

port services” for “emotional care and support” and “passengers involved in the accident and the families of such passengers” for “the families of passengers involved in the accident”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 118-63, § 1215(c)(4)(A), substituted “passengers involved in the accident and the families of such passengers” for “the families of passengers involved in the accident” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 118-63, § 1215(c)(4)(B), substituted “emotional care, psychological care, and family support services” for “mental health and counseling services”.

Subsec. (c)(3). Pub. L. 118-63, § 1215(c)(4)(C), substituted “passengers involved in the accident and the families of such passengers who have traveled to the location of the accident” for “the families who have traveled to the location of the accident” and inserted “passengers and” before “affected families”.

Subsec. (c)(4). Pub. L. 118-63, § 1215(c)(4)(D), inserted “passengers and” before “families”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 118-63, § 1215(c)(5), amended subsec. (d) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (d) related to requests for passenger lists and use of such information.

Subsec. (g)(1). Pub. L. 118-63, § 1215(c)(6)(A), substituted “passengers involved in the accident and the families of such passengers” for “the families of passengers involved in the accident”.

Subsec. (g)(3). Pub. L. 118-63, § 1215(c)(6)(B), in heading, substituted “prevent certain care and support” for “prevent mental health and counseling” and, in text, substituted “providing emotional care, psychological care, and family support services” for “providing mental health and counseling services” and inserted “passengers and” before “families”.

Subsec. (h)(1)(B). Pub. L. 118-63, § 1215(c)(7)(A), struck out “National Transportation Safety” before “Board”.

Subsec. (h)(4). Pub. L. 118-63, § 1215(c)(7)(B), added par. (4).

2018—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 115-254, § 1109(d)(1), substituted “resulting in any loss of life, and for which the National Transportation Safety Board will serve as the lead investigative agency” for “resulting in a major loss of life” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (h)(1). Pub. L. 115-254, § 1109(d)(2), amended par. (1) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The term ‘rail passenger accident’ means any rail passenger disaster resulting in a major loss of life occurring in the provision of—

“(A) interstate intercity rail passenger transportation (as such term is defined in section 24102); or

“(B) interstate or intrastate high-speed rail (as such term is defined in section 26105) transportation, regardless of its cause or suspected cause.”

2015—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 114-94, § 11316(a)(1), substituted “telephone number” for “phone number”.

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 114-94, § 11316(a)(2), substituted “post-trauma communication with families” for “post trauma communication with families”.

Subsec. (j). Pub. L. 114-94, § 11316(a)(3), substituted “rail passenger accident” for “railroad passenger accident” in pars. (1) and (2).

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2015 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 114-94 effective Oct. 1, 2015, see section 1003 of Pub. L. 114-94, set out as a note under section 5313 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

ESTABLISHMENT OF TASK FORCE

Pub. L. 110-432, div. A, title V, § 503, Oct. 16, 2008, 122 Stat. 4899, provided that:

“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary [of Transportation], in cooperation with the National Transportation Safety Board, organizations potentially designated under section 1139(a)(2) of title 49, United States Code, rail passenger carriers (as defined in sec-

tion 1139(h)(2) of title 49, United States Code), and families which have been involved in rail accidents, shall establish a task force consisting of representatives of such entities and families, representatives of rail passenger carrier employees, and representatives of such other entities as the Secretary considers appropriate.

“(b) MODEL PLAN AND RECOMMENDATIONS.—The task force established pursuant to subsection (a) shall develop—

“(1) a model plan to assist rail passenger carriers in responding to passenger rail accidents;

“(2) recommendations on methods to improve the timeliness of the notification provided by passenger rail carriers to the families of passengers involved in a passenger rail accident;

“(3) recommendations on methods to ensure that the families of passengers involved in a passenger rail accident who are not citizens of the United States receive appropriate assistance; and

“(4) recommendations on methods to ensure that emergency services personnel have as immediate and accurate a count of the number of passengers onboard the train as possible.

“(c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 16, 2008], the Secretary shall transmit a report to the House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation containing the model plan and recommendations developed by the task force under subsection (b).”

§ 1140. Information individuals¹ involved in accidents and families of such individuals

In the course of an investigation of an accident described in section 1131(a)(1), except an aircraft accident described in section 1136 or a rail passenger accident described in section 1139, the Board may, to the maximum extent practicable, ensure that individuals involved in accidents and the families of such individuals, and other individuals the Board deems appropriate—

(1) are informed as to the roles, with respect to the accident and the post-accident activities, of the Board;

(2) are briefed, before any public briefing, about the accident, its causes, and any other findings from the investigation; and

(3) are individually informed of and allowed to attend any public hearings and meetings of the Board about the accident.

(Added Pub. L. 115-254, div. C, § 1109(e)(1), Oct. 5, 2018, 132 Stat. 3435; amended Pub. L. 118-63, title XII, § 1215(e), May 16, 2024, 138 Stat. 1430.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2024—Pub. L. 118-63 substituted “individuals involved in accidents and families of such individuals” for “for families of individuals involved in accidents” in section catchline and “individuals involved in accidents and the families of such individuals” for “the families of individuals involved in the accident” in introductory provisions in text.

SUBCHAPTER IV—ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

§ 1151. Aviation enforcement

(a) CIVIL ACTIONS BY BOARD.—The National Transportation Safety Board may bring a civil

¹ So in original. Probably should be preceded by “for”.