

92ND CONGRESS  
5TH SESSION

# H. R. 47

To Ensure Government Transparency and Keep Congress  
Informed

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
UNITED STATES

March, 25th, 2024

ArmanFoley, from the State of Virginia, for himself, has  
introduced the following bill; which shall be read on the  
House floor and referred to the appropriate committee.

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## AN ACT

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives  
of the United States in Congress Assembled.*

**SEC. 1—SHORT TITLE**

- (a) This piece of legislation shall be referred to as *“H. R. 47”* or as *“The Government Information Act”*

**SEC. 2—GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- (a) Any part of any act, joint resolution, memorandum, or codified law that conflicts with this act shall be deemed null and void.
- (b) This act shall be servable, in which, if any provision of this act is found unconstitutional the rest of the act shall be in full effect unless also found unconstitutional.
- (c) This act shall go into effect immediately.

**SEC. 3—DEFINITIONS**

- (a) A Department Head shall consist of Cabinet Secretaries and respective Department Heads.

**SEC. 4—PURPOSE**

- (a) The United States Congress must stay updated on the duties of departments of the Executive Branch.
- (b) In order to ensure that departments are making progress and keep the congressmen that represent the people informed, something must be done

**SEC. 5—EXECUTIVE BRANCH PROGRESS REQUIREMENT**

- (a) The director or secretary who is in charge of their respective department must be the one who updates Congress. In the event that there is no director or secretary present to make an informed report for the United States Congress, the next in charge, such as the deputy

secretary or deputy director or chief of staff may write up the informed report to Congress.

(b) FURTHERMORE, every respective department head is required to create an informed report regarding the following:

(i) List of respective department higher personnel

(1) Meaning, those who are employed and have some sort of command within the department and aren't just an entry level employee.

(ii) Actions, achievements, and failures the department has done over the previous month. **(Make sure this section goes into detail so Congress can stay confirmed.)**

(iii) Future plans and timeline within the department. **(Make sure this section goes into detail so Congress can stay confirmed.)**

(c) Overall, the informed report should be more than 5 pages, and there are no maximums. Additionally, the report must also be will written and in detail.

## SEC. 6—DEADLINES AND CONSEQUENCES

(a) The Informed Report is to be released to the public and sent to the United States Congress, to the office of the Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore on the 5th of every month, by noon, Eastern Standard Time.

(b) WHEREAS, if a department or agency fails to comply and does not send an informed report, they are subject to department investigations and further disciplinary and legal consequences.