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H. R. 396

To amend the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 to clarify certain allowable uses of funds for public transportation security assistance grants and establish periods of performance for such grants, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. Garbarino (for himself and Mr. Katko) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Transit Security Grant Program Flexibility Act”.
SEC. 2. ALLOWABLE USES OF FUNDS FOR PUBLIC TRANS-
PORTATION SECURITY ASSISTANCE GRANTS.

Subparagraph (A) of section 1406(b)(2) of the Imple-
menting Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of
2007 (6 U.S.C. 1135(b)(2); Public Law 110–53) is
amended by inserting “and associated backfill” after “se-
curity training”.

SEC. 3. PERIODS OF PERFORMANCE FOR PUBLIC TRANS-
PORTATION SECURITY ASSISTANCE GRANTS.

Section 1406 of the Implementing Recommendations
of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (6 U.S.C. 1135; Pub-
lic Law 110–53) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (m) as sub-
section (n); and

(2) by inserting after subsection (l) the fol-
lowing new subsection:

“(m) PERIODS OF PERFORMANCE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
graph (2), funds provided pursuant to a grant
awarded under this section for a use specified in
subsection (b) shall remain available for use by a
grant recipient for a period of not fewer than 36
months.

“(2) EXCEPTION.—Funds provided pursuant to
a grant awarded under this section for a use speci-
fied in subparagraph (M) or (N) of subsection (b)(1)
shall remain available for use by a grant recipient for a period of not fewer than 55 months.”.

SEC. 4. GAO REVIEW.


(b) Scope.—The review required under paragraph (1) shall include the following:

(1) An assessment of the type of projects funded under the public transportation security grant program referred to in such paragraph.

(2) An assessment of the manner in which such projects address threats to public transportation infrastructure.

(3) An assessment of the impact, if any, of this Act (including the amendments made by this Act) on types of projects funded under the public transportation security assistance grant program.

(4) An assessment of the management and administration of public transportation security assistance grant program funds by grantees.
(5) Recommendations to improve the manner in which public transportation security assistance grant program funds address vulnerabilities in public transportation infrastructure.

(6) Recommendations to improve the management and administration of the public transportation security assistance grant program.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act and again not later than five years after such date of enactment, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a report on the review required under this section.

SEC. 5. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.

The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, shall be determined by reference to the latest statement titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record by the Chairman of the Committee on the Budget of the House of Representatives, provided that such statement has been submitted prior to the vote on passage.