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AN ACT

To direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to address vulnerabilities in aviation security by carrying out a pilot program to screen airport workers with access to secure and sterile areas of airports, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. ENHANCED PERIMETER SECURITY AND AC-**
4 **CESS CONTROL THROUGH COMPREHENSIVE**
5 **SCREENING OF AIRPORT WORKERS.**

6 (a) PILOT PROGRAM.—Not later than 120 days after
7 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Assistant Sec-
8 retary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Ad-
9 ministration) shall carry out a pilot program at 7 service
10 airports to screen all individuals with unescorted access
11 to secure and sterile areas of the airport in accordance
12 with section 44903(h) of title 49, United States Code.

13 (b) PARTICIPATING AIRPORTS.—At least 2 of the air-
14 ports participating in the pilot program shall be large hub
15 airports (as defined in section 40102 of title 49, United
16 States Code). At least 1 of the airports participating in
17 the pilot program shall be a category III airport. Each
18 of the remaining airports participating in the pilot pro-
19 gram shall represent a different airport security risk cat-
20 egory (as defined by the Assistant Secretary).

21 (c) SCREENING STANDARDS.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided under
23 paragraphs (2) and (3), screening for individuals
24 with unescorted access under the pilot program shall
25 be conducted under the same standards as apply to

1 passengers at airport security screening checkpoints
2 and, at a minimum of 1 airport, shall be carried out
3 by a private screening company that meets the
4 standards in accordance with section 44920(d) of
5 title 49, United States Code. That airport shall be
6 an airport that uses such a private screening com-
7 pany to carry out passenger screenings as of the
8 date of the enactment of this Act.

9 (2) DESIGNATED SCREENING LANE.—In addi-
10 tion to the requirements under paragraph (1), each
11 airport participating in the pilot program shall des-
12 ignate at least one screening lane at each airport se-
13 curity screening checkpoint to be used to screen in-
14 dividuals with unescorted access on a priority basis
15 under the pilot program. Such lane may also be used
16 to screen passengers.

17 (3) ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF SCREENING.—At
18 1 of the 7 airports participating in the pilot pro-
19 gram, the Assistant Secretary shall deploy, instead
20 of the screening standards required under para-
21 graphs (1) and (2), alternative means of screening
22 all individuals with unescorted access to secure and
23 sterile areas of the airport. Alternative means of
24 screening may include—

1 (A) biometric technology for airport access
2 control;

3 (B) behavior recognition programs;

4 (C) canines to screen individuals with
5 unescorted access to secure and sterile areas of
6 the airport;

7 (D) targeted physical inspections of such
8 individuals;

9 (E) video cameras; and

10 (F) increased vetting, training, and aware-
11 ness programs for such individuals.

12 (d) VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENTS.—As part of the
13 pilot program under this section, the Assistant Secretary
14 shall conduct a vulnerability assessment of each airport
15 participating in the pilot program. Each such assessment
16 shall include an assessment of vulnerabilities relating to
17 access badge and uniform controls.

18 (e) TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENTS.—Airport operators
19 at each airport at which the pilot program under this sec-
20 tion is implemented shall conduct an assessment of the
21 screening technology being used at that airport and sub-
22 mit the results of the assessment to the Assistant Sec-
23 retary. The Assistant Secretary shall compile the results
24 of all the assessments and provide them to each airport
25 participating in the pilot program.

1 (f) OPERATIONAL ASSESSMENTS.—As part of the
2 pilot program under this section, the Assistant Secretary
3 shall conduct an operational assessment at each airport
4 participating in the pilot program. Each such assessment
5 shall include an evaluation of—

6 (1) the effect on security of any increase in ter-
7 minal congestion created as a result of screening in-
8 dividuals with unescorted access under the pilot pro-
9 gram;

10 (2) the average wait times at screening check-
11 points for passengers and individuals with
12 unescorted access;

13 (3) any additional personnel required to screen
14 individuals with unescorted access;

15 (4) the effect of screening individuals with
16 unescorted access on other security-related activities
17 at the airport;

18 (5) any lost productivity of individuals with
19 unescorted access associated with airport participa-
20 tion in the pilot program; and

21 (6) the rate at which “prohibited items” are de-
22 tected and confiscated from individuals with
23 unescorted access.

24 (g) DURATION.—The pilot program shall be carried
25 out for a period of not less than 180 days.

1 (h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
2 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be
3 necessary to carry out this section.

4 (i) REPORT.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
6 the last day of the pilot program, the Assistant Sec-
7 retary shall submit to the Committee on Homeland
8 Security of the House of Representatives and the
9 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
10 tation of the Senate a report on the results of the
11 pilot program.

12 (2) CONTENTS OF REPORT.—The report shall
13 include the following:

14 (A) An assessment of the effect of screen-
15 ing all airport workers with access to secure
16 and sterile airport areas on screening and
17 logistical resources.

18 (B) An assessment of the security improve-
19 ments that are achieved from screening such
20 workers.

21 (C) An assessment of the costs of screen-
22 ing such workers.

23 (D) The results of the vulnerability assess-
24 ments conducted under subsection (d).

(E) An estimate of the infrastructure and personnel requirements necessary to implement a screening program for individuals with unescorted access at all commercial service airports in the United States in order to process each such individual and each passenger through each screening checkpoint in fewer than 10 minutes.

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Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk.