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To amend title 49 of the United States Code to provide flight attendant security training, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. BOXER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation

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 Attendant Secu-
5 rity Training Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO CREW TRAINING PROVISIONS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 44918(a)(1) of title 49,
8 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—

1 “(A) DEVELOPMENT OF TRAINING PRO-
2 GRAM.—Not later than 60 days after the date
3 of enactment of the Flight Attendant Security
4 Training Act, the Administrator of the Federal
5 Aviation Administration, in consultation with
6 the Under Secretary of the Transportation for
7 Security, appropriate law enforcement, security,
8 and terrorism experts, representatives of air
9 carriers, and labor organizations representing
10 individuals employed in commercial aviation,
11 shall develop detailed guidance for a scheduled
12 passenger air carrier flight and cabin crew
13 training program to prepare crew members for
14 potential threat conditions.

15 “(B) REQUIREMENTS.—The guidance
16 issued under subparagraph (A) shall include the
17 following:

18 “(i) Establishment of the required
19 number of hours and qualifications for
20 training instructors.

21 “(ii) Establishment of the intervals,
22 number of hours, and elements of recur-
23 rent training.”.

1 (b) PROGRAM ELEMENTS.—Section 44918(a)(2) of
2 such title is amended by striking subparagraph (I) and
3 inserting the following:

4 “(I) Training in the proper conduct of a
5 cabin search and explosive recognition, includ-
6 ing the duty time required to conduct the
7 search.”.

8 (c) APPROVAL OF PROGRAMS.—Section 44918(a) of
9 such title is amended by striking paragraph (3) and insert-
10 ing the following:

11 “(3) APPROVAL.—Within 60 days after the
12 date the Administrator issues the guidance under
13 this subsection in final form, each air carrier shall
14 develop a flight and cabin crew training program in
15 accordance with that guidance and submit the pro-
16 gram to the Administrator for approval. Within 30
17 days after receiving an air carrier’s program under
18 this subsection, the Administrator shall review the
19 program and approve it or require the air carrier to
20 make any revisions deemed necessary by the Admin-
21 istrator for the program to meet the guidance re-
22 quirements.”.

23 (d) TRAINING.—Section 44918 of such title is
24 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(d) TRAINING.—Within 180 days after the date the
 2 Administrator approves the training program developed by
 3 an air carrier under this section, the air carrier shall com-
 4 plete the training of all flight and cabin crews in accord-
 5 ance with that program.”.

6 (e) EXISTING PROGRAMS AND UPDATES.—Section
 7 44918(a) of such title is amended—

8 (1) by striking paragraphs (4), (5), and (7);

9 (2) by redesignating paragraph (6) as para-
 10 graph (4); and

11 (3) by adding after paragraph (4), as redesign-
 12 nated, the following:

13 “(5) UPDATES.—The Administrator shall—

14 “(A) update the training guidance issued
 15 under this subsection from time to time to re-
 16 flect new or different security threats; and

17 “(B) require air carriers to revise their
 18 programs accordingly and provide additional
 19 training to their flight and cabin crews.”.

20 (f) ADEQUATE RESOURCES.—Section 44918(a) of
 21 such title, as amended by subsection (e), is amended by
 22 adding at the end the following:

23 “(6) NECESSARY RESOURCES AND KNOWL-
 24 EDGE.—The Under Secretary shall ensure that em-
 25 ployees of the Federal Aviation Administration re-

- 1 sponsible for monitoring the training program have
- 2 the necessary resources and knowledge.”.

