

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6248

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 22, 2024

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science,
and Transportation

AN ACT

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.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Think Differently
3 Transportation Act”.

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

5 Section 24315(b) of title 49, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (1)—

8 (A) in subparagraph (B) by striking “and”
9 at the end;

10 (B) in subparagraph (C) by striking the
11 period at the end and inserting a semicolon;
12 and

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

14 “(D) shall include an action plan for bringing
15 Amtrak rail cars and Amtrak-served stations that
16 are not in compliance with the Americans with Dis-
17 abilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) into
18 compliance with such Act as required by the settle-
19 ment agreement entered into in 2020 between Am-
20 trak and the Department of Justice; and

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

22 “(i) Amtrak-served stations for which
23 Amtrak is solely responsible for compliance
24 with such Act based on a station assess-
25 ment carried out by Amtrak, including a
26 timeline for any required compliance with

1 such Act, as required by the settlement
2 agreement;

3 “(ii) Amtrak-served stations for which
4 Amtrak has a shared responsibility for
5 compliance with such Act based on a sta-
6 tion assessment carried out by Amtrak, in-
7 cluding a timeline for any required compli-
8 ance with such Act for the portions of the
9 station for which Amtrak is the responsible
10 party consistent with the terms of the set-
11 tlement agreement, identifying who is re-
12 sponsible for compliance (and the status of
13 the compliance of each responsible party
14 with such Act) for such portions and the
15 timeline for compliance in cases in which
16 Amtrak is not the responsible party; and

17 “(iii) the status of compliance with
18 such Act for all Amtrak-served stations for
19 which Amtrak is not the responsible party,
20 nor is responsible for a portion of the sta-
21 tion, and the entity or entities that have
22 responsibility for compliance with such
23 Act, based on a station assessment carried
24 out by Amtrak or the party responsible
25 under such Act.”; and

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

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

Passed the House of Representatives May 21, 2024.

Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.