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# H. R. 8291

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TORRES of New York introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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## 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 “Passenger Rail Station  
5 Security Report Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON IMPROVING COUNTERTERRORISM SE-**  
7 **CURITY AT PASSENGER RAIL STATIONS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the  
9 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland

1 Security, acting through the Administrator of the Trans-  
2 portation Security Administration, in consultation with  
3 the Secretary of Transportation, the Administrator of the  
4 Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Adminis-  
5 trator of the United States Fire Administration, passenger  
6 rail station owners and operators, State and local trans-  
7 portation entities, and other agencies or stakeholders as  
8 determined appropriate by the Secretary, shall submit to  
9 the appropriate congressional committees a report on the  
10 5 largest passenger rail stations by annual ridership and  
11 a representative sample of 8 other-sized passenger rail sta-  
12 tions that contains the following:

13           (1) An analysis of the effectiveness of counter-  
14 terrorism measures implemented in each passenger  
15 rail station to include prevention systems, includ-  
16 ing—

17                   (A) surveillance systems, including cam-  
18 eras, and physical law enforcement presence;

19                   (B) response systems including—

20                           (i) evacuation systems to allow pas-  
21 sengers and workers to egress the stations,  
22 mezzanines, and rail cars;

23                           (ii) fire safety measures, including  
24 ventilation and fire suppression systems;  
25 and

1 (iii) public alert systems; and

2 (C) recovery systems, including coordina-  
3 tion with State and Federal agencies.

4 (2) A description of any actions directed as a  
5 result of the analysis conducted under paragraph  
6 (1).

7 (3) Recommendations, as appropriate, for pas-  
8 senger rail station owners and operators, and State  
9 and local transportation entities to improve counter-  
10 terrorism measures outlined in paragraph (1).

11 (4) Proposals, as appropriate, for legislative ac-  
12 tions and funding needed to improve counterter-  
13 rorism measures.

14 (b) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES  
15 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate con-  
16 gressional committees” means the Committee on Home-  
17 land Security of the House of Representatives, the Com-  
18 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House  
19 of Representatives, the Committee on Commerce, Science,  
20 and Transportation of the Senate, and the Committee on  
21 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Sen-  
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