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# H. R. 5024

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 22, 2025

Mr. LAWLER (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. BRESNAHAN, and Ms. MALLIOTAKIS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## 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 Funding Flexi-  
5 bility Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. USE OF URBANIZED AREA FORMULA GRANT FUNDS**  
2 **FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION OPERATING**  
3 **COSTS.**

4 Section 5307 of title 49, United States Code, is  
5 amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)—

7 (A) in paragraph (1)(D) by striking “in an  
8 urbanized area with a population of fewer than  
9 200,000 individuals, as determined by the Bu-  
10 reau of the Census”; and

11 (B) by striking paragraphs (2) and (3);

12 (2) in subsection (c)—

13 (A) in paragraph (1)(L) by striking “and”  
14 at the end;

15 (B) in paragraph (2) by striking “the cer-  
16 tification” and inserting “each certification”;

17 (C) by redesignating paragraph (2) as  
18 paragraph (3); and

19 (D) by inserting before paragraph (3), as  
20 so redesignated, the following new paragraph:

21 “(2) the recipient, not later than the 30th day  
22 of the first full fiscal year after a recipient first re-  
23 ceives grant funds under this section and each fiscal  
24 year thereafter, shall submit to the Secretary a cer-  
25 tification that, for the fiscal year, the recipient will  
26 maintain effort with respect to any operating costs

1 of equipment and facilities for which grant funds are  
2 used; and”;

3 (3) in subsection (f)(3)—

4 (A) by striking “The Secretary may” and  
5 inserting “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to sub-  
6 paragraph (B), the Secretary may”;

7 (B) by adding at the end the following new  
8 subparagraph:

9 “(B) FAILURE TO MAINTAIN EFFORT.—If,  
10 in conducting a review, audit, and evaluation  
11 under this subsection, the Secretary finds that  
12 a recipient failed to maintain effort during a  
13 fiscal year as certified to under subsection  
14 (c)(2), the Secretary shall reduce by  $\frac{1}{3}$  any  
15 amount such recipient is to receive under this  
16 section in the next fiscal year.”.

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