



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 178

HOUSE BILL NO. 486

By Representatives Smith, Hall, Howell, Sherrell, Crawford, Lynn, Carr, Helton

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 662

By Senators Gardenhire, Stevens

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54 and Title 65, relative to railroads.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 65, Chapter 3, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

On or before November 1, 2021, and on or before November 1 of each year between 2022 - 2026, the department of transportation shall report to the transportation committee of the house of representatives and the transportation and safety committee of the senate on the data collected on the following website, or any successor website, established by the federal railroad administration (FRA) for the public and law enforcement agencies to report blocked highway-rail grade crossings: www.fra.dot.gov/blockedcrossings. The department shall publish the link to the FRA website in a prominent location on its website. The department shall submit its final report on or before July 1, 2027. From the data available on the website, the department's report must identify the areas in this state impacted by the blocked crossings, such as areas where commerce is impeded or potential public safety risks are posed, and must include the location and length of the obstructions in those areas. The department shall send a copy of each report to the five (5) municipalities with the highest number of areas impacted by blocked crossings.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: March 29, 2021



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 20th day of April 2021



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR