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119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for grants to certain urbanized areas for operating costs relating to crime prevention and security, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. FRIEDMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Safe and Affordable
5 Transit Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. OPERATING GRANTS FOR CRIME PREVENTION AND**
2 **SECURITY.**

3 (a) CRIME PREVENTION AND SECURITY.—Section
4 5321 of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

5 (1) by striking “The Secretary” and inserting

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary”; and

7 (2) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(b) OPERATING GRANTS FOR URBANIZED AREAS.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make
10 grants for operating activities for public transpor-
11 tation systems to any entity eligible to receive funds
12 under section 5307, notwithstanding the population
13 requirement under section (a)(1)(D) of such section.

14 “(2) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—Funds made avail-
15 able under this subsection may be used for the fol-
16 lowing:

17 “(A) Hiring additional officers to police on
18 public transportation and transit stations, in-
19 cluding the immediate vicinity of stations.

20 “(B) Contracting with local police depart-
21 ments to increase officer presence on public
22 transportation and transit stations.

23 “(C) Physical infrastructure upgrades that
24 promote public transportation passenger and
25 operator safety (including monitoring devices,

1 operator shields, and other infrastructure
2 changes).

3 “(3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

4 There is authorized to be appropriated \$50,000,000
5 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2030 to carry
6 out this subsection.”.

7 (b) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Transpor-
8 tation shall enter into an agreement with Transportation
9 Research Board of the National Academies, to conduct
10 and submit to Congress, in consultation with labor organi-
11 zations representing frontline transit workers, a study on
12 crime prevention by transit agencies that includes—

13 (1) what such agencies are doing to prevent
14 crime;

15 (2) what tactics have been successful in deter-
16 ring crime;

17 (3) what tactics have been unsuccessful in de-
18 terring crime; and

19 (4) best practices for transit agencies to reduce
20 crime within public transportation systems.