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S. 1256

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 30, 2019

Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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 “PCAOB Enforcement
5 Transparency Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. OPEN MEETINGS AUTHORIZED.**

7 Section 105(c)(2) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
8 (15 U.S.C. 7215(c)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

1 “(2) PUBLIC HEARINGS.—Hearings under this
2 section shall be open to the public, unless the Board,
3 on its own motion or after considering the motion of
4 a party, orders otherwise.”.

5 **SEC. 3. PUBLICATION OF DETERMINATIONS.**

6 Section 105(d)(1)(C) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of
7 2002 (15 U.S.C. 7215(d)(1)(C)) is amended by striking
8 “(once any stay on the imposition of such sanction has
9 been lifted)”.

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