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To direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to establish a flight deck training program for certain employees of the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. POULSON (for herself, Mr. BRESNAHAN, and Ms. SCHOLTEN) 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 “Flight Logistics Initia-
5 tive to Gain Heightened Travel Data and Enhance Com-
6 munication Knowledge Act” or the “FLIGHT DECK
7 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FLIGHT DECK TRAINING PROGRAM.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
3 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the
4 Federal Aviation Administration shall establish a vol-
5 untary flight deck training program under which eligible
6 employees of the Federal Aviation Administration may ac-
7 cess the flight deck of voluntarily participating commercial
8 passenger, air cargo, powered lift, or general aviation air-
9 craft during flights for the purpose of familiarizing cer-
10 tified air traffic controllers with the complex onboard re-
11 quirements experienced by flight crews.

12 (b) ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES.—Certified air traffic con-
13 trollers shall be eligible to participate in the program es-
14 tablished under subsection (a).

15 (c) PARTICIPATION.—Eligible employees under sub-
16 section (b) participating in the program established under
17 subsection (a) may sit in the flight deck for at least 1
18 round trip to immediate and destination airports within
19 the coterminous United States, Alaska, Hawaii, and
20 United States Possessions and Territories, except that—

21 (1) reimbursement of any expenses, including
22 per diem and mileage, will not be authorized or paid;
23 and

24 (2) an eligible employee may only participate in
25 the program subject to operational and staffing re-
26 quirements with management approval.

1 (d) CONSIDERATIONS.—An eligible employee partici-
2 pating in the program established under subsection (a)
3 shall be considered as working on-duty during flight hours
4 participating in the program.

5 (e) REGULATIONS AND POLICIES.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall, in
7 consultation with organizations representing certified
8 collective bargaining representatives of airline pilots,
9 flight crews, and the exclusive bargaining represent-
10 ative of air traffic controllers certified under section
11 7111 of title 5, United States Code, issue such poli-
12 cies as are necessary to carry out the program under
13 subsection (a).

14 (2) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—The Admin-
15 istrator may prescribe additional ticketing require-
16 ments and security clearance eligibility requirements
17 for eligible employees to ensure the safety of pilots,
18 flight crew, and passengers.

19 (3) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this
20 Act shall be construed to require a voluntarily par-
21 ticipating commercial passenger, air cargo, powered
22 lift, or general aviation aircraft to displace or other-
23 wise reassign a off-duty pilot who is using an acces-
24 sible seat within a flight deck for the purposes of
25 traveling for work or assignment to allow an eligible

1 employee to participate in the flight deck training
2 program.

3 (f) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 1 year
4 after the establishment of the program under subsection
5 (a), the Administrator shall submit to the Committee on
6 Transportation and Infrastructure and the Committee on
7 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a
8 report on the number of air traffic controllers who have
9 participated in the program under this section, the propor-
10 tion of flights observed on each type of participating air-
11 craft, barriers to participation for both air traffic control-
12 lers and airline participants, and recommendations to in-
13 crease participation both for air traffic controllers and air-
14 line participants.

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