
HR 6224

Building Much Needed Rail Grade Separations Act of 2020

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** IL • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill establishes a grade separation investment program to award competitive grants to certain entities for projects that

- separate railway-highway grade crossings,
- improve safety by reducing the number of deaths and injuries at rail-highway crossings,
- increase the efficiency and reliability of the movement of people and freight over rail-highway crossings,
- increase the capacity of the freight and passenger rail system,
- reduce the amount of noise from trains, and
- improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from less idling at rail-highway crossings.

Among other requirements, the bill (1) requires grant awards for large projects (projects with total costs of greater than \$100 million) to be at least \$50 million, and for any other projects not less than \$2.5 million; and (2) directs the Department of Transportation to consider a number of factors in awarding grants, including accident history at the rail-highway crossing over the last 10 years, the annual average daily traffic at the crossing, the likelihood of a collision based on the geometry of the crossing, and the number of critical facilities near the crossing.

Actions Timeline

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