

AMENDMENT

OFFERED BY MS. POU OF NEW JERSEY

At the end of subtitle B of title X, insert the following:

SEC. 102__ . GAO STUDY ON AMTRAK NORTHEAST CORRIDOR COST-SHARE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall initiate a study to assess—

(1) the methodology for cost-share requirement calculations for Amtrak under the Federal Railroad Administration Northeast Corridor capital improvement projects;

(2) the impact of such methodology on State and local transportation funding; and

(3) any associated recommendations to improve the cost-share model.

(b) CONSIDERATIONS.—The study shall consider the following:

(1) The cost-share requirement calculations used to establish the cost for States and localities.

(2) The cost-share requirement calculations used to establish the cost for Amtrak.

(3) The total capital cost of the corresponding projects.

(5) The impact of the cost-share requirement calculations for States and localities on State or local budgets.

(c) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the study under subsection (a), the Comptroller General may consult with relevant stakeholders, including—

(1) State departments of transportation that fund Amtrak services;

(2) transportation advocacy organizations, including those representing intercity passenger rail passengers on Northeast Corridor, State-supported, and long-distance routes;

(3) representatives of Amtrak passengers and workforce;
and

(4) members of the Northeast Corridor Commission.

(d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 1 year after the date on which the study described under section (a) is initiated, the Comptroller General shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report on the results of such study and any recommendations.