

118TH CONGRESS
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To require Amtrak to report to Congress information on Amtrak compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 with respect to trains and stations.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself and Mrs. CAPITO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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 “Think Differently
5 Transportation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON AMTRAK ADA COMPLIANCE.**

7 Section 24315(b) of title 49, United States Code, is
8 amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (1)—

1 (A) in subparagraph (B), by striking
2 “and” at the end;

3 (B) in subparagraph (C), by striking the
4 period at the end and inserting a semicolon;
5 and

6 (C) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(D) shall include an action plan for bringing
8 Amtrak rail cars and Amtrak-served stations that
9 are not in compliance with the Americans with Dis-
10 abilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) into
11 compliance with such Act as required by the settle-
12 ment agreement entered into in 2020 between Am-
13 trak and the Department of Justice; and

14 “(E) shall include a status report on—

15 “(i) Amtrak-served stations for which Am-
16 trak is solely responsible for compliance with
17 such Act based on a station assessment carried
18 out by Amtrak, including a timeline for any re-
19 quired compliance with such Act, as required by
20 the settlement agreement;

21 “(ii) Amtrak-served stations for which Am-
22 trak has a shared responsibility for compliance
23 with such Act based on a station assessment
24 carried out by Amtrak, including a timeline for
25 any required compliance with such Act for the

1 portions of the station for which Amtrak is the
2 responsible party consistent with the terms of
3 the settlement agreement, identifying who is re-
4 sponsible for compliance (and the status of the
5 compliance of each responsible party with such
6 Act) for such portions and the timeline for com-
7 pliance in cases in which Amtrak is not the re-
8 sponsible party; and

9 “(iii) the status of compliance with such
10 Act for all Amtrak-served stations for which
11 Amtrak is not the responsible party, nor is re-
12 sponsible for a portion of the station, and the
13 entity or entities that have responsibility for
14 compliance with such Act, based on a station
15 assessment carried out by Amtrak or the party
16 responsible under such Act.”; and

17 (2) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(3) In this subsection, the term ‘station assessment’
19 means a review of all components of a station, including
20 the building, platform, path to train, and parking areas,
21 as required by the Access Board on the date of enactment
22 of the Think Differently Transportation Act.”.