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To streamline and simplify the travel procedures used by Department of Defense personnel.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. COLEMAN (for himself and Mr. COBURN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “Defense Travel Sim-
5 plification Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFENSE TRAVEL ACCOUNTING AND VOUCHER**
7 **PROCESSING SYSTEM.**

8 (a) REDESIGNATION OF DEFENSE TRAVEL SYS-
9 TEM.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enact-
10 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall redesi-

1 nate the Defense Travel System as the Defense Travel Ac-
2 counting and Voucher Processing System. Any reference
3 in any law, regulation, map, document, record, or other
4 paper of the United States to the Defense Travel System
5 shall be considered to be a reference to the Defense Travel
6 Accounting and Voucher Processing System.

7 (b) IMPLEMENTATION OF DEFENSE TRAVEL AC-
8 COUNTING AND VOUCHER PROCESSING SYSTEM.—The
9 Department of Defense shall implement the procedures
10 described under subsection (c)—

11 (1) not later than 30 days after the date of the
12 enactment of this Act, in the case of air travel; and

13 (2) not later than 60 days after the date of the
14 enactment of this Act, in the case of railroad and
15 bus travel.

16 (c) PROCEDURES RELATED TO THE DEFENSE TRAV-
17 EL ACCOUNTING AND VOUCHER PROCESSING SYSTEM.—
18 The Defense Travel Accounting and Voucher Processing
19 System, as redesignated and implemented under sub-
20 section (a) (in this subsection referred to as the “Sys-
21 tem”), shall include the following procedures:

22 (1) Use of the System to record and process all
23 Department of Defense commercial travel.

1 (2) A prohibition on the use of the System for
2 identifying and reserving travel, hotels or other ac-
3 commodations, and rental vehicles.

4 **SEC. 3. SUCCESSOR TRAVEL SYSTEM.**

5 (a) RECOMMENDATIONS.—

6 (1) INTRA-AGENCY TASK FORCE.—The Sec-
7 retary of Defense shall establish an intra-agency
8 task force to recommend measures to streamline and
9 simplify the commercial travel system used by the
10 Department of Defense through the establishment of
11 a successor system to replace the Defense Travel Ac-
12 counting and Voucher Processing System, as reded-
13 signed and implemented under section 2(a).

14 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after
15 the date of the enactment of this Act, the intra-
16 agency task force shall submit to the Secretary of
17 Defense a report on the recommendations developed
18 under (1). The report shall be made available upon
19 request to Congress.

20 (b) REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO INTERNET-BASED
21 TRAVEL SYSTEM.—Any proposed successor or modifica-
22 tion to the Defense Travel Accounting and Voucher Proc-
23 essing System that includes an Internet-based travel sys-
24 tem designed to identify modes of travel, hotels or other
25 accommodations, or rental vehicles shall include—

1 (1) a searchable database of all air, rail, and
2 bus travel options, including by cost; and

3 (2) a searchable database of companies offering
4 accommodations and rental vehicles at government
5 rates.

6 (c) OPERATIONAL TESTING AND CERTIFICATION.—

7 (1) TESTING.—The Secretary of Defense shall
8 operationally test any successor or modification de-
9 scribed under subsection (b) to ensure that it meets
10 the requirements under such subsection. A successor
11 or modification may not be deployed until 90 days
12 after the successful completion of such testing.

13 (2) CERTIFICATION.—Not later than 90 days
14 after the successful completion of operational testing
15 under paragraph (1), the Comptroller General of the
16 United States shall submit to the Committee on
17 Armed Forces, the Committee on Homeland Secu-
18 rity and Governmental Affairs, and the Committee
19 on Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee
20 on Armed Services, the Committee on Oversight and
21 Government Reform, and the Committee on Appro-
22 priations of the House of Representatives a letter
23 certifying that—

24 (A) the successor or modification passed
25 such testing; and

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(B) the results of the test are reliable.

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