AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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Page 260, after line 16, insert the following new section:

SEC. 1726. STATE ACCOUNTABILITY.

(a) In General.—Each grant to a State or State agency of Federal funds for a project under this Act shall include a condition requiring the reimbursement described in subsection (b) if the grant recipient seeks and then subsequently refuses to accept any grant of Federal funds for the same project.

(b) Reimbursement.—The reimbursement referred to in subsection (a) is payment to the Secretary of Transportation of an amount equal to all Federal funding provided to the recipient of the grant for the same project for which the grant described in subsection (a) is provided.

(c) Reimbursement Procedure.—

(1) Cost Explanation.—Not later than 60 days after a State has formally refused to accept funds as described in subsection (a), the Secretary shall—
(A) send a detailed cost explanation of any
Federal funds provided to the State with re-
spect to the same project prior to the State’s
refusal, including preliminary studies; and

(B) request reimbursement.

(2) DEADLINE.—Except as provided in para-
graph (3)(C), not later than 1 year after the Sec-
retary sends the cost explanation under paragraph
(1), the State shall reimburse the Secretary for such
costs.

(3) DISPUTES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—A State receiving a cost
explanation under paragraph (1) may, not later
than 60 days after receiving such explanation,
dispute the amount of the reimbursement ex-
penses with a written explanation regarding
why the costs are inaccurate.

(B) DISPUTE SETTLEMENT.—If a State
submits a written explanation disputing the
amount of the reimbursement expenses under
subparagraph (A), not later than 60 days after
receiving such written explanation the Secretary
shall consider such dispute and either reissue
the initial reimbursement costs or revise the
amount owed.
(C) Revised Deadline.—A State shall have 1 year after an action by the Secretary under subparagraph (B) in which to reimburse the Secretary for such costs.

(4) Deficit Reduction.—Amounts paid to the Secretary for reimbursement under this section shall be deposited to the general fund of the Treasury, where such amounts shall be dedicated for the sole purpose of deficit reduction and prohibited from use as an offset for other spending increases or revenue reductions.

(5) Failure to Reimburse.—If a State fails to comply with this section, the Secretary shall reduce in the following fiscal year the apportionment the State receives under section 104(b) of title 23, United States Code, in the amount of the delinquent reimbursement amount.