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H. R. 2948

To direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to provide for random deployment of Federal air marshals on certain commercial air passenger flights, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BAKER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Deployment of Federal
5 Air Marshals Act of 2001”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEPLOYMENT OF FEDERAL AIR MARSHALS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the
8 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the

1 Federal Aviation Administration, under the authority pro-
2 vided by section 44903(d) of title 49, United States Code,
3 shall—

4 (1) provide for random deployment of Federal
5 air marshals on scheduled passenger flights of air
6 carriers in interstate or intrastate air transportation,
7 and all scheduled passenger flights of air carriers in
8 foreign air transportation;

9 (2) provide for appropriate background and fit-
10 ness checks for candidates for appointment as Fed-
11 eral air marshals;

12 (3) provide for appropriate training, super-
13 vision, and equipment of Federal air marshals; and

14 (4) require air carriers providing flights de-
15 scribed in paragraph (1) to provide seating for a
16 Federal air marshal on any such flight of the carrier
17 without regard to the availability of seats on that
18 flight.

19 (b) INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS.—The Administrator
20 shall work with appropriate aeronautic authorities of for-
21 eign governments under section 44907 of title 49, United
22 States Code, to address security concerns on international
23 flights.

24 (c) INTERIM MEASURES.—Until the Administrator
25 can fully implement subsection (a), the Administrator

1 shall, after consultation with the heads of other Federal
2 agencies and departments, use personnel from those agen-
3 cies and departments, on a reimbursable or nonreimburs-
4 able basis, to provide air marshal service on flights de-
5 scribed in subsection (a)(1).

6 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the
7 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall
8 transmit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
9 Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on
10 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
11 resentatives a report setting forth—

12 (1) an assessment of the effectiveness of the
13 program;

14 (2) the Administrator’s recommendation as to
15 whether the program should be continued; and

16 (3) any recommendations the Administrator
17 may have for improving the effectiveness of the pro-
18 gram if it is to be continued.

19 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “air
20 carrier”, “interstate air transportation”, and “intrastate
21 air transportation” have the meanings such terms have
22 under section 40102 of title 49, United States Code.

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