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To amend title 23, United States Code, to allow States to use highway safety funds for work zone safety initiatives, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SHEEHY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “Work Zone Safety En-
5 hancement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. WORK ZONE SAFETY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 402 of title 23, United
8 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
9 lowing:

10 “(p) WORK ZONE SAFETY.—

1 “(1) USE OF FUNDS.—Subject to the require-
2 ments of the applicable triennial highway safety plan
3 of the State, as approved by the Secretary under
4 subsection (k), a State may use a portion of the
5 amounts received under this section to promote the
6 reduction of crashes, injuries, and fatalities in and
7 adjacent to work zones, including—

8 “(A) providing grants, overtime, equip-
9 ment, and operational support for law enforce-
10 ment agencies to conduct dedicated high-visi-
11 bility enforcement and safety patrols in or adja-
12 cent to work zones;

13 “(B) developing and deploying work zone
14 modules for driver education, licensing examina-
15 tions, and refresher trainings for commercial
16 drivers and the general public;

17 “(C) purchasing, deploying, testing, and
18 maintaining work zone alerting and intrusion-
19 mitigation technologies (such as portable vari-
20 able message signs, radar speed trailers, queue
21 detection, connected-vehicle or in-vehicle alerts,
22 and intrusion detection sensors), including pilot
23 and demonstration projects;

24 “(D) implementing training and certifi-
25 cation programs for flaggers, inspectors, and

1 construction personnel on traveler management
2 and worker protection; and

3 “(E) collecting work zone crash and near-
4 miss data, evaluating countermeasures, and
5 funding independent program evaluations and
6 demonstration.

7 “(2) PRIORITY.—In carrying out an activity de-
8 scribed in paragraph (1), a State shall prioritize as-
9 sisting Tribal governments and rural areas.”.

10 (b) GAO STUDY.—Not later than 2 years after the
11 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
12 of the United States shall carry out, and submit to Con-
13 gress a report describing the results of, a study on the
14 effectiveness of work zone safety programs, including the
15 program under section 402(p) of title 23, United States
16 Code.

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