S. 2321

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

November 7, 2007

Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. CARPER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “E-Government Reauthorization Act of 2007”.

SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The E-Government Act of 2002 (Public Law 107–347) is amended—

(1) in section 204(b), by striking “2007” and inserting “2012”;
(2) in section 207(g)(5)(B), by striking “and 2007” and inserting “through 2012”;  
(3) in section 213(h)(3), by striking “2007” and inserting “2012”;  
(4) in section 216(f), by striking “2007” and inserting “2012”; and  
(5) in section 401, by striking “2007” and inserting “2012”.

(b) INFORMATION SECURITY.—Section 3548 of title 44, United States Code, is amended by striking “2007” and inserting “2012”.

c) E-GOVERNMENT FUND.—Section 3604(g)(1)(E) of title 44, United States Code, is amended by striking “fiscal year 2007” and inserting “fiscal years 2007 through 2012”.

d) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EXCHANGE PROGRAM.—Section 3702(d) of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking “the end of the 5-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this chapter” and inserting “September 31, 2012”.


SEC. 3. BEST PRACTICES FOR PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENTS.

Section 208(b)(3) of the E-Government Act of 2002 (44 U.S.C. 3501 note) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “and” at the end;

(2) in subparagraph (C), by striking the period and inserting “; and”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(D) develop best practices for agencies to follow in conducting privacy impact assessments.”.

SEC. 4. IMPROVING SEARCHES OF GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS ON THE WORLDWIDE WEB.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) members of the public and governments commonly rely on commercial search engines to locate relevant information on the worldwide web, including information made available by government agencies; and

(2) some Federal agencies have not taken actions to make all of the information available through their websites readily accessible to commercial search engines.

(b) SEARCHABILITY OF GOVERNMENT WEBSITES.—

Section 207(f) of the E-Government Act of 2002 (44
U.S.C. 3501 note) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(4) Searchability of Government Websites.—

“(A) Functions of the Director.—

“(i) Guidelines.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the E-Government Reauthorization Act of 2007, the Director shall promulgate guidance and best practices to ensure that publicly available online Federal Government information and services are made more accessible to external search capabilities, including commercial and governmental search capabilities. The guidance and best practices shall include guidelines for each agency to test the accessibility of the websites of that agency to external search capabilities.

“(ii) Review.—The Director shall ensure periodic review of any guidance and best practices promulgated under clause (i) to ensure that the guidance and best practices are consistent with any advances made in information technology.
“(iii) REPORTS.—The Director shall report annually to Congress, through the report established under section 3606 of title 44, United States Code, on—

“(I) the progress of agencies with the guidance promulgated under clause (i); and

“(II) the results of the testing by agencies.

“(B) AGENCY FUNCTIONS.—

“(i) COMPLIANCE.—Effective on and after 2 years after the date of enactment of the E-Government Reauthorization Act of 2007, each agency shall ensure compliance with any guidance promulgated under subparagraph (A).

“(ii) REPORTS.—Each agency shall report annually to the Director, in the report established under section 202(g), on—

“(I) the use of best practices and progress of that agency with the guidance promulgated under subparagraph (A); and
“(II) the results of the testing by that agency.”.

SEC. 5. PROVIDING AGENCY E-GOVERNMENT REPORTS TO CONGRESS.

Section 3606(b) of title 44, United States Code, is amended by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

“(1) the reports submitted by agencies to the Director under section 202(g) of the E-Government Act of 2002, and a summary of the information reported by the agencies;”.

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