

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 853

AN ACT

To provide the Secretary of Transportation with the flexibility to transfer certain funds to prevent reduced operations and staffing of the Federal Aviation 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 “Reducing Flight
3 Delays Act of 2013”.

4 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER CERTAIN FUNDS TO**
5 **PREVENT REDUCED OPERATIONS AND**
6 **STAFFING OF THE FEDERAL AVIATION AD-**
7 **MINISTRATION.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding division G of the
9 Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act,
10 2013 (Public Law 113–6), any other provision of law, or
11 a sequestration order issued or to be issued by the Presi-
12 dent pursuant to section 251A(7)(A) of the Balanced
13 Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2
14 U.S.C. 901a(7)(A)), the Secretary of Transportation may
15 transfer during fiscal year 2013 an amount equal to the
16 amount specified in subsection (c) to the appropriations
17 account providing for the operations of the Federal Avia-
18 tion Administration, for any activity or activities funded
19 by that account, from—

20 (1) the amount made available for obligation in
21 that fiscal year as discretionary grants-in-aid for air-
22 ports pursuant to section 47117(f) of title 49,
23 United States Code; or

24 (2) any other program or account of the Fed-
25 eral Aviation Administration.

1 (b) AVAILABILITY AND OBLIGATION OF TRANS-
2 FERRED AMOUNTS.—An amount transferred under sub-
3 section (a)(1) shall—

4 (1) be available immediately for obligation and
5 expenditure as directly appropriated budget author-
6 ity; and

7 (2) be deemed as obligated for grants-in-aid for
8 airports under part B of subtitle VII of title 49,
9 United States Code, for purposes of complying with
10 the limitation on incurring obligations during that
11 fiscal year under the heading “GRANTS-IN-AID FOR
12 AIRPORTS” under title I of the Transportation,
13 Housing and Urban Development, and Related
14 Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012 (division C of
15 Public Law 112–55; 125 Stat. 647), and made ap-
16 plicable to fiscal year 2013 by division F of the Con-
17 solidated and Further Continuing Appropriations
18 Act, 2013 (Public Law 113–6).

19 (c) AMOUNT SPECIFIED.—The amount specified in
20 this subsection is the amount, not to exceed \$253,000,000,
21 that the Secretary of Transportation determines to be nec-
22 essary to prevent reduced operations and staffing of the
23 Federal Aviation Administration during fiscal year 2013
24 to ensure a safe and efficient air transportation system;
25 and provided that none of the funds transferred under this

1 subsection may be obligated unless the Secretary notifies
2 the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
3 resentatives and the Senate at least 5 days in advance of
4 such transfer.

Passed the Senate April 25, 2013.

Attest:

Secretary.

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