

## S 713

### Highway-Rail Grade Crossing Safety Act of 2019

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### Sponsor

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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### 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 addresses highway-rail grade crossing safety.

The bill reauthorizes the highway safety improvement program through FY2024, with \$50 million set aside in FY2020-FY2024 for the Railway-Highway Crossings Program.

Eligibility requirements are revised for the award of capital grants to states under the rail line relocation and improvement program.

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) must hire

- 16 full-time grade crossing safety managers to work with state and local officials to identify safety improvements to highway-rail grade crossings; and
- 8 trespass prevention managers to work with local governments, schools, businesses, and railroads to develop site-specific mitigation plans.

The Department of Transportation must gather and publish information and statistics relating to highway-rail grade crossing problems, including from studies conducted by the FRA, rail carriers, and independent entities.

## **Actions Timeline**

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