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[Report No. 116-634]

To amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require issuers to disclose information about human capital management in annual reports, and for other purposes.

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Mrs. AXNE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on February 21, 2020]

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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 “Workforce Investment*
5 *Disclosure Act of 2020”.*

6 **SEC. 2. DISCLOSURES RELATED TO HUMAN CAPITAL MAN-**
7 **AGEMENT.**

8 *Section 13 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15*
9 *U.S.C. 78m) is amended by adding at the end the following:*

10 *“(s) DISCLOSURES RELATED TO HUMAN CAPITAL*
11 *MANAGEMENT.—*

12 *“(1) IN GENERAL.—Each issuer required to file*
13 *an annual report under subsection (a) shall disclose*
14 *in that report information about human capital man-*
15 *agement policies, practices, and performance.*

16 *“(2) RULES.—Not later than 270 days after the*
17 *date of the enactment of this subsection, the Commis-*
18 *sion shall issue final rules to carry out paragraph (1)*
19 *and such rules shall require disclosure of the following*
20 *with respect to the issuer:*

21 *“(A) Workforce demographic information,*
22 *including the number of full-time employees, the*
23 *number of part-time employees, the number of*
24 *contingent workers (including temporary and*
25 *contract workers), and any policies or practices*

1 *relating to subcontracting, outsourcing, and*
2 *insourcing.*

3 *“(B) Workforce stability information, in-*
4 *cluding information about the voluntary turn-*
5 *over or retention rate, the involuntary turnover*
6 *rate, the internal hiring rate, and the internal*
7 *promotion rate (and with such internal pro-*
8 *motion rate disaggregated by the workforce com-*
9 *position described under subparagraph (C)).*

10 *“(C) Workforce composition, including data*
11 *on diversity (including racial, gender, and eth-*
12 *nic composition) and any policies and audits re-*
13 *lated to diversity.*

14 *“(D) Workforce skills and capabilities, in-*
15 *cluding information about training of employees*
16 *(including the average number of hours of train-*
17 *ing and spending on training per employee per*
18 *year), skills gaps, and alignment of skills and*
19 *capabilities with business strategy.*

20 *“(E) Workforce culture and empowerment,*
21 *including information about—*

22 *“(i) policies and practices of the issuer*
23 *relating to freedom of association and work-*
24 *life balance initiatives;*

1 “(ii) any incidents of verified work-
2 place harassment in the previous 5 fiscal
3 years of the issuer; and

4 “(iii) policies and practices of the
5 issuer relating to employee engagement and
6 psychological wellbeing, including manage-
7 ment discussion regarding—

8 “(I) the creation of an autono-
9 mous work environment;

10 “(II) fostering a sense of purpose
11 in the workforce;

12 “(III) trust in management; and

13 “(IV) a supportive, fair, and con-
14 structive workplace.

15 “(F) Workforce health and safety, including
16 information about—

17 “(i) the frequency, severity, and lost
18 time due to injuries, illness, and fatalities;

19 “(ii) the total dollar value of assessed
20 fines under the Occupational Safety and
21 Health Act of 1970;

22 “(iii) the total number of actions
23 brought under section 13 of the Occupa-
24 tional Safety and Health Act of 1970 to
25 prevent imminent dangers; and

1 “(iv) the total number of actions
2 brought against the issuer under section
3 11(c) of the Occupational Safety and
4 Health Act of 1970.

5 “(G) Workforce compensation and incen-
6 tives, including information about—

7 “(i) total workforce compensation, in-
8 cluding disaggregated information about
9 compensation for full-time, part-time, and
10 contingent workers;

11 “(ii) policies and practices about how
12 performance, productivity, and sustain-
13 ability are considered when setting pay and
14 making promotion decisions; and

15 “(iii) policies and practices relating to
16 any incentives and bonuses provided to em-
17 ployees below the named executive level and
18 any policies or practices designed to counter
19 any risks create by such incentives and bo-
20 nuses.

21 “(H) Workforce recruiting and needs, in-
22 cluding the number of new jobs created, the
23 worker classification of new jobs, information
24 about the quality of hire, and new hire retention
25 rate.

1 “(3) *TREATMENT OF EMERGING GROWTH COMPA-*
2 *NIES.—The Commission may exempt emerging*
3 *growth companies from any disclosure described*
4 *under subparagraph (D), (E), (F), (G), or (H) of*
5 *paragraph (2), if the Commission determines that*
6 *such exemption is necessary or appropriate in the*
7 *public interest or for the protection of investors.”.*

8 **SEC. 3. BACKSTOP.**

9 *If, 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act,*
10 *the Securities and Exchange Commission has not issued*
11 *rules required under section 13(s)(2) of the Securities Ex-*
12 *change Act of 1934, as added by section 2, and until such*
13 *rules are issued, an issuer shall be deemed in compliance*
14 *with section 13(s) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934*
15 *if disclosures set forth in the annual report of such issuer*
16 *satisfy the public disclosure standards of the International*
17 *Organization for Standardization’s ISO 30414, or any suc-*
18 *cessor standards for external human capital reporting, and*
19 *as supplemented or adjusted by such rules, guidance, or*
20 *other comments from the Commission.*

21 **SEC. 4. SEC STUDY.**

22 *(a) STUDY.—The Securities and Exchange Commis-*
23 *sion shall conduct a study about the value to investors of—*
24 *(1) information about the human rights commit-*
25 *ments of issuers of securities required to file annual*

1 *reports under section 13(a) of the Securities Exchange*
2 *Act of 1934, including information about any prin-*
3 *ciples used to evaluate risk, constituency consultation*
4 *processes, and supplier due diligence;*

5 *(2) information about violations, by issuers of se-*
6 *curities required to file annual reports under section*
7 *13(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, of the*
8 *Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938;*

9 *(3) disaggregating the information requested in*
10 *section 13(s) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934*
11 *based on relevant workforce subgroups, including—*

12 *(A) full-time employees;*

13 *(B) part-time employees;*

14 *(C) contingent workers; and*

15 *(D) company management; and*

16 *(4) surveys regarding employee satisfaction and*
17 *engagement.*

18 *(b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of*
19 *the enactment of this Act, the Securities and Exchange*
20 *Commission shall submit to Congress a report about the*
21 *study conducted pursuant to subsection (a).*

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