

113TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 2798

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2014

Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. BROWN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Great Lakes and Fresh  
5 Water Algal Bloom Information Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GREAT LAKES ALGAL BLOOMS INFORMATION DATA-**  
2 **BASE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Na-  
4 tional Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shall cre-  
5 ate an electronic database of research and information on  
6 the causes and corrective actions being taken with regard  
7 to algal blooms in the Great Lakes, their tributaries, and  
8 other surface fresh waters.

9 (b) CONTENTS.—The Administrator shall include in  
10 the database relevant chemical, physical, and biological  
11 data that have been collected by an accredited university,  
12 association, organization, research group, or Federal agen-  
13 cy, State, or local government in the United States or  
14 Canada.

15 (c) CONFIDENTIALITY.—In creating and making in-  
16 formation available through the database, the Adminis-  
17 trator shall protect confidentiality of information in ac-  
18 cordance with all applicable United States laws and regu-  
19 lations.

20 (d) ANNUAL REPORT AND AVAILABILITY OF INFOR-  
21 MATION.—The Administrator shall—

22 (1) report to Congress each year comprehensive  
23 findings on information that was included in the  
24 database in the year covered by the report, including  
25 information regarding corrective actions being taken;  
26 and

1           (2) make information in the database electroni-  
2           cally available to the public.

3           (e) PROHIBITION ON ADDITIONAL SUBMISSION OF  
4 DATA.—This section may not be construed to authorize  
5 the Administrator to require the submission of additional  
6 data from any person or entity.

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