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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CASTLE 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 “Secure Aviation Em-
5 ployment and Training Enhancement Act of 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR**
2 **PILOT AND AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE TRAIN-**
3 **ING APPLICANTS.**

4 Section 44707 of title 49, United States Code, is
5 amended—

6 (1) by inserting “(a) IN GENERAL.—” before
7 “The Administrator”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(b) BACKGROUND CHECK PROGRAM FOR PILOT
10 AND AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE TRAINING APPLICANTS.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days
12 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Adminis-
13 trator shall implement a criminal background check
14 program for individuals enrolled or to be enrolled in
15 civilian schools giving instruction described in sub-
16 section (a)(1).

17 “(2) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—Under the
18 program, the Administrator shall—

19 “(A) establish and provide a standard ap-
20 plication form to be used by all civilian schools
21 giving instruction described in subsection
22 (a)(1);

23 “(B) maintain a database of all processed
24 applications for such schools;

25 “(C) require that any applicant to such a
26 school must fill out the standard application

1 form and undergo a criminal background check;
2 and

3 “(D) if the background check reveals evi-
4 dence of criminal, espionage, or terrorist activ-
5 ity or any other evidence that the Administrator
6 determines, by regulation, to be a security
7 threat, the Administrator shall establish proce-
8 dures to ensure the applicant does not receive
9 training at such school.

10 “(3) FEES AND CHARGES.—The Administrator
11 shall establish reasonable fees and charges to pay
12 expenses incurred in carrying out this section. Such
13 fees and charges may not exceed \$100 per indi-
14 vidual. Money collected under this subsection shall
15 be credited to the account in the Treasury from
16 which expenses were incurred and are available to
17 the Administrator for those expenses.

18 “(4) CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK DE-
19 FINED.—In this subsection, the term ‘criminal back-
20 ground check’, commonly known as an indices check,
21 means a review of information provided by the Di-
22 rector of Central Intelligence and the Director of the
23 Federal Bureau of Investigation regarding personal
24 background, including information relating to any

1 history of criminal activity or to any evidence of es-
2 pionage or terrorism.”.

3 **SEC. 3. REVIEW OF CURRENT CRIMINAL BACKGROUND**

4 **CHECK PROCEDURES FOR ALL AIRLINE EM-**
5 **PLOYEES.**

6 (a) REVIEW.—The Director of the Office of Home-
7 land Security shall conduct a review of the current air car-
8 rier employee criminal background check procedures.

9 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
10 of enactment of this Act, the Director shall transmit to
11 the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of
12 the House of Representatives and the Committee on Com-
13 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report
14 on the results of the review, including an analysis of cur-
15 rent procedures and any details and recommendations that
16 the Director may have concerning improving such proce-
17 dures.

18 **SEC. 4. FUNDING.**

19 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
20 as may be necessary to carry out this Act, including the
21 amendments made by this Act.

22 **SEC. 5. ANNUAL REPORT.**

23 The Administrator of the Federal Aviation Adminis-
24 tration shall transmit to the Committee on Transportation
25 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives, and

1 the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
2 of the Senate an annual report on the activities carried
3 out under this Act.

