

115TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 3367

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## AN ACT

To amend certain transportation-related reporting requirements to improve congressional oversight, reduce reporting burdens, and promote transparency, 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 “Department of Trans-  
3 portation Reports Harmonization Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF CHARGES AND FEES FOR**  
5 **ATTENDANCE AT UNITED STATES MERCHANT**  
6 **MARINE ACADEMY.**

7 Section 51314(b) of title 46, United States Code, is  
8 amended by striking “shall notify Congress of” and insert-  
9 ing “shall present at the next meeting of the Board of  
10 Visitors, and post on a publicly available website,”.

11 **SEC. 3. PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION ON ALIGN-**  
12 **ING FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS.**

13 Section 310(f)(1) of title 49, United States Code, is  
14 amended by inserting “, and make publicly available on  
15 the Department of Transportation website,” after “House  
16 of Representatives”.

17 **SEC. 4. REPORTING ON THE NORTHEAST CORRIDOR.**

18 (a) NORTHEAST CORRIDOR SAFETY COMMITTEE RE-  
19 PORT.—Section 24905(e) of title 49, United States Code,  
20 is amended by striking paragraph (3).

21 (b) CONTENTS OF GRANT REQUESTS.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 24319(c) of title 49,  
23 United States Code, is amended—

24 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “; and”  
25 and inserting a semicolon;

1 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking the pe-  
 2 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

3 (C) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(4) describe the status of efforts to improve  
 5 safety and security on the Northeast Corridor main  
 6 line, including a description of any efforts to imple-  
 7 ment recommendations of relevant railroad safety  
 8 advisory committees.”.

9 (2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this  
 10 subsection or an amendment made by this sub-  
 11 section shall affect a grant request made under sec-  
 12 tion 24319 of title 49, United States Code, before  
 13 the date of enactment of this Act.

14 **SEC. 5. HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAMS REPORT TO CON-**  
 15 **GRESS.**

16 (a) DOT REPORTS.—Section 402 of title 23, United  
 17 States Code, is amended by striking subsection (n) and  
 18 inserting the following:

19 “(n) PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY.—The Secretary shall  
 20 publicly release on its website information that contains  
 21 each State’s performance with respect to the State’s high-  
 22 way safety plan under subsection (k) and performance tar-  
 23 gets set by the States in such plans. Such information  
 24 shall be posted on the website within 45 calendar days  
 25 of approval of a State’s highway safety plan.”.

1 (b) GAO REPORT.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of  
 3 the United States shall conduct a review of the high-  
 4 way safety programs under section 402 of title 23,  
 5 United States Code. In carrying out the review, the  
 6 Comptroller General shall review States' progress in  
 7 achieving safety performance targets, including how  
 8 States are utilizing grants and problems encountered  
 9 in achieving such targets.

10 (2) SUBMISSION.—Not later than 2 years after  
 11 the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller  
 12 General of the United States shall submit a report  
 13 to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-  
 14 portation of the Senate and Committee on Transpor-  
 15 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Represent-  
 16 atives that contains the results of the study con-  
 17 ducted under paragraph (1), including any rec-  
 18 ommendations for improvements to State activities  
 19 and the Secretary of Transportation's administration  
 20 of the highway safety programs.

21 **SEC. 6. CESSATION OF CERTAIN ADVISORY COUNCILS AND**  
 22 **ADVISORY COMMITTEES.**

23 (a) NORTHEAST CORRIDOR SAFETY COMMITTEE.—  
 24 Section 24905(e) of title 49, United States Code, as

1 amended by this Act, is further amended by striking para-  
 2 graph (2) and inserting the following:

3           “(2) SUNSET.—The Committee established  
 4           under this subsection ceases to exist on the date that  
 5           the Secretary determines positive train control, as  
 6           required by section 20157, is fully implemented  
 7           along the Northeast Corridor.”.

8           (b) NATIONAL RAIL COOPERATIVE RESEARCH PRO-  
 9           GRAM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.—Section 24910(c) of title  
 10          49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end  
 11          the following:

12           “(3) SUNSET.—The advisory board established  
 13           under this subsection ceases to exist effective Janu-  
 14           ary 1, 2019.”.

15 **SEC. 7. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO RAIL IMPROVEMENT**  
 16 **GRANTS.**

17          (a) REDESIGNATION.—Subtitle V of title 49, United  
 18          States Code, is amended—

19           (1) by redesignating sections 24401 through  
 20           24408 as sections 22901 through 22908, respec-  
 21           tively;

22           (2) by redesignating chapter 244 as chapter  
 23           229;

24           (3) by moving chapter 229, as redesignated, to  
 25           appear at the end of part B;

1 (4) in the table of chapters—

2 (A) by striking the item relating to chapter

3 244; and

4 (B) by inserting after the item relating to

5 chapter 227 the following:

“Chapter 229. Rail Improvement Grants ..... 22901”;

6 and

7 (5) by amending the table of sections for chap-

8 ter 229, as redesignated, to read as follows:

9 **“CHAPTER 229—RAIL IMPROVEMENT**

10 **GRANTS**

“Sec.

“22901. Definitions.

“22902. Capital investment grants to support intercity passenger rail services.

“22903. Project management oversight.

“22904. Use of capital grants to finance first-dollar liability of grant project.

“22905. Grant conditions.

“22906. Authorization of appropriations.

“22907. Consolidated rail infrastructure and safety improvements.

“22908. Restoration and enhancement grants.”.

11 (b) **TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—**

12 (1) **TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—**Chapter 229

13 of title 49, United States Code, as redesignated, is

14 amended—

15 (A) in section 22902, as redesignated—

16 (i) in subsection (c)(3)(A)—

17 (I) in the matter preceding clause

18 (i), by inserting “of” after “other

19 modes”; and

1 (II) in clause (vi) by striking  
 2 “environmentally” and inserting “en-  
 3 vironmental”; and

4 (ii) in subsection (k), by striking  
 5 “state rail plan” and inserting “State rail  
 6 plan”; and

7 (B) in section 22905(e)(1), as redesign-  
 8 nated—

9 (i) by striking “government author-  
 10 ity” and inserting “governmental author-  
 11 ity”; and

12 (ii) by striking “section 5302(11) and  
 13 (6), respectively, of this title” and insert-  
 14 ing “section 5302”.

15 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Chapter 229  
 16 of title 49, United States Code, as redesignated, is  
 17 amended—

18 (A) in section 22901(2)(D), as redesign-  
 19 nated, by striking “24404” and inserting  
 20 “22904”;

21 (B) in section 22904, as redesignated, by  
 22 striking “24402” and inserting “22902”;

23 (C) in section 22905(e)(1), as redesign-  
 24 nated, by striking “24102(4) of this title” and  
 25 inserting “24102”;

1 (D) in section 22907, as redesignated—

2 (i) in subsection (c)(2), by striking  
3 “24401(2)” and inserting “22901(2)”; and

4 (ii) in subsection (k), by striking “of  
5 sections 24402, 24403, and 24404 and the  
6 definition contained in 24401(1)” and in-  
7 serting “under sections 22902, 22903, and  
8 22904, and the definition contained in sec-  
9 tion 22901(1)”; and

10 (E) in section 22908, as redesignated—

11 (i) in subsection (a), in the matter  
12 preceding paragraph (1), by striking  
13 “24401(1)” and inserting “22901(1)”; and

14 (ii) in subsection (i)(3), by striking  
15 “24405” and inserting “22905”.

16 (3) ADDITIONAL CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

17 (A) SUBTITLE V.—Subtitle V of title 49,  
18 United States Code, is amended—

19 (i) in part C—

20 (I) in section 24102(7)(D)(ii), by  
21 striking “chapter 244” and inserting  
22 “chapter 229”;

23 (II) in section 24103, by insert-  
24 ing “or chapter 229” after “this part”  
25 each place it appears;



1 (III) in section 24711(c)(3), by  
 2 striking “24405” and inserting  
 3 “22905”; and

4 (IV) in section 24911(i), by strik-  
 5 ing “24405” and inserting “22905”;  
 6 and

7 (ii) in part D, in section 26106(e)(3),  
 8 by striking “24405 of this title” and in-  
 9 serting “22905”.

10 (B) RAILROAD SAFETY ENHANCEMENT  
 11 ACT OF 2008.—The Passenger Rail Investment  
 12 and Improvement Act of 2008 (division B of  
 13 Public Law 110–432) is amended—

14 (i) in section 301(c) (49 U.S.C. 24405  
 15 note), by striking “24405(a)” and insert-  
 16 ing “22905(a)”; and

17 (ii) in section 502(a)(4)(I) (49 U.S.C.  
 18 26106 note), by striking “24405” and in-  
 19 serting “22905”.

20 (C) FAST ACT.—The Fixing America’s  
 21 Surface Transportation Act (Public Law 114–  
 22 94; 129 Stat. 1312) is amended—

23 (i) in section 11102, by adding at the  
 24 end the following:

1       “(c) CONFORMING PROVISION FOR REDESIGNATION  
2 OF APPLICABLE SECTION.—Any amounts authorized  
3 under this section for grants or project management over-  
4 sight under section 24407 of such title shall be deemed  
5 to refer to grants or project management oversight under  
6 section 22907 of such title on or after the date of enact-  
7 ment of the Department of Transportation Reports Har-  
8 monization Act.”;

9                       (ii) in section 11104, by adding at the  
10                      end the following:

11       “(c) CONFORMING PROVISION FOR REDESIGNATION  
12 OF APPLICABLE SECTION.—Any amounts authorized  
13 under this section for grants or project management over-  
14 sight under section 24408 of such title shall be deemed  
15 to refer to grants or project management oversight under  
16 section 22908 of such title on or after the date of enact-  
17 ment of the Department of Transportation Reports Har-  
18 monization Act.”;

19                       (iii) in section 11308(a)(4)(I), by  
20                      striking “24405” and inserting “22905”;  
21                      and

1 (iv) in section 11401(b)(5), by strik-  
 2 ing “chapter 244” and inserting “chapter  
 3 229”.

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Attest:

*Secretary.*

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