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At the end of subtitle D of title I of Division A, add the following:

SEC. _____. SAFETY ACTION PLAN.

Section 130 of title 23, United States Code, is amended by striking subsection (g) and inserting the following:

“(g) SAFETY ACTION PLAN.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this subsection, each State shall develop and implement a State grade crossing safety action plan.

“(2) CONTENTS OF PLAN.—A safety action plan developed under paragraph (1) shall—

“(A) describe the State’s railway-highway crossing program;

“(B) identify—

“(i) high risk and multiple-accident crossings; and

“(ii) specific short-term, medium-term, and long-term initiatives the State
will take to improve safety at such crossings, including grade crossing closures and separations, installation of additional protective devices, education and awareness, and enforcement; and

“(C) identify any impediments to implementing such initiatives.

“(3) RECOMMENDATIONS.—A safety action plan developed under paragraph (1) may provide recommendations to the Secretary for improving the railway-highway grade crossing program established under this section.

“(4) UPDATES.—Not later than December 30 of each year, each State shall transmit to the Secretary a report that includes—

“(A) any updates to the State’s safety action plan;

“(B) an evaluation of the progress being made to implement the railway-highway crossings program authorized by this section and the initiatives identified pursuant to paragraph (2)(B)(ii); and

“(C) an assessment of subsequent accident experience at improved crossings.

“(5) REPORT.—
“(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than April 1, 2016, and every 2 years thereafter, the Secretary shall transmit to the Committee on Environment and Public Works and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives, a report on the progress being made by each State on—

“(i) implementing the safety action plan; and

“(ii) projects to improve high risk and multiple-incident crossings.

“(B) CONTENTS.—The report shall include—

“(i) the number of projects undertaken;

“(ii) the distribution of such projects by—

“(I) cost range;

“(II) road system;

“(III) nature of treatment; and

“(IV) subsequent accident experience at improved locations;
“(iii) an analysis and evaluation of each State railway-highway crossing program and safety action plan;

“(iv) identify any State found not to be in compliance with the schedule of improvements required by subsection (d); and

“(v) include recommendations for improving the railway-highway crossing program of each State.

“(6) ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall provide assistance to States in developing and carrying out, as appropriate, the safety action plan required under paragraph (1).”.