

Union Calendar No. 534

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8655

[Report No. 118–637]

To require the Federal Air Marshal Service to develop a plan to enhance the Federal law enforcement presence at airports, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 7, 2024

Mr. GIMENEZ (for himself and Mr. THANEDAR) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

AUGUST 30, 2024

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on June 7, 2024]

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 “Federal Air Marshal*
5 *Enhancing Airport Security Act of 2024”.*

6 **SEC. 2. PLAN TO ASSIGN FEDERAL AIR MARSHALS TO DU-**
7 **TIES BEYOND THE AIRCRAFT AND THROUGH-**
8 **OUT THE AIRPORT ENVIRONMENT.**

9 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the*
10 *date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the*
11 *Transportation Security Administration, acting through*
12 *the Director of the Federal Air Marshal Service (FAMS),*
13 *shall develop a plan to address roles, beyond inflight secu-*
14 *rity, of Federal Air Marshals at certain airports. Such plan*
15 *shall address Federal Air Marshals’ Federal law enforce-*
16 *ment role to ensure, through the utilization of authorities*
17 *under section 114(p) of title 49, United States Code, airport*
18 *aviation security at such airports.*

19 *(b) BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days after the devel-*
20 *opment of the plan under subsection (a), the Administrator*
21 *of the Transportation Security Administration shall brief*
22 *the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Rep-*
23 *resentatives and the Committee on Homeland Security and*
24 *Governmental Affairs and the Committee on Commerce,*
25 *Science, and Transportation of the Senate on such plan.*

1 (c) *RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.*—*Nothing in this section*
2 *may be construed as affecting the responsibilities of airport*
3 *operators under section 44903 of title 49, United States*
4 *Code.*

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