

**Union Calendar No. 23**108<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION**H. R. 875****[Report No. 108-36]**

To direct the Secretary of Transportation to make grants for security improvements to over-the-road bus operations, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 25, 2003

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska (for himself, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. GRAVES, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. PASCRELL, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. SIMMONS, Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California, and Mr. PETRI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Over-the-Road Bus  
3 Security and Safety Act of 2003”.

4 **SEC. 2. EMERGENCY OVER-THE-ROAD BUS SECURITY AS-**  
5 **SISTANCE.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation,  
7 acting through the Administrator of the Federal Motor  
8 Carrier Safety Administration, shall establish a program  
9 for making grants to private operators of over-the-road  
10 buses for system-wide security improvements to their oper-  
11 ations, including—

12 (1) constructing and modifying terminals, ga-  
13 rages, facilities, or over-the-road buses to assure  
14 their security;

15 (2) protecting or isolating the driver;

16 (3) acquiring, upgrading, installing, or oper-  
17 ating equipment, software, or accessorial services for  
18 collection, storage, or exchange of passenger and  
19 driver information through ticketing systems or oth-  
20 erwise, and information links with government agen-  
21 cies;

22 (4) training employees in recognizing and re-  
23 sponding to security threats, evacuation procedures,  
24 passenger screening procedures, and baggage inspec-  
25 tion;

26 (5) hiring and training security officers;

1           (6) installing cameras and video surveillance  
2           equipment on over-the-road buses and at terminals,  
3           garages, and over-the-road bus facilities;

4           (7) creating a program for employee identifica-  
5           tion or background investigation;

6           (8) establishing an emergency communications  
7           system linked to law enforcement and emergency  
8           personnel; and

9           (9) implementing and operating passenger  
10          screening programs at terminals and on over-the-  
11          road buses.

12          (b) REIMBURSEMENT.—A grant under this Act may  
13          be used to provide reimbursement to private operators of  
14          over-the-road buses for extraordinary security-related  
15          costs for improvements described in paragraphs (1)  
16          through (9) of subsection (a), determined by the Secretary  
17          to have been incurred by such operators since September  
18          11, 2001.

19          (c) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost  
20          for which any grant is made under this Act shall be 90  
21          percent.

22          (d) DUE CONSIDERATION.—In making grants under  
23          this Act, the Secretary shall give due consideration to pri-  
24          vate operators of over-the-road buses that have taken

1 measures to enhance bus transportation security from  
2 those in effect before September 11, 2001.

3 (e) GRANT REQUIREMENTS.—A grant under this Act  
4 shall be subject to all the terms and conditions that a  
5 grant is subject to under section 3038(f) of the Transpor-  
6 tation Equity Act for the 21st Century (49 U.S.C. 5310  
7 note; 112 Stat. 393).

8 **SEC. 3. PLAN REQUIREMENT.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may not make a  
10 grant under this Act to a private operator of over-the-road  
11 buses until the operator has first submitted to the Sec-  
12 retary—

13 (1) a plan for making security improvements  
14 described in section 2 and the Secretary has ap-  
15 proved the plan; and

16 (2) such additional information as the Secretary  
17 may require to ensure accountability for the obliga-  
18 tion and expenditure of amounts made available to  
19 the operator under the grant.

20 (b) COORDINATION.—To the extent that an applica-  
21 tion for a grant under this section proposes security im-  
22 provements within a specific terminal owned and operated  
23 by an entity other than the applicant, the applicant shall  
24 demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Secretary that the

1 applicant has coordinated the security improvements for  
2 the terminal with that entity.

3 **SEC. 4. OVER-THE-ROAD BUS DEFINED.**

4 In this Act, the term “over-the-road bus” means a  
5 bus characterized by an elevated passenger deck located  
6 over a baggage compartment.

7 **SEC. 5. BUS SECURITY ASSESSMENT.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
9 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-  
10 tation shall transmit to the Committee on Commerce,  
11 Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Com-  
12 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House  
13 of Representatives a preliminary report in accordance with  
14 the requirements of this section.

15 (b) CONTENTS OF PRELIMINARY REPORT.—The pre-  
16 liminary report shall include—

17 (1) an assessment of the over-the-road bus se-  
18 curity grant program;

19 (2) an assessment of actions already taken to  
20 address identified security issues by both public and  
21 private entities and recommendations on whether ad-  
22 ditional safety and security enforcement actions are  
23 needed;

1           (3) an assessment of whether additional legisla-  
2           tion is needed to provide for the security of Ameri-  
3           cans traveling on over-the-road buses;

4           (4) an assessment of the economic impact that  
5           security upgrades of buses and bus facilities may  
6           have on the over-the-road bus transportation indus-  
7           try and its employees;

8           (5) an assessment of ongoing research and the  
9           need for additional research on over-the-road bus se-  
10          curity, including engine shut-off mechanisms, chem-  
11          ical and biological weapon detection technology, and  
12          the feasibility of compartmentalization of the driver;  
13          and

14          (6) an assessment of industry best practices to  
15          enhance security.

16          (c) CONSULTATION WITH INDUSTRY, LABOR, AND  
17          OTHER GROUPS.—In carrying out this section, the Sec-  
18          retary shall consult with over-the-road bus management  
19          and labor representatives, public safety and law enforce-  
20          ment officials, and the National Academy of Sciences.

21          **SEC. 6. FUNDING.**

22          There is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-  
23          retary of Transportation to carry out this Act  
24          \$99,000,000 for fiscal years 2003 and 2004. Such sums  
25          shall remain available until expended.



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