessments.—The Director of the National               |
| 17 | Counterintelligence and Security Center shall prepare a      |
| 18 | written assessment of the risk to national security from     |
| 19 | any mishandling or unauthorized disclosure of classified     |
| 20 | information involving the conduct of the President, Vice     |
| 21 | President, or an official listed in Level I of the Executive |
| 22 | Schedule under section 5312 of title 5, United States        |
| 23 | Code, within 90 days of the detection of such mishandling    |
| 24 | or unauthorized disclosure.                                  |

- 1 "(c) Description of Risks.—A written assessment
- 2 prepared pursuant to subsection (b) shall describe the risk
- 3 to national security if the classified information were to
- 4 be exposed in public or to a foreign adversary.
- 5 "(d) Submittal of Assessments.—Each written
- 6 assessment prepared pursuant to subsection (b) shall be
- 7 submitted to Congress, in classified form, upon comple-
- 8 tion.".
- 9 (b) Prospective Application.—Section 832 of
- 10 such Act, as added by subsection (a), shall apply to inci-
- 11 dents of mishandling or unauthorized disclosure of classi-
- 12 fied information (as defined in such section) detected on
- 13 or after the date of the enactment of this Act.
- 14 SEC. 303. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR EXECUTIVE AGENCY
- 15 INSIDER THREAT PROGRAMS.
- 16 (a) Definitions.—In this section, the terms "agen-
- 17 cy" and "classified information" have the meanings given
- 18 such terms in section 800 of the National Security Act
- 19 of 1947, as added by section 2.
- 20 (b) Establishment of Insider Threat Pro-
- 21 GRAMS.—Each head of an agency with access to classified
- 22 information shall establish an insider threat program to
- 23 protect classified information from unauthorized disclo-
- 24 sure.

| 1  | (c) MINIMUM STANDARDS.—In carrying out an in-               |
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| 2  | sider threat program established by the head of an agency   |
| 3  | pursuant to subsection (b), the head of the agency shall—   |
| 4  | (1) designate a senior official of the agency who           |
| 5  | shall be responsible for management of the program          |
| 6  | (2) monitor user activity on all classified net-            |
| 7  | works in order to detect activity indicative of insider     |
| 8  | threat behavior;  |
| 9  | (3) build and maintain an insider threat ana-               |
| 10 | lytic and response capability to review, assess, and        |
| 11 | respond to information obtained pursuant to para-           |
| 12 | graph (2); and  |
| 13 | (4) provide insider threat awareness training to            |
| 14 | all cleared employees within 30 days of entry-on-           |
| 15 | duty or granting of access to classified information        |
| 16 | and annually thereafter.                                    |
| 17 | (d) Annual Reports.—Not less frequently that                |
| 18 | once each year, the Director of National Intelligence shall |
| 19 | serving as the Security Executive Agent under section 803   |
| 20 | of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3162a)      |
| 21 | submit to Congress an annual report on the compliance       |
| 22 | of agencies with respect to the requirements of this sec-   |
| 23 | tion.   |

# 1 TITLE IV—OTHER MATTERS

- 2 SEC. 401. PROHIBITIONS.
- 3 (a) Withholding Information From Con-
- 4 GRESS.—Nothing in this Act or an amendment made by
- 5 this Act shall be construed to authorize the withholding
- 6 of information from Congress.
- 7 (b) Judicial Review.—Except in the case of the
- 8 amendment to section 552 of title 5, United States Code,
- 9 made by section 201(b), no person may seek or obtain ju-
- 10 dicial review of any provision of this Act or any action
- 11 taken under a provision of this Act.
- 12 SEC. 402. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.
- 13 Section 804 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50
- 14 U.S.C. 3163) is amended by striking "this title" and in-
- 15 serting "sections 801 and 802".
- 16 SEC. 403. CLERICAL AMENDMENT.
- 17 The table of contents for the National Security Act
- 18 of 1947 is amended by striking the items relating to title
- 19 VIII and inserting the following:

# "TITLE VIII—PROTECTION OF NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION

"Subtitle A—Definitions

"Sec. 800. Definitions.

"Subtitle B—Access to Classified Information Procedures

- "Sec. 801. Procedures.
- "Sec. 802. Requests by authorized investigative agencies.
- "Sec. 803. Security Executive Agent.
- "Sec. 804. Exceptions.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Subtitle C—Security Classification Governance

- "Sec. 811. Executive Agent for Classification and Declassification.
- "Sec. 812. Executive Committee on Classification and Declassification Programs and Technology.
- "Sec. 813. Advisory bodies for Executive Agent for Classification and Declassification.
- "Sec. 814. Information Security Oversight Office.

## "Subtitle D—Classification and Declassification

- "Sec. 821. Classification and declassification of information.
- "Sec. 822. Declassification working capital funds.

## "Subtitle E—Protection of Classified Information

- "Sec. 831. Security review of certain records of the President and Vice President
- "Sec. 832. Mandatory counterintelligence risk assessments.".