

and (b), which related to establishment and duties of a national transit institute in subsec. (a) and delegation to the institute of the authority of the Secretary to develop and conduct educational and training programs related to mass transportation in subsec. (b).

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 109-59, §3017(b), struck out “mass” after “public” in two places.

1998—Pub. L. 105-178, §3017(a)(1), as amended by Pub. L. 105-206 substituted “transit” for “mass transportation” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 105-178, §3017(a)(2)(A), as amended by Pub. L. 105-206 substituted “national transit institute” for “national mass transportation institute” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (a)(5). Pub. L. 105-178, §3017(a)(2)(B), as amended by Pub. L. 105-206 inserted “and architectural design” before semicolon at end.

Subsec. (a)(7). Pub. L. 105-178, §3017(a)(2)(C), as amended by Pub. L. 105-206 substituted “delivering” for “carrying out”.

Subsec. (a)(11). Pub. L. 105-178, §3017(a)(2)(D), as amended by Pub. L. 105-206 inserted “, construction management, insurance, and risk management” before semicolon at end.

Subsec. (a)(15), (16). Pub. L. 105-178, §3017(a)(2)(E)–(G), as amended by Pub. L. 105-206 added pars. (15) and (16).

1996—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 104-287 substituted “sections 5307 and 5309” for “sections 5304 and 5306”.

#### 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.

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2012 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 112-141 effective Oct. 1, 2012, see section 3(a) of Pub. L. 112-141, set out as an Effective and Termination Dates of 2012 Amendment note under section 101 of Title 23, Highways.

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Title IX of Pub. L. 105-206 effective simultaneously with enactment of Pub. L. 105-178 and to be treated as included in Pub. L. 105-178 at time of enactment, and provisions of Pub. L. 105-178, as in effect on day before July 22, 1998, that are amended by title IX of Pub. L. 105-206 to be treated as not enacted, see section 9016 of Pub. L. 105-206, set out as a note under section 101 of Title 23, Highways.

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 104-287 effective July 5, 1994, see section 8(1) of Pub. L. 104-287, set out as a note under section 5303 of this title.

#### PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP PROCEDURES AND APPROACHES

Pub. L. 112-141, div. B, §20013(b), July 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 692, provided that:

“(1) IDENTIFY IMPEDIMENTS.—The Secretary shall—

“(A) except as provided in paragraph (6), identify any provisions of chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code, and any regulations or practices thereunder, that impede greater use of public-private partnerships and private investment in public transportation capital projects; and

“(B) develop and implement on a project basis procedures and approaches that—

“(i) address such impediments in a manner similar to the Special Experimental Project Number 15 of the Federal Highway Administration (commonly referred to as ‘SEP-15’); and

“(ii) protect the public interest and any public investment in public transportation capital projects that involve public-private partnerships or private

investment in public transportation capital projects.

“(2) TRANSPARENCY.—The Secretary shall develop guidance to promote greater transparency and public access to public-private partnership agreements involving recipients of Federal assistance under chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code, including—

“(A) any conflict of interest involving any party involved in the public-private partnership;

“(B) tax and financing aspects related to a public-private partnership agreement;

“(C) changes in the workforce and wages, benefits, or rules as a result of a public-private partnership;

“(D) estimates of the revenue or savings the public-private partnership will produce for the private entity and public entity;

“(E) any impacts on other developments and transportation modes as a result of non-compete clauses contained in public-private partnership agreements; and

“(F) any other issues the Secretary believes will increase transparency of public-private partnership agreements and protect the public interest.

“(3) ASSESSMENT.—In developing and implementing the guidance under paragraph (2), the Secretary shall encourage project sponsors to conduct assessments to determine whether use of a public-private partnership represents a better public and financial benefit than a similar transaction using public funding or public project delivery.

“(4) REPORT.—Not later than 4 years after the date of enactment of this Act [see section 3(a), (b) of Pub. L. 112-141, set out as Effective and Termination Dates of 2012 Amendment notes under section 101 of Title 23, Highways], the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the status of the procedures, approaches, and guidance developed and implemented under paragraphs (1) and (2).

“(5) RULEMAKING.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall issue rules to carry out the procedures and approaches developed under paragraph (1).

“(6) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection may be construed to allow the Secretary to waive any requirement under—

“(A) section 5333 of title 49, United States Code;

“(B) the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.); or

“(C) any other provision of Federal law.”

#### [§§ 5316, 5317. Repealed. Pub. L. 112-141, div. B, § 20002(a), July 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 622]

Section 5316, added Pub. L. 109-59, title III, §3018(a), Aug. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 1601, related to job access and reverse commute formula grants.

A prior section 5316, Pub. L. 103-272, §1(d), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 814; Pub. L. 104-59, title III, §338(c)(5), Nov. 28, 1995, 109 Stat. 605, related to university research institutes, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-178, title V, §5110(c), June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 444.

Section 5317, added Pub. L. 109-59, title III, §3019(a), Aug. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 1605, related to the New Freedom grant program to assist individuals with disabilities with public transportation.

A prior section 5317, Pub. L. 103-272, §1(d), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 815; Pub. L. 104-287, §5(14), Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3390; Pub. L. 105-178, title III, §3029(b)(7), June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 372, related to transportation centers, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-178, title V, §5110(c), June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 444.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective Oct. 1, 2012, see section 3(a) of Pub. L. 112-141, set out as an Effective and Termination Dates of 2012 Amendment note under section 101 of Title 23, Highways.

**§ 5318. Bus testing facility**

(a) **FACILITY.**—The Secretary shall maintain one facility for testing a new bus model for maintainability, reliability, safety, performance (including braking performance), structural integrity, fuel economy, emissions, and noise.

(b) **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE.**—The Secretary shall enter into a contract or cooperative agreement with, or make a grant to, a qualified person or organization to operate and maintain the facility. The contract, cooperative agreement, or grant may provide for the testing of rail cars and other public transportation vehicles at the facility.

(c) **FEES.**—The person operating and maintaining the facility shall establish and collect fees for the testing of vehicles at the facility. The Secretary must approve the fees.

(d) **AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS TO PAY FOR TESTING.**—The Secretary shall enter into a contract or cooperative agreement with, or make a grant to, the operator of the facility under which the Secretary shall pay 80 percent of the cost of testing a vehicle at the facility from amounts available to carry out this section. The entity having the vehicle tested shall pay 20 percent of the cost.

(e) **ACQUIRING NEW BUS MODELS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Amounts appropriated or otherwise made available under this chapter may be obligated or expended to acquire a new bus model only if—

(A) a bus of that model has been tested at a facility authorized under subsection (a); and

(B) the bus tested under subparagraph (A) met—

(i) performance standards for maintainability, reliability, performance (including braking performance), structural integrity, fuel economy, emissions, and noise, as established by the Secretary by rule; and

(ii) the minimum safety performance standards established by the Secretary pursuant to section 5329(b).

(2) **BUS TEST “PASS/FAIL” STANDARD.**—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of the Federal Public Transportation Act of 2012, the Secretary shall issue a final rule under subparagraph (B)(i). The final rule issued under paragraph<sup>1</sup> (B)(i) shall include a bus model scoring system that results in a weighted, aggregate score that uses the testing categories under subsection (a) and considers the relative importance of each such testing category. The final rule issued under subparagraph (B)(i) shall establish a “pass/fail” standard that uses the aggregate score described in the preceding sentence. Amounts appropriated or otherwise made available under this chapter may be obligated or expended to acquire a new bus model only if the new bus model has received a passing aggregate test score. The Secretary shall work with the bus testing facility, bus manufacturers, and transit agencies to develop the bus model scoring system under this paragraph. A pass-

ing aggregate test score under the rule issued under subparagraph (B)(i) indicates only that amounts appropriated or made available under this chapter may be obligated or expended to acquire a new bus model and shall not be interpreted as a warranty or guarantee that the new bus model will meet a purchaser’s specific requirements.

(f) **CAPITAL EQUIPMENT.**—A facility operated and maintained under this section may use funds made available under this section for the acquisition of equipment and capital projects related to testing new bus models.

(Pub. L. 103–272, §1(d), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 817; Pub. L. 103–429, §6(8), Oct. 31, 1994, 108 Stat. 4378; Pub. L. 105–178, title III, §§3018, 3029(b)(8), June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 361, 372; Pub. L. 109–59, title III, §§3002(b)(4), 3020, Aug. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 1545, 1608; Pub. L. 112–141, div. B, §20014, July 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 694; Pub. L. 117–58, div. C, §30008, Nov. 15, 2021, 135 Stat. 903.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES  
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Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
5318(a) .....	49 App.:1608 (note).	Apr. 2, 1987, Pub. L. 100–17, §317(b)(1), 101 Stat. 233; Dec. 18, 1991, Pub. L. 102–240, §6021(b), 105 Stat. 2184.
5318(b) .....	49 App.:1608 (note).	Apr. 2, 1987, Pub. L. 100–17, §317(b)(2), 101 Stat. 233.
5318(c) .....	49 App.:1608 (note).	Apr. 2, 1987, Pub. L. 100–17, §317(b)(3), 101 Stat. 233.
5318(d) .....	49 App.:1602(m) (2d-last sentences).	July 9, 1964, Pub. L. 88–365, 78 Stat. 302, §3(m) (2d-last sentences); added Dec. 18, 1991, Pub. L. 102–240, §3009, 105 Stat. 2093.
5318(e) .....	49 App.:1608 (note).	Apr. 2, 1987, Pub. L. 100–17, §317(b)(5), 101 Stat. 233; Dec. 18, 1991, Pub. L. 102–240, §6021(c), 105 Stat. 2184.
	49 App.:1608 (note).	Apr. 2, 1987, Pub. L. 100–17, 101 Stat. 132, §317(b)(6); added Dec. 18, 1991, Pub. L. 102–240, §6021(d), 105 Stat. 2184.

In subsection (c), the words “Under the contract entered into under paragraph (2)” are omitted as surplus.

In subsection (d), the words “to the operator of the facility” are omitted as surplus.

In subsection (e), the text of section 317(b)(5) of the Surface Transportation and Relocation Assistance Act of 1987 (Public Law 100–17, 101 Stat. 132) is omitted as obsolete. The words “operating and maintaining the facility” are substituted for “described in paragraph (3)” for clarity.

PUB. L. 103–429

This amends 49:5318(e) to correct an erroneous cross-reference.

**Editorial Notes**

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of enactment of the Federal Public Transportation Act of 2012, referred to in subsec. (e)(2), is deemed to be Oct. 1, 2012, see section 3(a), (b) of Pub. L. 112–141, set out as Effective and Termination Dates of 2012 Amendment notes under section 101 of Title 23, Highways.

AMENDMENTS

2021—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 117–58 added subsec. (f).

2012—Pub. L. 112–141 added subsec. (e) and struck out former subsec. (e). Prior to amendment, text read as

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be “subparagraph”.