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119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. WHITESIDES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 “Contract Postal Unit  
5       Transparency Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF PROCEDURES TO CLOSE OR**  
2 **CONSOLIDATE CONTRACT POSTAL UNITS.**

3 Section 404 of title 39, United States Code, is  
4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(f)(1) With respect to the closure or consolidation  
6 of any contract postal unit on or after the date that is  
7 6 months after the date of the enactment of the Contract  
8 Postal Unit Transparency Act, the Postal Service shall—

9 “(A) publish, on the Postal Service’s public  
10 website, a report on expected impacts the closure or  
11 consolidation will have on customers and what steps  
12 the Postal Service will take to ensure continued ac-  
13 cess to postal services in affected areas;

14 “(B) submit a report to Congress on the rea-  
15 sons for closing or consolidating the contract postal  
16 unit;

17 “(C) hold a public hearing on the closure or  
18 consolidation, which may be attended in-person or  
19 virtually by any members of the public affected by  
20 the closure or consolidation; and

21 “(D) not later than 7 days after the hearing  
22 under subparagraph (C), publish, on the Postal  
23 Service’s public website, a summary of the hearing  
24 and include in such summary a description of any  
25 comments made or otherwise submitted at such  
26 hearing and the percentage of such comments that

1       were in support or against the closure or consolida-  
2       tion.

3       “(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title,  
4       a contract postal unit may not be closed or consolidated  
5       until on or after the date that is 180 days after the date  
6       the summary is published under paragraph (1)(D).”.