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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 29, 2015

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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 School Security
5 Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT THAT INDIVIDUALS SEEKING**
2 **FLIGHT TRAINING ARE CHECKED AGAINST**
3 **THE TERRORIST WATCHLIST.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 44939 of title 49, United
5 States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)—

7 (A) in the subsection heading by striking
8 “WAITING PERIOD.—” and inserting “RE-
9 QUIREMENTS; WAITING PERIOD.—”;

10 (B) in paragraph (1), by redesignating
11 subparagraphs (A) through (F) as clauses (i)
12 through (vi), respectively, and moving such
13 clauses two ems to the right;

14 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and
15 (2) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively,
16 and moving such subparagraphs two ems to the
17 right;

18 (D) by striking “12,500 pounds” and in-
19 serting “12,500 pounds—”;

20 (E) by inserting before subparagraph (A),
21 as redesignated by subparagraph (B) of this
22 paragraph, a new paragraph (2);

23 (F) by moving the text beginning with “to
24 an alien” and all that follows through “only
25 if—” to such new paragraph (2);

1 (G) by inserting before such new para-
2 graph (2) the following new paragraph (1):

3 “(1) to an individual seeking such training who
4 does not hold a valid airman’s certification issued by
5 the Federal Aviation Administration only upon re-
6 ceipt of information from the Administrator of the
7 Transportation Security Administration that—

8 “(A) the individual has been checked
9 against the terrorist watchlist to ascertain if the
10 individual may pose a threat to aviation or na-
11 tional security or a threat of terrorism; and

12 “(B) the Administrator has determined
13 that the individual does not pose a threat that
14 warrants denial of access to such training;
15 and”; and

16 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
17 section:

18 “(j) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than March 1 of
19 each year, the Administrator of the Transportation Secu-
20 rity Administration shall submit to the Committee on
21 Homeland Security of the House of Representatives and
22 the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental
23 Affairs and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
24 Transportation of the Senate a report on the total number
25 of individuals checked against the terrorist watchlist and

1 total number of individuals denied access to flight training
2 during the calendar year preceding the year in which each
3 such report is submitted, in accordance with this section.”.

4 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subparagraph (B)
5 of paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of section 44939 of title
6 49, United States Code, as redesignated by subsection (a)
7 of this section, is amended by striking “paragraph (1)”
8 and inserting “subparagraph (A)”.

9 (c) TECHNICAL CHANGES.—Subsections (a), (b), (c),
10 (d), and (i) of section 44939 of title 49, United State
11 Code, is amended by inserting “the Administrator of the
12 Transportation Security Administration, on behalf of” be-
13 fore “the Secretary”.

14 (d) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The amendments
15 made by subsection (a) shall apply with respect to an indi-
16 vidual seeking flight training on or after the date of the
17 enactment of this Act.

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