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To amend chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code, to maximize value of taxpayer dollars by providing regulatory relief for transit agencies, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SCHOLTEN 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 “Streamlined Appor-
5 tionment, Flexibility, and Efficiency Transit Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REGULATORY RELIEF FOR TRANSIT AGENCIES.**

7 (a) FORMULA FUNDS APPORTIONMENT STREAM-
8 LINING.—Section 5336(d) of title 49, United States Code,
9 is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (1) by striking “and” at the
2 end;

3 (2) by redesignating paragraph (2) as para-
4 graph (3); and

5 (3) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(2) notwithstanding paragraph (1), apportion
8 amounts to the States and recipients in urbanized
9 areas under 1,000,000 in population appropriated
10 under section 5338(a)(2) to carry out sections 5307,
11 5310, and 5311 not later than December 1 of the
12 fiscal year for which any amounts are appropriated;
13 and”.

14 (b) BUS FORMULA 5-YEAR AVAILABILITY.—Section
15 5339(a)(8) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

16 (1) by striking “3 fiscal years” and inserting “5
17 fiscal years”; and

18 (2) by striking “3-fiscal-year” and inserting “5-
19 fiscal-year”.

20 (c) ASSET DISPOSITION.—Section
21 5334(h)(4)(B)(ii)(II)(bb) of title 49, United States Code,
22 is amended by inserting “, except in the case of a recipient
23 or subrecipient that certifies to the Secretary that the re-
24 maining amounts are to be used for capital projects under
25 section 5307, 5310, or 5311” before the period at the end.

1 (d) GENERAL PROVISIONS.—Section 5323 of title 49,
2 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
3 following:

4 “(w) CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DOCUMENTATION.—
5 The Secretary shall minimize the requirements for docu-
6 mentation, studies, and memos to the greatest extent pos-
7 sible for any project seeking to be categorically excluded
8 from requirements for environmental assessments or envi-
9 ronmental impact statements.

10 “(x) EARLY COLLABORATION WITH STATE HISTORIC
11 PRESERVATION OFFICES.—The Secretary shall encourage
12 early consultation between the project sponsor and State
13 historic preservation offices before the process under sec-
14 tion 206108 of title 54 begins.”.

15 (e) REPORTING FREQUENCY AND CONSOLIDATION.—
16 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this
17 Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall—

18 (1) review all the reporting requirements that
19 the Administrator of the Federal Transit Adminis-
20 tration requires discretionary grant recipients to
21 meet;

22 (2) evaluate which such requirements can be
23 eliminated, consolidated, or reduced in scope; and

24 (3) direct the Administrator to—

1 (A) implement the recommendations of
2 this review; and

3 (B) submit to the Committee on Transpor-
4 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
5 resentatives and the Committee on Banking,
6 Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate a list
7 of the reporting requirements that will be elimi-
8 nated, consolidated, or reduced in scope pursu-
9 ant to this subsection.

10 (f) FTA TRIENNIAL REVIEW STREAMLINING.—Sec-
11 tion 5307(f)(2) of title 49, United States Code, is amend-
12 ed—

13 (1) by striking “completely”; and

14 (2) by adding “The Secretary shall focus the
15 review on previous deficiencies by the recipient and
16 the most common deficiencies by all recipients, as
17 identified by the Secretary. The Secretary shall ran-
18 domly sample the remaining areas of compliance,
19 not to exceed 5 categories in the random sample.”
20 at the end.

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