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S. 5264

To amend title 49, United States Code, to set requirements for certain operator workstations for fixed route buses, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 5, 2026

Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. HAWLEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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 “Bus Operator Safety
5 and Security Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PROGRAM.**

7 Section 5329 of title 49, United States Code, is
8 amended—

1 (1) by redesignating subsections (f) through (k)
 2 as subsections (g) through (l), respectively; and

3 (2) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
 4 lowing:

5 “(f) FIXED ROUTE BUS OPERATOR
 6 WORKSTATIONS.—Beginning 2 years after the date of en-
 7 actment of this subsection, unless a recipient certifies that
 8 a labor organization representing the plurality of the
 9 frontline workforce employed by the recipient or, if appli-
 10 cable, employed by a contractor to the recipient, has
 11 agreed to waive this requirement with regard to the new
 12 fixed route bus being purchased with the requested Fed-
 13 eral funds, the operator workstation of any new fixed
 14 route bus which is 30 or more feet in length with a useful
 15 life of 10 or more years purchased with Federal funds
 16 (with the exception of funds derived from section 5311)
 17 by a recipient shall be equipped with a barrier that—

18 “(1) reaches from the bus floor to the bus ceil-
 19 ing;

20 “(2) is capable of fully enclosing the
 21 workstation and preventing the unwanted entry of
 22 persons, fluids, and objects into the workstation; and

1 “(3) does not impede the operator’s lines of
2 sight from the workstation to the exterior of the
3 bus.”.

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