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H. R. 3750

To require the Secretary of Transportation to issue best practices for providers of public transportation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BROWN (for himself, Ms. WILSON of Florida, and Mr. PAYNE) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Equity in Transit Serv-
5 ice Planning Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EQUITY IN TRANSIT SERVICE PLANNING.**

7 (a) BEST PRACTICES.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—

9 (A) ASSISTANCE TO PROVIDERS OF PUBLIC
10 TRANSIT.—Not later than 180 days after the

1 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
2 Transportation shall issue nonbinding best
3 practices to assist providers of public transpor-
4 tation in setting the threshold for a major serv-
5 ice change as described in Circular 4702.1B of
6 the Federal Transit Administration.

7 (B) SPECIFIC PROVIDERS OF PUBLIC
8 TRANSIT.—For the purposes of this Act, the
9 term “providers of public transportation”
10 means providers that operate 50 or more fixed
11 route vehicles in peak service and are located in
12 an urbanized area of 200,000 or more in popu-
13 lation.

14 (2) BEST PRACTICES.—In developing the best
15 practices described in paragraph (1), the Sec-
16 retary—

17 (A) shall issue specific recommendations
18 for setting the threshold of a major service
19 change, which shall include, at a minimum, rec-
20 ommendations related to—

21 (i) changes in hours of operations, in-
22 cluding consideration of changes during
23 nonpeak hours;

24 (ii) changes in the frequency of serv-
25 ice;

1 (iii) changes in coverage, including the
2 opening and closing of stations and stops
3 and the changing of routes; and

4 (iv) the use of route-specific analyses
5 in addition to service-area level analyses;

6 (B) shall recommend specific percentage
7 change standards for the elements described in
8 clauses (i), (ii), and (iii) of subparagraph (A) to
9 assist providers of public transportation in set-
10 ting the threshold for a major service change in
11 a manner that ensures meaningful analyses and
12 the provision of equitable service; and

13 (C) may issue different best practices for
14 providers of public transportation of different
15 sizes and service types.

16 (b) TRANSIT COOPERATIVE RESEARCH PROGRAM
17 REPORT.—

18 (1) REVIEW.—Not later than 3 years after the
19 issuance of the best practices described in subsection
20 (a), the Transit Cooperative Research Program of
21 the National Academy of Sciences shall conduct a
22 review of the manner in which providers of public
23 transportation define the threshold for a major serv-
24 ice change for purposes of compliance with Circular

1 4702.1B of the Federal Transit Administration, in-
2 cluding—

3 (A) a survey of the standards used by pro-
4 viders of public transportation to define the
5 threshold for a major service change;

6 (B) a review of the differences in stand-
7 ards used to define the threshold for a major
8 service change for providers of public transpor-
9 tation of different sizes and service types;

10 (C) information on the considerations used
11 by providers of public transportation when de-
12 fining the threshold for a major service change;
13 and

14 (D) the extent to which providers of public
15 transportation are using the best practices de-
16 scribed in subsection (a).

17 (2) REPORT.—After the completion of the re-
18 view described in paragraph (1), the National Acad-
19 emy of Sciences shall issue a report on the findings
20 of the review and submit such report to the Com-
21 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the
22 House of Representatives and the Committee on
23 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate.

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