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To require the Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration to study improving rail and integrating new rail power technologies in the southeastern United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BEYER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Southeastern Rail
5 Technologies Mapping Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDY ON IMPROVING RAIL AND INTEGRATION OF**
2 **NEW RAIL POWER TECHNOLOGIES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Federal
4 Railroad Administration, acting through the Associate Ad-
5 ministrator of the Office of Research, Data, and Innova-
6 tion, shall conduct a study relating to the improvement
7 of rail performance and integration of new rail power tech-
8 nologies in the southeastern United States.

9 (b) CONSIDERATIONS.—In conducting the study
10 under subsection (a), the Administrator shall—

11 (1) identify—

12 (A) any segment of a rail corridor between
13 Florida and Washington, D.C. that may be
14 suitable for technologies such as rail electrifica-
15 tion or use of fuel cell or battery; and

16 (B) any challenges relating to imple-
17 menting such technologies; and

18 (2) for each segment of such rail corridor for
19 which the Administrator determines the technologies
20 described in paragraph (1) cannot be implemented—

21 (A) explain the reasoning for such deter-
22 mination; and

23 (B) recommend any update to the rail cor-
24 ridor that would make it suitable for the imple-
25 mentation of such technologies and provide an
26 estimated cost for each such update.

1 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the
2 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall sub-
3 mit to Congress a report describing the results of the
4 study conducted under subsection (a).