

HR 1109

Rail Transit Security and Safety Act of 2005

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 17, 2005
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Rail Transit Security and Safety Act of 2005 - Directs the Under Secretary for Border and Transportation Security (Under Secretary) of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to complete a vulnerability assessment of freight and passenger rail transportation. Requires the Under Secretary, based on the assessment, to develop specific prioritized recommendations for improving rail security.

Directs the Under Secretary to establish the position of Federal Rail Security Manager to: (1) serve as regional coordinator of the Under Secretary's response to terrorist incidents and threats to rail assets; and (2) coordinate efforts related to rail security with State and local law enforcement.

Directs the Comptroller General to study and report to Congress on the rail passenger transportation security programs in Japan, member nations of the European Union (EU), and other foreign countries in order to identify effective rail transportation security measures.

Authorizes the Secretary of Transportation to make grants to Amtrak for certain fire and life-safety improvements and infrastructure upgrades to tunnels on the Northeast Corridor.

Directs the DHS Secretary to award grants directly to public transportation agencies for allowable capital and operational security improvements.

Establishes a research and development (R&D) program to improve freight and intercity passenger rail security.

Sets forth certain whistleblower protections for rail employees or other persons who have provided information or otherwise assisted in any investigation regarding certain conduct, or who have refused to violate or assist in the violation of any regulation related to public transportation security.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 17, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Security, infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity.
- **Mar 17, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology.
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