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To amend section 5336 of title 49, United States Code, to provide for certain apportionments to medium-sized transit intensive cities, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARBAJAL (for himself and Mr. MOORE of Utah) 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 “Medium Transit Inten-
5 sive Cities Authorization Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. MEDIUM-SIZED TRANSIT-INTENSIVE CITIES FOR-**
7 **MULA.**

8 Section 5336 of title 49, United States Code, is
9 amended—

(1) in subsection (a) by striking “subsection (h)(5)” and inserting “subsection (h)(6)”;

(2) in subsection (h)—

(A) by redesignating paragraphs (4) and (5) as paragraphs (5) and (6), respectively;

(B) by inserting after paragraph (3) the following:

“(4) of amounts not apportioned under paragraphs (1), (2), and (3), 1.5 percent shall be apportioned to urbanized areas with populations of at least 200,000 but not more than 999,999 in accordance with subsection (k);” and

(C) in paragraph (6), as so redesignated, by striking “and (4)” and inserting “(4), and (5)”;

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(k) MEDIUM-SIZED TRANSIT-INTENSIVE CITIES FORMULA.—

“(1) APPORTIONMENT.—

“(A) FORMULA.—The amount to be apportioned under subsection (h)(4) shall be apportioned among eligible areas in the ratio that—

“(i) the number of performance categories for which each eligible area meets or exceeds the industry average in urban-

1 ized areas with a population of at least
2 1,000,000; bears to

3 “(ii) the aggregate number of per-
4 formance categories for which all eligible
5 areas meet or exceed the industry average
6 in urbanized areas with a population of at
7 least 1,000,000.

8 “(B) INDUSTRY AVERAGE.—The average
9 in urbanized areas with a population of at least
10 1,000,000 shall—

11 “(i) be calculated separately for each
12 such urbanized area for each performance
13 category; and

14 “(ii) for each performance category,
15 be the average of each individual perform-
16 ance category calculated as described in
17 clause (i).

18 “(C) DATA USED.—The Secretary shall
19 calculate apportionments under this subsection
20 for a fiscal year using data from the national
21 transit database used to calculate apportion-
22 ments for that fiscal year under this section.

23 “(2) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

24 “(A) ELIGIBLE AREA.—The term “eligible
25 area” means an urbanized area with a popu-

1 lation of at least 200,000 but not more than
2 999,999 that meets or exceeds in 1 or more
3 performance categories the industry average for
4 all urbanized areas with a population of at least
5 1,000,000, as determined by the Secretary in
6 accordance with subsection (c)(1).

7 “(B) PERFORMANCE CATEGORY.—The
8 term “performance category” means each of the
9 following:

10 “(i) Passenger miles traveled per vehi-
11 cle revenue mile.

12 “(ii) Passenger miles traveled per ve-
13 hicle revenue hour.

14 “(iii) Vehicle revenue miles per capita.

15 “(iv) Vehicle revenue hours per capita.

16 “(v) Passenger miles traveled per cap-
17 ita.

18 “(vi) Passengers per capita.”.

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