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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 “Safety Funding Parity
5 Adjustment Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. HIGHWAY SAFETY FUNDING ADJUSTMENTS.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
9 the Secretary of Transportation.

1 (2) SECTION 402 FUNDING.—The term “section
2 402 funding” means funding to carry out section
3 402 of title 23, United States Code.

4 (3) SECTION 405 FUNDING.—The term “section
5 405 funding” means funding to carry out section
6 405 of title 23, United States Code.

7 (b) INITIAL DETERMINATION.—Notwithstanding any
8 other provision of law, before distributing or apportioning
9 any funds for a fiscal year under section 402 or 405 of
10 title 23, United States Code, the Secretary shall make a
11 determination as to whether, prior to any funding adjust-
12 ment under this section, and not counting any transfers
13 of funds to carry out section 402 of that title from chapter
14 1 of that title, there is an increase in section 402 funding
15 or section 405 funding over the prior fiscal year.

16 (c) INCREASES IN SECTION 402 FUNDING AND SEC-
17 TION 405 FUNDING.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary makes a de-
19 termination under subsection (b) that there is an in-
20 crease in section 402 funding and section 405 fund-
21 ing for the current fiscal year over the prior fiscal
22 year, the Secretary shall determine whether the per-
23 centage increase in section 402 funding for the cur-
24 rent fiscal year over the prior fiscal year is at least
25 4 times the percentage increase in section 405 fund-

1 ing for the current fiscal year over the prior fiscal
2 year.

3 (2) NO ADJUSTMENT.—If the Secretary makes
4 a determination under paragraph (1) that the per-
5 centage increase in section 402 funding for the cur-
6 rent fiscal year is at least 4 times the percentage in-
7 crease in section 405 funding for the current fiscal
8 year, the Secretary shall not make a funding adjust-
9 ment under this section.

10 (3) ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED.—If the Secretary
11 does not make a determination under paragraph (1)
12 that the percentage increase in section 402 funding
13 for the current fiscal year is at least 4 times the per-
14 centage increase in section 405 funding for the cur-
15 rent fiscal year, the Secretary shall—

16 (A) reduce section 405 funding for the cur-
17 rent fiscal year proportionately and in a total
18 amount that, when added to section 402 fund-
19 ing for the current fiscal year, results in a rate
20 of increase in section 402 funding for the cur-
21 rent fiscal year over section 402 funding for the
22 prior fiscal year that is 4 times the percentage
23 increase in section 405 funding for the current
24 fiscal year over section 405 funding for the
25 prior fiscal year; and

1 (B) add the total amount by which section
2 405 funding for the current fiscal year is re-
3 duced under subparagraph (A) to section 402
4 funding for the current fiscal year.

5 (d) INCREASE IN SECTION 402 FUNDING BUT NOT
6 IN SECTION 405 FUNDING.—If the Secretary makes a de-
7 termination under subsection (b) that there is an increase
8 in section 402 funding but not section 405 funding for
9 the current fiscal year over the prior fiscal year, the Sec-
10 retary shall not make a funding adjustment under this
11 section.

12 (e) NO INCREASE IN SECTION 402 FUNDING AND NO
13 INCREASE IN SECTION 405 FUNDING.—If the Secretary
14 makes a determination under subsection (b) that there is
15 no increase in section 402 funding or section 405 funding
16 for the current fiscal year over the prior fiscal year, the
17 Secretary shall not make a funding adjustment under this
18 section.

19 (f) NO INCREASE IN SECTION 402 FUNDING AND AN
20 INCREASE IN SECTION 405 FUNDING.—If the Secretary
21 makes a determination under subsection (b) that there is
22 an increase in section 405 funding for the current fiscal
23 year over the prior fiscal year and that section 402 fund-
24 ing for the current fiscal year is less than the section 402
25 funding for the prior fiscal year, the Secretary shall pro-

1 portionately reduce section 405 funding and increase sec-
2 tion 402 funding for the current fiscal year in accordance
3 with the following:

4 (1) If the increase in section 405 funding for
5 the current fiscal year over the prior fiscal year is
6 not sufficient to bring section 402 funding for the
7 current fiscal year up to the level of section 402
8 funding for the prior fiscal year, or exactly equal to
9 the amount needed to bring section 402 funding for
10 the current fiscal year up to the level of section 402
11 funding for the prior fiscal year, then the full
12 amount by which section 405 funding was increased
13 for the current fiscal year over the prior fiscal year
14 shall be transferred by the Secretary to section 402
15 funding.

16 (2) If the increase in section 405 funding for
17 the current fiscal year over the prior fiscal year is
18 more than sufficient to bring section 402 funding for
19 the current fiscal year up to the level of section 402
20 funding for the prior fiscal year, the section 405
21 funding for the current fiscal year shall be propor-
22 tionately reduced by an amount that, when added to
23 section 402 funding for the current fiscal year, re-
24 sults in a percentage increase in section 402 funding
25 for the current fiscal year over section 402 funding

1 for the prior fiscal year that is 4 times the percent-
2 age increase in section 405 funding for the current
3 fiscal year over section 405 funding for the prior fis-
4 cal year.

5 (g) DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.—After making an ap-
6 plicable funding adjustment under this section, the Sec-
7 retary shall proceed to the distribution of section 402
8 funding and section 405 funding for the current fiscal
9 year.

10 (h) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect
11 on October 1, 2026.

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