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To amend the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 to clarify certain allowable uses of funds for public transportation security assistance grants and establish periods of performance for such grants, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DONOVAN (for himself, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. KATKO, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. PAYNE, and Mr. McCAUL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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 “Transit Security Grant
5 Program Flexibility Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ALLOWABLE USES OF FUNDS FOR PUBLIC TRANS-**
2 **PORTATION SECURITY ASSISTANCE GRANTS.**

3 Subparagraph (A) of section 1406(b)(2) of the Imple-
4 menting Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of
5 2007 (6 U.S.C. 1135(b)(2); Public Law 110–53) is
6 amended by inserting “and associated backfill” after “se-
7 curity training”.

8 **SEC. 3. PERIODS OF PERFORMANCE FOR PUBLIC TRANS-**
9 **PORTATION SECURITY ASSISTANCE GRANTS.**

10 Section 1406 of the Implementing Recommendations
11 of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (6 U.S.C. 1135; Pub-
12 lic Law 110–53) is amended—

13 (1) by redesignating subsection (m) as sub-
14 section (n); and

15 (2) by inserting after subsection (l) the fol-
16 lowing new subsection:

17 “(m) PERIODS OF PERFORMANCE.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
19 graph (2), funds provided pursuant to a grant
20 awarded under this section for a use specified in
21 subsection (b) shall remain available for use by a
22 grant recipient for a period of not fewer than 36
23 months.

24 “(2) EXCEPTION.—Funds provided pursuant to
25 a grant awarded under this section for a use speci-
26 fied in subparagraph (M) or (N) of subsection (b)(1)

1 shall remain available for use by a grant recipient
2 for a period of not fewer than 55 months.”.

3 **SEC. 4. GAO REVIEW.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the
5 United States shall conduct a review of the transit security
6 grant program under section 1406 of the Implementing
7 Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (6
8 U.S.C. 1135; Public Law 110–53).

9 (b) SCOPE.—The review required under paragraph
10 (1) shall include the following:

11 (1) An assessment of the type of projects fund-
12 ed under the transit security grant program referred
13 to in such paragraph.

14 (2) An assessment of the manner in which such
15 projects address threats to transportation infrastruc-
16 ture.

17 (3) An assessment of the impact, if any, of this
18 Act (including the amendments made by this Act) on
19 types of projects funded under the transit security
20 grant program.

21 (4) An assessment of the management and ad-
22 ministration of transit security grant program funds
23 by grantees.

1 (5) Recommendations to improve the manner in
2 which transit security grant program funds address
3 vulnerabilities in transportation infrastructure.

4 (6) Recommendations to improve the manage-
5 ment and administration of the transit security
6 grant program.

7 (c) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
8 of the enactment of this Act and again not later than five
9 years after such date of enactment, the Comptroller Gen-
10 eral shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security
11 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
12 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Sen-
13 ate a report on the review required under this section.

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