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S. 3957

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. BRAUN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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 “Safeguarding Treat-
5 ment for the Restoration of Ecosystems from Abandoned
6 Mines Act” or the “STREAM Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ACTIVITIES ELIGIBLE FOR GRANTS FROM THE**
 2 **ABANDONED MINE RECLAMATION FUND.**

3 Section 40701(c) of the Infrastructure Investment
 4 and Jobs Act (30 U.S.C. 1231a(c)) is amended—

5 (1) by striking “Grants under” and inserting
 6 the following:

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
 8 graph (2), grants under”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(2) ACID MINE DRAINAGE ABATEMENT AND
 11 TREATMENT.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not more than 30
 13 percent of the total amount of a grant made
 14 annually under subsection (b)(1) may be re-
 15 tained by the recipient of the grant, if those
 16 amounts are deposited into an acid mine drain-
 17 age abatement and treatment fund established
 18 under State law, from which amounts (together
 19 with all interest earned on the amounts) are ex-
 20 pended by the State for the abatement of the
 21 causes and the treatment of the effects of acid
 22 mine drainage resulting from coal mining prac-
 23 tices, including for the costs of building, oper-
 24 ating, maintaining, and rehabilitating acid mine
 25 drainage treatment systems.

“(B) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—Each recipient of a grant under subsection (b)(1) that deposits grant amounts into an acid mine drainage abatement and treatment fund under subparagraph (A) shall—

“(i) offer amendments to the inventory maintained under section 403(c) of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1233(c)) to reflect the use of the amounts for acid mine drainage abatement and treatment; and

“(ii) include in the annual grant report of the recipient information on the status and balance of amounts in the acid mine drainage abatement and treatment fund.

“(C) TERM.—Amounts retained under subparagraph (A) shall not be subject to—

“(i) subsection (d)(4)(B); or

“(ii) any other limitation on the length of the term of an annual grant under subsection (b)(1).”.

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