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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Governmental Affairs

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## AN ACT

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.

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 “Transit Security Grant  
3 Program Flexibility Act”.

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

6 Subparagraph (A) of section 1406(b)(2) of the Imple-  
7 menting Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of  
8 2007 (6 U.S.C. 1135(b)(2); Public Law 110–53) is  
9 amended by inserting “and associated backfill” after “se-  
10 curity training”.

11 **SEC. 3. PERIODS OF PERFORMANCE FOR PUBLIC TRANS-**  
12 **PORTATION SECURITY ASSISTANCE GRANTS.**

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

16 (1) by redesignating subsection (m) as sub-  
17 section (n); and

18 (2) by inserting after subsection (l) the fol-  
19 lowing new subsection:

20 “(m) PERIODS OF PERFORMANCE.—

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

1           “(2) EXCEPTION.—Funds provided pursuant to  
2           a grant awarded under this section for a use speci-  
3           fied in subparagraph (M) or (N) of subsection (b)(1)  
4           shall remain available for use by a grant recipient  
5           for a period of not fewer than 55 months.”.

6 **SEC. 4. GAO REVIEW.**

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

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

14                 (1) An assessment of the type of projects fund-  
15                 ed under the transit security grant program referred  
16                 to in such paragraph.

17                 (2) An assessment of the manner in which such  
18                 projects address threats to transportation infrastruc-  
19                 ture.

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

1           (4) An assessment of the management and ad-  
2           ministration of transit security grant program funds  
3           by grantees.

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

7           (6) Recommendations to improve the manage-  
8           ment and administration of the transit security  
9           grant program.

10          (c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
11          of the enactment of this Act and again not later than 5  
12          years after such date of enactment, the Comptroller Gen-  
13          eral shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security  
14          of the House of Representatives and the Committee on  
15          Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Sen-  
16          ate a report on the review required under this section.

          Passed the House of Representatives January 31,  
2017.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

*Clerk.*