

Representatives that contains the results of the study conducted by the National Academies under this section.

(e) **FUNDING.**—From the amounts appropriated for fiscal year 2021 pursuant to the authorization under section 20117(a) of title 49, United States Code, the Secretary shall expend not less than \$1,000,000 and not more than \$2,000,000 to carry out the study required under this section.

SEC. 22423. HIGH-SPEED TRAIN NOISE EMISSIONS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 17 of the Noise Control Act of 1972 (42 U.S.C. 4916) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as subsections (d) and (e), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after subsection (b) the following:

“(c) **HIGH-SPEED TRAIN NOISE EMISSIONS.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Transportation, in consultation with the Administrator, may prescribe regulations governing railroad-related noise emission standards for trains operating on the general railroad system of transportation at speeds exceeding 160 miles per hour, including noise related to magnetic levitation systems and other new technologies not traditionally associated with railroads.

“(2) **FACTORS IN RULEMAKING.**—The regulations prescribed pursuant to paragraph (1) may—

“(A) consider variances in maximum pass-by noise with respect to the speed of the equipment;

“(B) account for current engineering best practices; and

“(C) encourage the use of noise mitigation techniques to the extent reasonable if the benefits exceed the costs.

“(3) **CONVENTIONAL-SPEED TRAINS.**—Railroad-related noise regulations prescribed under subsection (a) shall continue to govern noise emissions from the operation of trains, including locomotives and rail cars, when operating at speeds not exceeding 160 miles per hour.”.

(b) **TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.**—The second sentence of section 17(b) of the Noise Control Act of 1972 (42 U.S.C. 4916(b)) is amended by striking “the Safety Appliance Acts, the Interstate Commerce Act, and the Department of Transportation Act” and inserting “subtitle V of title 49, United States Code”.

SEC. 22424. CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS PLANS.

The Secretary shall amend part 272 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, to the extent necessary to ensure that—

(1) the coverage of a critical incident stress plan under section 272.7 of such part includes employees of commuter railroads and intercity passenger railroads (as such terms are defined in section 272.9 of such part), including employees who directly interact with passengers; and

(2) an assault against an employee requiring medical attention is included in the definition of critical incident under section 272.9 of such part.

SEC. 22425. REQUIREMENTS FOR RAILROAD FREIGHT CARS PLACED INTO SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subchapter II of chapter 201 of subtitle V of title 49, United States Code (as amended by section 22416(a)), is amended by adding at the end the following:

Consultation.
Regulations.

49 USC 20109
note.