

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 158

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 4, 2021

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Rail Audit Trans-
5 parency Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NOTICE OF COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ASSESS-**
2 **MENTS.**

3 (a) INITIAL NOTICE.—Not later than 10 business
4 days after the Federal Railroad Administration initiates
5 a comprehensive safety assessment of an entity providing
6 regularly scheduled intercity or commuter rail passenger
7 transportation, the Federal Railroad Administration shall
8 notify in electronic format the Committee on Transpor-
9 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives
10 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
11 tation of the Senate, and each member of Congress rep-
12 resenting a State in which the service that is the subject
13 of the assessment being conducted is located, of the initi-
14 ation of that assessment.

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

1 (c) DEFINITION.—For purpose of this section, the
2 term “comprehensive safety assessment” means a focused
3 review of the safety-related processes and procedures,
4 compliance with safety regulations and requirements, and
5 overall safety culture of an entity providing regularly
6 scheduled intercity or commuter rail passenger transpor-
7 tation.

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