

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. CORNYN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “OPEN FOIA Act of
3 2009”.

4 **SEC. 2. SPECIFIC CITATIONS IN STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS.**

5 Section 552(b) of title 5, United States Code, is
6 amended by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the fol-
7 lowing:

8 “(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by
9 statute (other than section 552b of this title), if that
10 statute—

11 “(A)(i) requires that the matters be with-
12 held from the public in such a manner as to
13 leave no discretion on the issue; or

14 “(ii) establishes particular criteria for
15 withholding or refers to particular types of mat-
16 ters to be withheld; and

17 “(B) if enacted after the date of enactment
18 of the OPEN FOIA Act of 2009, specifically
19 cites to this paragraph.”.