

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 174

To improve the transparency of Amtrak operations, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 21, 2025

Mrs. FISCHER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Amtrak Transparency
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS.**

7 Section 24302 of title 49, United States Code, is
8 amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a)(6), by striking “in an open
10 meeting”; and

1 (2) by amending subsection (e) to read as fol-
2 lows:

3 “(e) MEETINGS.—

4 “(1) QUORUM.—A majority of the members
5 serving on the Board who are eligible to vote shall
6 constitute a quorum for doing business.

7 “(2) NOTICE; OPEN MEETINGS.—

8 “(A) NOTICE.—Not later than 30 days be-
9 fore convening any meeting of the Board, the
10 Board shall post, on a publicly accessible
11 website, an announcement of the meeting that
12 includes the anticipated agenda for the meeting.

13 “(B) OPEN MEETINGS.—All meetings of
14 the Board shall comply with the requirements
15 set forth in section 552b of title 5.

16 “(3) ANNUAL MEETING WITH STATES.—Not
17 less frequently than annually, the Board shall con-
18 vene a meeting to which the head of the Department
19 of Transportation of each State traversed by a long-
20 distance route or State-supported route, or the des-
21 ignee of such State official, shall be invited to par-
22 ticipate.”.

1 **SEC. 3. DISCRETIONARY BONUS DISCLOSURE REQUIRE-**
2 **MENT.**

3 Section 24303(b) of title 49, United States Code, is
4 amended by striking “The preceding sentence” and insert-
5 ing “Amtrak shall publicly disclose the amount of each
6 discretionary bonus paid to any officer or non-bargaining
7 unit employee. The 2 preceding sentences”.

8 **SEC. 4. DISCLOSURE OF VENDOR AGREEMENTS.**

9 Section 24315(h) of title 49, United States Code, is
10 amended by adding at the end the following: “Upon re-
11 quest, Amtrak shall disclose to a State or the State-Am-
12 trak Intercity Passenger Rail Committee, any vendor
13 agreement valued at not less than \$250,000 for services
14 procured to implement a service on a State-supported
15 route.”.

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