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To require that stock option compensation paid to corporate executives be recorded as a compensation expense in corporate financial statements.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BRYANT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Corporate Executives’
5 Stock Option Accountability Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. STOCK OPTION COMPENSATION.**

7 Section 14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
8 (15 U.S.C. 78n) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
9 lowing new subsection:

10 “(h) STOCK OPTION COMPENSATION.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall re-
2 quire an issuer to recognize as an expense in finan-
3 cial statements provided to its security holders the
4 fair value of any stock options granted by such is-
5 suer to its directors, officers, senior executives, or
6 other persons in exchange for services.

7 “(2) FAIR VALUE.—For purposes of paragraph
8 (1), the Commission shall specify, by rule or regula-
9 tion, the method for determining the fair value of
10 such stock options.”.

11 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

12 Not later than one hundred and twenty days after
13 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall
14 promulgate final rules and regulations necessary to carry
15 out this Act, unless the Securities and Exchange Commis-
16 sion certifies that the Financial Accounting Standards
17 Board has, prior to the expiration of one hundred and
18 twenty days after the date of enactment of this Act, pro-
19 mulgated generally accepted accounting principles which
20 accomplish the purposes of this Act.

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