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H. R. 8897

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science,
and Transportation

AN ACT

To improve travel for American families, 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 “Improving Travel for
3 American Families Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. IMPROVING TRAVEL FOR AMERICAN FAMILIES**
5 **PILOT PROGRAM.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Trans-
7 portation Security Administration (in this section referred
8 to as the “Administrator”), may establish a pilot program
9 at airports to expedite access to security screening for
10 adult passengers and accompanying child passengers
11 twelve years of age and under to support and facilitate
12 the ease of travel for such passengers and such child pas-
13 sengers. The Administrator may carry out this subsection
14 only such access does not compromise security protocols.

15 (b) SECURITY REQUIREMENTS.—If the Adminis-
16 trator establishes the pilot program under subsection (a),
17 the Administrator shall carry out the following:

18 (1) Ensure each passenger described in such
19 subsection is screened in accordance with the vetting
20 status of such passenger under the Secure Flight
21 program of the Transportation Security Administra-
22 tion, in accordance with paragraph (2) of section
23 44903(j) of title 49, United States Code.

24 (2) Prevent individuals carrying out screening
25 functions under section 44901 of such title from al-
26 lowing any passenger into a TSA PreCheck or other

1 expedited security screening lane unless such pas-
2 senger has received a boarding pass indicating eligi-
3 bility for TSA PreCheck or such other expedited se-
4 curity screening.

5 (3) Permit local Administration management to
6 open or close checkpoint lanes and reallocate avail-
7 able resources as needed to maximize security effec-
8 tiveness and efficiency based on passenger volume.

9 (c) SELECTION OF AIRPORTS.—If the Administrator
10 establishes the pilot program under subsection (a), in se-
11 lecting airports for such pilot program, the Administrator
12 shall—

13 (1) give priority to an airport the Administrator
14 determines to have a high volume of passengers
15 traveling with accompanying child passengers;

16 (2) consider airports with adequate space to ac-
17 commodate additional or larger security screening
18 lanes and sufficient personnel to aid passengers and
19 accompanying child passengers twelve years of age
20 and under while maintaining adequate staffing of
21 other security screening lanes; and

22 (3) use any other consideration the Adminis-
23 trator determines necessary.

24 (d) BRIEFING.—If the Administrator establishes the
25 pilot program under subsection (a), not later than 270

1 days after such establishment, the Administrator shall
2 provide to the Committee on Homeland Security of the
3 House of Representatives and the Committee on Home-
4 land Security and Governmental Affairs and the Com-
5 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
6 Senate a briefing on such pilot program.

7 (e) SUNSET.—If the Administrator establishes the
8 pilot program under subsection (a), the Administrator
9 shall carry out such pilot program for a period of two
10 years.

Passed the House of Representatives July 13, 2026.

Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.