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# H. R. 8699

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 7, 2026

Mr. MIN (for himself, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia) 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 “Safe Transit for All  
5       Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF ASSAULTS ON TRANSIT PASSENGERS**  
2 **IN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PRO-**  
3 **GRAM.**

4 (a) PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AGENCY SAFETY  
5 PLAN.—Section 5329(d) of title 49, United States Code,  
6 is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (1)—

8 (A) in subparagraph (I)(ii) by striking the  
9 period and inserting “; and”; and

10 (B) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(J) in the case of a recipient receiving as-  
12 sistance under section 5307 that is serving an  
13 urbanized area with a population of 200,000 or  
14 more, a program to collect data on street har-  
15 assment on public transit systems targeted at  
16 passengers, including—

17 “(i) establishing accessible digital and  
18 in-person reporting mechanisms to collect  
19 data from passengers who have experi-  
20 enced or witnessed an incident of street  
21 harassment on a public transit system op-  
22 erated by the recipient, including the abil-  
23 ity to collect data on—

24 “(I) the frequency, type, location,  
25 and time of the incident experienced  
26 or witnessed by the passenger, includ-

1                   ing whether such street harassment  
2                   was verbal harassment, a physical as-  
3                   sault, or a sexual assault;

4                   “(II) the demographic informa-  
5                   tion of the passenger or passengers  
6                   that experienced the incident, includ-  
7                   ing race, ethnicity, religion, age, dis-  
8                   ability, income, primary language, sex,  
9                   and sexual orientation;

10                  “(III) the actual or perceived  
11                  characteristics that may have served  
12                  as the basis for the incident; and

13                  “(IV) the impact of the incident  
14                  on the passenger, including whether  
15                  and in what way street harassment af-  
16                  fects the use of public transit by the  
17                  passenger;

18                  “(ii) collecting data and conducting  
19                  outreach in multiple languages to under-  
20                  stand safety concerns and experiences of  
21                  passengers with limited English language  
22                  proficiency;

23                  “(iii) in a timely manner after data is  
24                  collected pursuant to clauses (i) and (ii),  
25                  publishing on a publicly available website

1 the data collected, excluding any personally  
2 identifiable information; and

3 “(iv) establishing protocols for re-  
4 sponding to reports of street harassment  
5 received through the reporting mechanisms  
6 established in clause (i).”; and

7 (2) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(6) DEFINITION OF STREET HARASSMENT.—

9 In this subsection, the term ‘street harassment’  
10 means any word, gesture, or other action directed at  
11 an individual because of an actual or perceived per-  
12 sonal characteristic of the individual, including a  
13 characteristic protected under title VI or VII of the  
14 Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.)  
15 or the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of  
16 1967 (29 U.S.C. 621 et seq.), in a public place,  
17 without the consent of the individual, in which the  
18 individual experiences such word, gesture, or action  
19 as intimidating or threatening to the safety of the  
20 individual.”.

21 (b) NATIONAL TRANSIT DATABASE.—Section 5335  
22 of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

23 (1) in subsection (c)—

24 (A) in paragraph (2) by striking “and”;

1 (B) in paragraph (3) by striking the period  
2 and inserting “; and”; and  
3 (C) by adding at the end the following:  
4 “(4) any data on street harassment of pas-  
5 sengers collected by the recipient pursuant to section  
6 5329(d).”.

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