

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) any other person injured or killed in the aircraft accident, as determined appropriate by the Board.”

(d) ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES OF PASSENGERS INVOLVED IN RAIL PASSENGER ACCIDENTS.—Section 1139 of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “resulting in a major loss of life” and inserting “resulting in any loss of life, and for which the National Transportation Safety Board will serve as the lead investigative agency”; and

(2) by amending subsection (h)(1) to read as follows:

“(1) RAIL PASSENGER ACCIDENT.—The term ‘rail passenger accident’ means any rail passenger disaster that—

“(A) results in any loss of life;

“(B) the National Transportation Safety Board will serve as the lead investigative agency for; and

“(C) occurs in the provision of—

“(i) interstate intercity rail passenger transportation (as such term is defined in section 24102); or

“(ii) high-speed rail (as such term is defined in section 26105) transportation, regardless of its cause or suspected cause.”

(e) INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES OF INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN ACCIDENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter III of chapter 11 of subtitle II of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“§ 1140. Information for families of individuals involved in accidents 49 USC 1140.

“In the course of an investigation of an accident described in section 1131(a)(1), except an aircraft accident described in section 1136 or a rail passenger accident described in section 1139, the Board may, to the maximum extent practicable, ensure that the families of individuals involved in the accident, and other individuals the Board deems appropriate—

“(1) are informed as to the roles, with respect to the accident and the post-accident activities, of the Board;

“(2) are briefed, before any public briefing, about the accident, its causes, and any other findings from the investigation; and

“(3) are individually informed of and allowed to attend any public hearings and meetings of the Board about the accident.”

(2) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of chapter 11 of subtitle II of title 49, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 1139 the following: 49 USC 1101 prec.

“1140. Information for families of individuals involved in accidents.”

SEC. 1110. GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE REPORT ON INVESTIGATION LAUNCH DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES.

Section 1138 of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)—

(A) by redesignating paragraphs (5) and (6) as paragraphs (6) and (7), respectively; and

(B) by inserting after paragraph (4) the following: