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H. R. 8853

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 15, 2026

Ms. McCLELLAN (for herself and Mr. DELUZIO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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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 “Amtrak Grant Flexi-
5 bility Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY OF GRANT FUNDS TO SATISFY NON-**
7 **FEDERAL SHARE REQUIREMENTS.**

8 (a) NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT ASSIST-
9 ANCE GRANTS.—Section 6701(i)(2) of title 49, United

1 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
2 lowing new subparagraph:

3 “(D) ALLOWABLE USE OF AMTRAK GRANT
4 FUNDS.—

5 “(i) IN GENERAL.—If Amtrak is the
6 recipient of a grant under this section,
7 Amtrak may use any Federal grant funds
8 provided to Amtrak (other than grant
9 funds awarded under the program and
10 subject to any terms or conditions placed
11 on such Federal grant funds) to carry out
12 any activity described in subsection (h)(1),
13 so long as the involvement of Amtrak in
14 such activity is not limited to monetary
15 contributions.

16 “(ii) NON-APPLICABILITY OF LIMITA-
17 TION.—Any Federal grant funds used by
18 Amtrak pursuant to clause (i) may not be
19 treated as Federal assistance for purposes
20 of subparagraph (B).”.

21 (b) CONSOLIDATED RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE AND
22 SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS GRANTS.—Section 22907(h) of
23 title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
24 end the following new paragraph:

1 “(5) TREATMENT OF AMTRAK GRANT FUNDS.—

2 If Amtrak is an applicant under this section, any
3 Federal funds provided to Amtrak may be used to
4 satisfy the non-Federal share requirements.”.

5 (c) FEDERAL-STATE PARTNERSHIP FOR INTERCITY
6 PASSENGER RAIL GRANTS.—Section 24911(f)(3) of title
7 49, United States Code, is amended by striking “may use”
8 and all that follows through the period at the end and
9 inserting the following: “may satisfy the non-Federal
10 share requirements using—

11 “(A) tickets and other revenues generated
12 from its operations or other sources;

13 “(B) with respect to a project under this
14 section associated the National Network, grant
15 funds issued by the Secretary to Amtrak for
16 use in activities associated with the National
17 Network; and

18 “(C) with respect to a project under this
19 section associated the Northeast Corridor, grant
20 funds issued by the Secretary to Amtrak for
21 use in activities associated with the Northeast
22 Corridor.”.

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