

116TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 3729

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## AN ACT

To provide relief for the recipients of financial assistance awards from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Motor Carrier Safety  
3 Grant Relief Act of 2020”.

4 **SEC. 2. RELIEF FOR RECIPIENTS OF FINANCIAL ASSIST-**  
5 **ANCE AWARDS FROM THE FEDERAL MOTOR**  
6 **CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION.**

7       (a) DEFINITION OF SECRETARY.—In this section, the  
8 term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Transportation.

9       (b) RELIEF FOR RECIPIENTS OF FINANCIAL ASSIST-  
10 ANCE AWARDED FOR FISCAL YEARS 2019 AND 2020.—

11           (1) PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY.—

12           (A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any  
13 provision of chapter 311 of title 49, United  
14 States Code (including any applicable period of  
15 availability under section 31104(f) of that title),  
16 and any regulations promulgated under that  
17 chapter and subject to subparagraph (B), the  
18 period of availability during which a recipient  
19 may expend amounts made available to the re-  
20 cipient under a grant or cooperative agreement  
21 described in clauses (i) through (v) shall be—

22           (i) for a grant made under section  
23 31102 of that title (other than subsection  
24 (l) of that section)—

25           (I) the fiscal year in which the  
26 Secretary approves the financial as-

1                   sistance agreement with respect to the  
2                   grant; and

3                   (II) the following 2 fiscal years;

4                   (ii) for a grant made or a cooperative  
5                   agreement entered into under section  
6                   31102(l)(2) of that title—

7                   (I) the fiscal year in which the  
8                   Secretary approves the financial as-  
9                   sistance agreement with respect to the  
10                  grant or cooperative agreement; and

11                  (II) the following 3 fiscal years;

12                  (iii) for a grant made under section  
13                  31102(l)(3) of that title—

14                  (I) the fiscal year in which the  
15                  Secretary approves the financial as-  
16                  sistance agreement with respect to the  
17                  grant; and

18                  (II) the following 5 fiscal years;

19                  (iv) for a grant made under section  
20                  31103 of that title—

21                  (I) the fiscal year in which the  
22                  Secretary approves the financial as-  
23                  sistance agreement with respect to the  
24                  grant; and

1 (II) the following 2 fiscal years;

2 and

3 (v) for a grant made or a cooperative  
4 agreement entered into under section  
5 31313 of that title—

6 (I) the year in which the Sec-  
7 retary approves the financial assist-  
8 ance agreement with respect to the  
9 grant or cooperative agreement; and

10 (II) the following 5 fiscal years.

11 (B) APPLICABILITY.—

12 (i) AMOUNTS AWARDED FOR FISCAL  
13 YEARS 2019 AND 2020.—The periods of  
14 availability described in subparagraph (A)  
15 shall apply only—

16 (I) to amounts awarded for fiscal  
17 year 2019 or 2020 under a grant or  
18 cooperative agreement described in  
19 clauses (i) through (v) of that sub-  
20 paragraph; and

21 (II) for the purpose of expanding  
22 the period of availability during which  
23 the recipient may expend the amounts  
24 described in subclause (I).

1                   (ii) AMOUNTS AWARDED FOR OTHER  
2                   YEARS.—The periods of availability de-  
3                   scribed in subparagraph (A) shall not  
4                   apply to any amounts awarded under a  
5                   grant or cooperative agreement described  
6                   in clauses (i) through (v) of that subpara-  
7                   graph for any fiscal year other than fiscal  
8                   year 2019 or 2020, and those amounts  
9                   shall be subject to the period of availability  
10                  otherwise applicable to those amounts  
11                  under Federal law.

12               (2) REALLOCATION OF RELEASED FUNDS.—  
13               Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any  
14               amounts released back to the Secretary under sec-  
15               tion 31104(i) of title 49, United States Code, that  
16               were made available to the Secretary under section  
17               31104(a) of that title for fiscal year 2019 or 2020  
18               shall not be subject to any limitation on obligations  
19               under Federal law.

Passed the Senate December 8, 2020.

Attest:

*Secretary.*

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