

S 3638

Public Transportation Safety Act of 2010

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Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** CT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Public Transportation Safety Act of 2010 - Directs the Secretary of Transportation (DOT) to create a national public transportation safety plan to improve the safety of all public transportation systems that receive federal assistance.

Requires the Secretary to establish a public transportation safety certification training program for federal and state employees, or other designated personnel, who conduct safety audits and examinations of public transportation systems, as well as employees of public transportation agencies responsible for safety oversight.

Requires each state or local government, or other public transportation system operator, that receives federal assistance to certify it has established an agency safety plan meeting minimum criteria.

Prescribes requirements for state safety oversight programs for grant-recipient states with a rail fixed guideway public transportation system (or one in the design or construction phase) that is not subject to Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) regulation. Requires an eligible state, in order to obligate its formula capital grant apportionment, to have an approved state safety oversight program in effect as well as a state safety oversight agency. Authorizes the Secretary to make grants to eligible states to develop or carry out such a program.

Grants a state safety oversight agency the authority to request the Secretary to take certain enforcement actions against a rail fixed guideway public transportation system that is not in compliance with federal safety laws.

Directs the Secretary to establish a national transit asset management system.

Authorizes the Secretary to award a public transportation system grant to a recipient only if it reports to the Secretary, for inclusion in the National Transit Database, information relating to: (1) the causes of reportable incidents; and (2) transit asset inventories and condition assessments the recipient has conducted.

Establishes within the FRA the Office of Safety and Security.

Authorizes a recipient to receive an urbanized area formula grant only if it has established a comprehensive public transportation agency safety plan.

Requires the Secretary, in prescribing regulations for an alcohol and controlled substances testing program for public transportation employees, to establish an enforcement program that includes the imposition of penalties for noncompliance.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 26, 2010:** By Senator Dodd from Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs filed written report. Report No. 111-232.
- **Jul 22, 2010:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 22, 2010:** Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Original measure reported to Senate by Senator Dodd. Without written report.
- **Jul 22, 2010:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 480.