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Railroad Safety and Positive Train Control Extension Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

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Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** MO • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]	D · MO		Mar 4, 2015
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Mar 4, 2015
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		Mar 4, 2015
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Mar 9, 2015
Sen. Johnson, Ron [R-WI]	R · WI		Mar 9, 2015
Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]	R · NE		Mar 11, 2015
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Mar 12, 2015
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Mar 17, 2015
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Mar 18, 2015
Sen. Heller, Dean [R-NV]	R · NV		Mar 19, 2015
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Mar 23, 2015
Sen. Ayotte, Kelly [R-NH]	R · NH		Mar 24, 2015
Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]	R · OH		Apr 16, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Sep 22, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Transportation and Public Works

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 1006	Related bill	<b>Apr 16, 2015:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S2252-2253)

## Summary (as of Sep 22, 2016)

### Railroad Safety and Positive Train Control Extension Act

(Sec. 2) This bill revises the railroad safety risk reduction program.

The bill extends from December 31, 2015, to December 31, 2020, the deadline for submission to the Department of Transportation (DOT) by each Class I railroad carrier and each entity providing regularly scheduled intercity or commuter rail passenger transportation of a plan for implementing a positive train control (PTC) system on certain of its tracks.

(Sec. 3) DOT may extend the implementation deadline, upon application, in one-year increments, if specified circumstances exist.

(Sec. 4) The bill directs DOT to revise federal regulations requiring a Class II or III railroad (including a tourist or excursion railroad) to extend by five years the deadlines for equipping its locomotives with an onboard PTC system to operate in PTC territory and applicable reporting requirements.

(Sec. 5) The bill requires Class I railroad carriers and each entity providing regularly scheduled intercity or commuter rail passenger transportation to submit annual progress reports to DOT on the status of plans to implement a PTC system.

## Actions Timeline

- **Sep 22, 2016:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Thune with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Sep 22, 2016:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 641.
- **Mar 25, 2015:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Mar 4, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 4, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.