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'l'he Act provides for expedited consideration by a
federal district court in the event that either agency seeks
a preliminary injunction to prevent consummation of a proposed acquisition. It also contains penalty and enforcement
provisions, a requirement that information filed by reporting persons be kept c~nfidential, provisions clarifying the relationship between the Act-and other 1 substantive and procedural aspects of traditional antitrust law, and the requirement of an annual report.

'l'he Act was signed by the President on September 30,
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