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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. FISCHER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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# A BILL

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the ''Amtrak Transparency Act''.

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

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

(1) in subsection (a)(6), by striking ''in an open meeting''; and

(2) by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

''(e) MEETINGS.—

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

''(2) NOTICE; OPEN MEETINGS.—

''(A) NOTICE.—Not later than 30 days before convening any meeting of the Board, the Board shall post, on a publicly accessible website, an announcement of the meeting that includes the anticipated agenda for the meeting.

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

''(3) ANNUAL MEETING WITH STATES.—Not less frequently than annually, the Board shall convene a meeting to which the head of the Department of Transportation of each State traversed by a long-distance route or State-supported route, or the designee of such State official, shall be invited to participate.''.

**SEC. 3. DISCRETIONARY BONUS DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENT.**

Section 24303(b) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking ''The preceding sentence'' and inserting ''Amtrak shall publicly disclose the amount of each discretionary bonus paid to any officer or non-bargaining unit employee. The 2 preceding sentences''.

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

Section 24315(h) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following: ''Upon request, Amtrak shall disclose to a State or the State-Amtrak Intercity Passenger Rail Committee, any vendor agreement valued at not less than $250,000 for services procured to implement a service on a State-supported route.''.