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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HELLER, Mr. LEE, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. RISCH) 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 “Federal Reserve
5 Transparency Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUDIT REFORM AND TRANSPARENCY FOR THE**
2 **BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RE-**
3 **SERVE SYSTEM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 714 of
5 title 31, United States Code, or any other provision of law,
6 the Comptroller General of the United States shall com-
7 plete an audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal
8 Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks under sub-
9 section (b) of such section 714 within 12 months after
10 the date of the enactment of this Act.

11 (b) REPORT.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
13 the audit required pursuant to subsection (a) is com-
14 pleted, the Comptroller General—

15 (A) shall submit to Congress a report on
16 such audit; and

17 (B) shall make such report available to the
18 Speaker of the House, the majority and minor-
19 ity leaders of the House of Representatives, the
20 majority and minority leaders of the Senate, the
21 Chairman and Ranking Member of the com-
22 mittee and each subcommittee of jurisdiction in
23 the House of Representatives and the Senate,
24 and any other Member of Congress who re-
25 quests the report.

1 (2) CONTENTS.—The report under paragraph
 2 (1) shall include a detailed description of the find-
 3 ings and conclusion of the Comptroller General with
 4 respect to the audit that is the subject of the report,
 5 together with such recommendations for legislative
 6 or administrative action as the Comptroller General
 7 may determine to be appropriate.

8 (c) REPEAL OF CERTAIN LIMITATIONS.—Subsection
 9 (b) of section 714 of title 31, United States Code, is
 10 amended by striking the second sentence.

11 (d) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 714 of title 31,
 13 United States Code, is amended—

14 (A) in subsection (d)(3), by striking “or
 15 (f)” each place such term appears;

16 (B) in subsection (e), by striking “the
 17 third undesignated paragraph of section 13”
 18 and inserting “section 13(3)”; and

19 (C) by striking subsection (f).

20 (2) FEDERAL RESERVE ACT.—Subsection (s)
 21 (relating to “Federal Reserve Transparency and Re-
 22 lease of Information”) of section 11 of the Federal
 23 Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 248) is amended—

24 (A) in paragraph (4)(A), by striking “has
 25 the same meaning as in section 714(f)(1)(A) of

1 title 31, United States Code” and inserting
 2 “means a program or facility, including any
 3 special purpose vehicle or other entity estab-
 4 lished by or on behalf of the Board of Gov-
 5 ernors of the Federal Reserve System or a Fed-
 6 eral reserve bank, authorized by the Board of
 7 Governors under section 13(3), that is not sub-
 8 ject to audit under section 714(e) of title 31,
 9 United States Code”;

10 (B) in paragraph (6), by striking “or in
 11 section 714(f)(3)(C) of title 31, United States
 12 Code, the information described in paragraph
 13 (1) and information concerning the transactions
 14 described in section 714(f) of such title,” and
 15 inserting “the information described in para-
 16 graph (1)”;

17 (C) in paragraph (7), by striking “and sec-
 18 tion 13(3)(C), section 714(f)(3)(C) of title 31,
 19 United States Code, and” and inserting “, sec-
 20 tion 13(3)(C), and”.

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