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H. R. 4447

To require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a review of the efficient use of funds in procuring new buses for transit service, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FROST (for himself and Mr. TURNER of Ohio) 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 “Transit Bus Afford-
5 ability Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON OPTIONS FOR PROCURING BUSES FOR**
2 **TRANSIT SERVICE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the
4 United States shall conduct a review of the factors respon-
5 sible for the high and rising costs of transit bus manufac-
6 turing and procurement in the United States in order to
7 recommend ways to mitigate those costs and promote the
8 efficient use of Federal, State, and local funds in pro-
9 curing new buses for transit service.

10 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—In conducting the review
11 under subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall ana-
12 lyze the following:

13 (1) The primary cost drivers in the design and
14 procurement process for transit buses in the United
15 States.

16 (2) A comparison of—

17 (A) the costs to design, manufacture, and
18 procure transit buses in the United States with
19 the costs to design, manufacture, and procure
20 such buses in other countries; and

21 (B) in the most recent 10-year period for
22 which data is available, the increase in price of
23 transit buses with increases in the prices of me-
24 dium-duty vehicles, school buses, and other
25 commercial vehicles.

1 (3) The effects of bus manufacturing and sup-
2 plier challenges on bus procurements funded by the
3 Federal Transit Administration, such as buses pro-
4 cured pursuant to the low or no emission grant pro-
5 gram and the buses and bus facilities competitive
6 grant program under section 5339 of title 49,
7 United States Code.

8 (4) The steps taken by the Administrator of the
9 Federal Transit Administration, States, transit
10 agencies, manufacturers, and industry stakeholders
11 to reduce bus costs and accelerate delivery time-
12 frames, including a description of—

13 (A) what is known about how likely such
14 steps are to affect the costs and manufacturing
15 timeframes for new transit bus orders;

16 (B) the effect of the use of State contracts
17 and joint procurement on vehicle costs; and

18 (C) any additional authorities identified by
19 stakeholders that the Administrator or transit
20 agencies may need to help minimize bus costs
21 and delivery delays.

22 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the
23 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
24 shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and In-
25 frastructure of the House of Representatives and the Com-

- 1 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
- 2 Senate a report on the review conducted under this sec-
- 3 tion.

