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# H. R. 158

To require the Federal Railroad Administration to provide appropriate congressional notice of comprehensive safety assessments conducted with respect to intercity or commuter rail passenger transportation.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 4, 2021

Mr. SIRES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## 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 “Rail Audit Trans-  
5 parency Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NOTICE OF COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ASSESS-**  
2 **MENTS.**

3 (a) INITIAL NOTICE.—Not later than 10 business  
4 days after the Federal Railroad Administration initiates  
5 a comprehensive safety assessment of an entity providing  
6 regularly scheduled intercity or commuter rail passenger  
7 transportation, the Federal Railroad Administration shall  
8 notify in electronic format the Committee on Transpor-  
9 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives  
10 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-  
11 tation of the Senate, and each member of Congress rep-  
12 resenting a State in which the service that is the subject  
13 of the assessment being conducted is located, of the initi-  
14 ation of that assessment.

15 (b) FINDINGS.—Not later than 90 days after comple-  
16 tion of a comprehensive safety assessment described in  
17 subsection (a), the Federal Railroad Administration shall  
18 transmit in electronic format to the Committee on Trans-  
19 portation and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-  
20 tives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
21 Transportation of the Senate, and to each member of Con-  
22 gress representing a State in which the service that is the  
23 subject of the assessment being conducted is located, its  
24 findings of that assessment, including identified defects  
25 and any recommendations.

1       (c) DEFINITION.—For purpose of this section, the  
2 term “comprehensive safety assessment” means a focused  
3 review of the safety-related processes and procedures,  
4 compliance with safety regulations and requirements, and  
5 overall safety culture of an entity providing regularly  
6 scheduled intercity or commuter rail passenger transpor-  
7 tation.

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