AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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Page 151, after line 7, insert the following:

SEC. 1304. STUDY AND REPORT ON COST-EFFECTIVE ROADWAY SAFETY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS ON HIGH-RISK RURAL ROADS.

(a) Study.—

(1) In general.—The Secretary shall conduct a study of best practices for implementing cost-effective roadway safety infrastructure improvements on high-risk rural roads.

(2) Methods for conducting study.—In carrying out the study, the Secretary shall—

(A) review literature of current practices;

(B) survey current practices of State departments of transportation; and

(C) survey current practices of units of local government as appropriate.

(3) Consultation.—In carrying out the study, the Secretary shall consult with—
(A) State departments of transportation, county engineers, and public works professionals;

(B) appropriate local officials; and

(C) appropriate individuals in the private sector with expertise in the field of roadway safety infrastructure.

(b) Report.—

(1) In general.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate a report on the results of the study conducted under subsection (a).

(2) Contents.—The report shall include—

(A) a summary of cost-effective roadway safety infrastructure improvements;

(B) a summary of the latest research on financial savings and reduction in fatalities and serious bodily injury crashes from the implementation of cost-effective roadway safety infrastructure improvements; and

(C) recommendations for States and local governments on best practice methods to install
cost-effective roadway safety infrastructure improvements on high-risk rural roads.

(c) MANUAL.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Based on the results of the study conducted under subsection (a), the Secretary shall develop a manual to support Federal, State, and local efforts to reduce fatalities and serious bodily injury crashes on high-risk rural roads through the use of best practices for implementing cost-effective roadway safety infrastructure improvements on high-risk rural roads.

(2) AVAILABILITY.—The Secretary shall make the manual available to States and local governments not later than 180 days after the date of submission of the report under subsection (b).