

# Union Calendar No. 424

118<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 6248

[Report No. 118–510]

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.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 6, 2023

Mr. MOLINARO (for himself, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. NEHLS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. CARSON, and Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

MAY 14, 2024

Additional sponsors: Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. MANN, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. ALLRED, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. FROST, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Ms. UNDERWOOD

MAY 14, 2024

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italie*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on November 6, 2023]

# **A BILL**

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4        *This Act may be cited as the “Think Differently Trans-*  
5 *portation 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)—*

10                    *(A) in subparagraph (B) by striking “and”*  
11 *at the end;*

12                    *(B) in subparagraph (C) by striking the pe-*  
13 *riod at the end and inserting a semicolon; and*

14                    *(C) by adding at the end the following:*

15                    *“(D) shall include an action plan for bringing*  
16 *Amtrak rail cars and Amtrak-served stations that are*  
17 *not in compliance with the Americans with Disabil-*  
18 *ities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) into com-*  
19 *pliance with such Act as required by the settlement*  
20 *agreement entered into in 2020 between Amtrak and*  
21 *the Department of Justice; and*

22                    *“(E) shall include a status report on—*

23                            *“(i) Amtrak-served stations for which*  
24 *Amtrak is solely responsible for compliance*  
25 *with such Act based on a station assessment*

1           *carried out by Amtrak, including a timeline*  
2           *for any required compliance with such Act,*  
3           *as required by the settlement agreement;*

4           “(ii) *Amtrak-served stations for which*  
5           *Amtrak has a shared responsibility for com-*  
6           *pliance with such Act based on a station as-*  
7           *essment carried out by Amtrak, including*  
8           *a timeline for any required compliance with*  
9           *such Act for the portions of the station for*  
10           *which Amtrak is the responsible party con-*  
11           *sistent with the terms of the settlement*  
12           *agreement, identifying who is responsible*  
13           *for compliance (and the status of the com-*  
14           *pliance of each responsible party with such*  
15           *Act) for such portions and the timeline for*  
16           *compliance in cases in which Amtrak is not*  
17           *the responsible party; and*

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

1                    *Amtrak or the party responsible under such*  
2                    *Act.”; and*

3                    *(2) by adding at the end the following:*

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

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