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To provide the Secretary of Transportation with the flexibility to transfer certain funds to prevent reduced operations and staffing of the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 25, 2013

Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. RISCH, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. TOOMEY, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. NELSON, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. HELLER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed

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 “Reducing Flight
5 Delays Act of 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER CERTAIN FUNDS TO**
2 **PREVENT REDUCED OPERATIONS AND**
3 **STAFFING OF THE FEDERAL AVIATION AD-**
4 **MINISTRATION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding division G of the
6 Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act,
7 2013 (Public Law 113–6), any other provision of law, or
8 a sequestration order issued or to be issued by the Presi-
9 dent pursuant to section 251A(7)(A) of the Balanced
10 Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2
11 U.S.C. 901a(7)(A)), the Secretary of Transportation may
12 transfer during fiscal year 2013 an amount equal to the
13 amount specified in subsection (c) to the appropriations
14 account providing for the operations of the Federal Avia-
15 tion Administration, for any activity or activities funded
16 by that account, from—

17 (1) the amount made available for obligation in
18 that fiscal year as discretionary grants-in-aid for air-
19 ports pursuant to section 47117(f) of title 49,
20 United States Code; or

21 (2) any other program or account of the Fed-
22 eral Aviation Administration.

23 (b) AVAILABILITY AND OBLIGATION OF TRANS-
24 FERRED AMOUNTS.—An amount transferred under sub-
25 section (a)(1) shall—

1 (1) be available immediately for obligation and
2 expenditure as directly appropriated budget author-
3 ity; and

4 (2) be deemed as obligated for grants-in-aid for
5 airports under part B of subtitle VII of title 49,
6 United States Code, for purposes of complying with
7 the limitation on incurring obligations during that
8 fiscal year under the heading “GRANTS-IN-AID FOR
9 AIRPORTS” under title I of the Transportation,
10 Housing and Urban Development, and Related
11 Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012 (division C of
12 Public Law 112–55; 125 Stat. 647), and made ap-
13 plicable to fiscal year 2013 by division F of the Con-
14 solidated and Further Continuing Appropriations
15 Act, 2013 (Public Law 113–6).

16 (c) AMOUNT SPECIFIED.—The amount specified in
17 this subsection is the amount, not to exceed \$253,000,000,
18 that the Secretary of Transportation determines to be nec-
19 essary to prevent reduced operations and staffing of the
20 Federal Aviation Administration during fiscal year 2013
21 to ensure a safe and efficient air transportation system;
22 and provided that none of the funds transferred under this
23 subsection may be obligated unless the Secretary notifies
24 the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Rep-

- 1 representatives and the Senate at least 5 days in advance of
- 2 such transfer.

