

119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4900

To amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize the accountable executive of a safety committee to resolve disputes of the safety committee, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 5, 2025

Mr. SMUCKER (for himself and Mr. OWENS) 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 “Safe Transit Account-
5 ability Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SAFETY COMMITTEE.**

7 Section 5329(d)(5) of title 49, United States Code,
8 is amended by adding at the end the following:

9 “(C) FINAL DECISIONMAKER.—

1 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The accountable
2 executive of a recipient shall determine
3 whether to implement the risk-based miti-
4 gation or strategies recommended by the
5 Safety Committee and shall serve as the
6 sole tiebreaker of any Safety Committee
7 dispute resolution procedures.

8 “(ii) ACCOUNTABLE EXECUTIVE.—In
9 this subparagraph, the term ‘accountable
10 executive’ means the single, identifiable
11 person who has ultimate responsibility for
12 carrying out the Public Transportation
13 Agency Safety Plan under this section of a
14 transit agency, responsibility for carrying
15 out the transit agency’s Transit Asset
16 Management Plan, and control or direction
17 over the human and capital resources
18 needed to develop and maintain both the
19 transit agency’s Public Transportation
20 Agency Safety Plan, in accordance with
21 this subsection, and the transit agency’s
22 Transit Asset Management Plan in accord-
23 ance with section 5326.”.

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