

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 543

To require the Federal Railroad Administration to provide appropriate congressional notice of comprehensive safety assessments conducted with respect to intercity or commuter rail passenger transportation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 14, 2019

Mr. SIRES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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. NOTICE OF COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ASSESS-**
4 **MENTS.**

5 (a) INITIAL NOTICE.—Not later than 10 business
6 days after the Federal Railroad Administration initiates
7 a comprehensive safety assessment of an entity providing
8 regularly scheduled intercity or commuter rail passenger

1 transportation, the Federal Railroad Administration shall
2 notify in electronic format the Committee on Transpor-
3 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
4 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
5 tation of the Senate, and each member of Congress rep-
6 resenting a State in which the service that is the subject
7 of the assessment being conducted is located, of the initi-
8 ation of that assessment.

9 (b) FINDINGS.—Not later than 90 days after comple-
10 tion of a comprehensive safety assessment described in
11 subsection (a), the Federal Railroad Administration shall
12 transmit in electronic format to the Committee on Trans-
13 portation and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-
14 tives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
15 Transportation of the Senate, and to each member of Con-
16 gress representing a State in which the service that is the
17 subject of the assessment being conducted is located, its
18 findings of that assessment, including identified defects
19 and any recommendations.

20 (c) DEFINITION.—For purpose of this section, the
21 term “comprehensive safety assessment” means a focused
22 review of the safety-related processes and procedures,
23 compliance with safety regulations and requirements, and
24 overall safety culture of an entity providing regularly

- 1 scheduled intercity or commuter rail passenger transpor-
- 2 tation.

