

AMENDMENT

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Add at the end of subtitle F of title I of division B
the following:

1 **SEC. 16 ____. NATIONAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY TRANSIT**
2 **BUS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish
4 a national advanced technology transit bus development
5 program to facilitate the development and testing of com-
6 mercially viable advanced technology transit buses that do
7 not exceed a Level 3 automated driving system and related
8 infrastructure.

9 (b) AUTHORIZATION.—There shall be available
10 \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2025.

11 (c) GRANTS.—The Secretary may enter into grants,
12 contracts, and cooperative agreements with no more than
13 3 geographically diverse nonprofit organizations and re-
14 cipients under chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code,
15 to facilitate the development and testing of commercially
16 viable advance technology transit buses and related infra-
17 structure.

18 (d) CONSIDERATIONS.—The Secretary shall consider
19 the applicant's—

1 (1) ability to contribute significantly to fur-
2 thering advanced technologies as it relates to transit
3 bus operations, including advanced driver assistance
4 systems, automatic emergency braking, accessibility,
5 and energy efficiency;

6 (2) financing plan and cost share potential;

7 (3) technical experience developing or testing
8 advanced technologies in transit buses;

9 (4) commitment to frontline worker involve-
10 ment; and

11 (5) other criteria that the Secretary determines
12 are necessary to carry out the program.

13 The Secretary shall not consider applicants working on
14 autonomous vehicles.

15 (e) COMPETITIVE GRANT SELECTION.—The Sec-
16 retary shall conduct a national solicitation for applications
17 for grants under the program. Grant recipients shall be
18 selected on a competitive basis. The Secretary shall give
19 priority consideration to applicants that have successfully
20 managed advanced transportation technology projects, in-
21 cluding projects related to public transportation oper-
22 ations for a period of not less than 5 years.

23 (f) CONSORTIA.—As a condition of receiving an
24 award in (c), the Secretary shall ensure—

1 (1) that the selected non-profit recipients subse-
2 quently establish a consortia for each proposal sub-
3 mitted, including representatives from a labor union,
4 transit agency, an FTA-designated university bus
5 and component testing center, a Buy America com-
6 pliant transit bus manufacturer, and others as deter-
7 mined by the Secretary;

8 (2) that no proposal selected would decrease
9 workplace or passenger safety; and

10 (3) that no proposal selected would undermine
11 the creation of high-quality jobs or workforce sup-
12 port and development programs.

13 (g) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of costs
14 of the program shall be provided from funds made avail-
15 able to carry out this section. The Federal share of the
16 cost of a project carried out under the program shall not
17 exceed 80 percent of such cost.

