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To authorize urbanized area formula grants for service improvement and safety and security enhancement, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself, Mr. FETTERMAN, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. WARREN, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) 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 “Moving Transit For-
5 ward Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. URBANIZED AREA FORMULA GRANTS FOR SERVICE**
2 **IMPROVEMENT AND SAFETY AND SECURITY**
3 **ENHANCEMENT.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 53 of title 49, United
5 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 5307
6 the following:

7 **“§ 5308. Urbanized area formula grants for service**
8 **improvement and safety and security en-**
9 **hancement**

10 “(a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may
11 make grants under this section for—

12 “(1) operating costs of equipment and facilities
13 for use in public transportation in an urbanized
14 area, if such costs increase or support the quality,
15 frequency, or geographic availability of service;

16 “(2) planning of service adjustments to increase
17 the quality, frequency, or geographic availability of
18 service;

19 “(3) capital projects or operating costs to in-
20 crease the security of an existing or planned public
21 transportation system, including costs of law en-
22 forcement or security personnel; or

23 “(4) capital projects for safety risk mitigations
24 that are identified and recommended by the safety
25 committee of a recipient under section 5329.

26 “(b) APPORTIONMENTS.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall appor-
2 tion the amounts made available for each fiscal year
3 to carry out this section so that each urbanized area
4 is entitled to receive an amount equal to the amount
5 apportioned under this section multiplied by a ratio
6 equal to the urbanized area’s operating expenses for
7 the most recent year reported to the Secretary under
8 section 5335, divided by the total operating expenses
9 attributable to all urbanized areas.

10 “(2) ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS.—Amounts appor-
11 tioned to each urbanized area shall be added to
12 amounts apportioned to that urbanized area under
13 section 5336 and made available for eligible activi-
14 ties under this section in accordance with the re-
15 quirements of section 5307, except as modified
16 under this section.

17 “(c) GRANT REQUIREMENTS.—

18 “(1) CERTIFICATIONS.—

19 “(A) GRANTS FOR OPERATING COSTS OF
20 EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES TO INCREASE OR
21 SUPPORT SERVICE.—A recipient of assistance
22 for operating costs under subsection (a)(1) shall
23 certify to the Secretary that the recipient will—

24 “(i) utilize the operating assistance to
25 increase or support the total level of vehi-

1 cle revenue service provided by the recipi-
2 ent; and

3 “(ii) ensure that the amount of non-
4 Federal expenditures for operating ex-
5 penses for each of the fiscal years for
6 which the recipient proposes to use the op-
7 erating assistance to increase or support
8 vehicle revenue service is not less than the
9 amount of non-Federal expenditures of the
10 recipient for operating expenses for the
11 most recent fiscal year.

12 “(B) GRANTS FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS OR
13 OPERATING COSTS TO INCREASE SECURITY.—A
14 recipient of assistance for capital projects or op-
15 erating costs under subsection (a)(3) shall cer-
16 tify to the Secretary that the recipient will en-
17 sure that the amount of non-Federal expendi-
18 tures for security expenses of the recipient for
19 each of the fiscal years for which the recipient
20 proposes to use assistance to increase the secu-
21 rity of an existing or planned public transpor-
22 tation system is not less than the amount of
23 non-Federal expenditures for security expenses
24 of the recipient for the most recent fiscal year.

1 “(2) OTHER PROGRAMS OR PLANS.—Operating
2 assistance under this section is not required to be in-
3 cluded in a transportation improvement program,
4 metropolitan transportation plan, Statewide trans-
5 portation improvement program, or Statewide trans-
6 portation plan under section 5303 or 5304.

7 “(3) PROHIBITION.—Operating assistance
8 under subsection (a)(1) and assistance for planning
9 under subsection (a)(2) shall not be made available
10 for transitioning fixed route public transportation
11 service provided as of the date of receipt of funds to
12 services offered by a third-party contract provider
13 providing on-demand service.

14 “(4) OTHER AMOUNTS.—Notwithstanding sec-
15 tion 5307(a)(1)(D), an urbanized area may use not
16 more than 10 percent of the apportionment for the
17 area under section 5336 as if such amounts were
18 made available originally under this section.

19 “(d) GOVERNMENT SHARE OF COSTS FOR OPER-
20 ATING EXPENSES.—

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A grant under this section
22 for operating expenses shall be for 80 percent of the
23 net project cost of the project.

24 “(2) ADDITIONAL MATCHING AMOUNTS.—A re-
25 cipient of a grant under this section for operating

1 expenses may provide additional local matching
2 amounts beyond the amount required under para-
3 graph (1).”.

4 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—

5 The table of sections for chapter 53 of title 49, United
6 States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relat-
7 ing to section 5307 the following:

“5308. Urbanized area formula grants for service improvement and safety and
security enhancement.”.