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To require a study on public health impacts as a consequence of the February 3, 2023, train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 21, 2024

Mr. VANCE (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. FETTERMAN, and Mr. CASEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “East Palestine Health
5 Impact Monitoring Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDY ON PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACTS AS A CON-**
2 **SEQUENCE OF THE TRAIN DERAILMENT IN**
3 **EAST PALESTINE, OHIO.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
5 Human Services (referred to in this section as the “Sec-
6 retary”), acting through the Centers for Disease Control
7 and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and
8 Disease Registry, and, as appropriate, the National Insti-
9 tute of Environmental Health Sciences, shall—

10 (1) award a grant, contract, or cooperative
11 agreement to an eligible entity, for purposes of—

12 (A) conducting a study on the human
13 health impacts as a consequence of the Feb-
14 ruary 3, 2023, train derailment in East Pal-
15 estine, Ohio, and subsequent venting and burn-
16 ing of liquid chemicals;

17 (B) not later than one year after the date
18 of the enactment of this Act, and annually
19 thereafter until submission of the report under
20 subparagraph (C), submitting to the appro-
21 priate congressional committees a report on the
22 progress of the study under subparagraph (A);
23 and

24 (C) not later than 5 years after the date
25 of enactment of this Act, completing such study

1 and submitting a report to the Secretary, which
2 shall include any appropriate recommendations;

3 (2) submit a report to the appropriate congress-
4 sional committees on the results of the study and re-
5 port under paragraph (1); and

6 (3) not later than one year after the date of the
7 enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter until
8 submission of the report under paragraph (2), sub-
9 mit to the appropriate congressional committees a
10 report on the progress of the study, as reported by
11 the eligible entity pursuant to paragraph (1)(B).

12 (b) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—To be eligible for the award
13 under subsection (a)(1), an entity shall be a group of pub-
14 lic or private institutions of higher education that dem-
15 onstrates requisite capacity and expertise to carry out the
16 study described in such subsection and that has a physical
17 presence in the 2 States directly impacted by the derail-
18 ment, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

19 (c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
20 FINED.—In this subsection, the term “appropriate con-
21 gressional committees” means the Committee on Health,
22 Education, Labor, and Pensions and the Committee on
23 Environment and Public Works of the Senate and the
24 Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of
25 Representatives.

1 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
2 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Health
3 and Human Services \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years
4 2024 through 2028 to carry out the study under this sub-
5 section.

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