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H. R. 7653

To require the Department of Transportation to study the effects of a high-speed rail project in Florida on motorist and pedestrian safety.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 16, 2020

Mr. POSEY (for himself and Mr. MAST) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Pedestrian Safety
5 Study Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. STUDY ON EFFECTS OF HIGH-SPEED RAIL PROJECT**
7 **ON MOTORIST AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY.**

8 (a) FINDING.—Congress finds that more than two
9 dozen fatalities have taken place since the Virgin Trains
10 project began in Florida in July 2017.

1 (b) STUDY.—The Administrator of the Federal High-
2 way Administration and the Administrator of the Federal
3 Railroad Administration shall jointly conduct a study on
4 the effects of the high-speed rail project carried out in
5 Florida by Virgin Trains USA, or any successor operator,
6 on motorist and pedestrian safety, including the safety of
7 individuals attending schools that are within 1 mile of
8 such rail project.

9 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date
10 of enactment of this Act, the Administrators described in
11 subsection (b) shall submit to the Committee on Transpor-
12 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives,
13 the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
14 and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of
15 the Senate, and the department of transportation of the
16 State of Florida a report containing—

17 (1) the results of the study required under sub-
18 section (b); and

19 (2) recommendations on how to improve motor-
20 ist and pedestrian safety in the vicinity of the high-
21 speed rail project studied under subsection (b), in-
22 cluding the construction of barriers and other safety
23 improvements.

1 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
2 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are nec-
3 essary to carry out this Act.

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