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S. 3144

To require the Federal Air Marshal Service to utilize risk-based strategies,
and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

A BILL

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based strategies, 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Strengthening Aviation
5 Security Act of 2018”.

6 **SEC. 2. USE OF RISK-BASED STRATEGIES BY FEDERAL AIR**
7 **MARSHAL SERVICE.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 44917
9 of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (7), by striking “and” after
2 the semicolon at the end;

3 (2) in paragraph (8), by striking the period at
4 the end and inserting a semicolon; and

5 (3) by adding at the end the following new
6 paragraphs:

7 “(9) shall require the Federal Air Marshal
8 Service to utilize a risk-based strategy when allo-
9 cating resources between international and domestic
10 flight coverage, including when initially setting its
11 annual target numbers of average daily international
12 and domestic flights to cover;

13 “(10) shall require the Federal Air Marshal
14 Service to utilize a risk-based strategy to support
15 domestic allocation decisions;

16 “(11) shall require the Federal Air Marshal
17 Service to utilize a risk-based strategy to support
18 international allocation decisions; and

19 “(12) shall ensure that the seating arrange-
20 ments of Federal air marshals on aircraft are deter-
21 mined in a manner that is risk-based and most capa-
22 ble of responding to current threats to aviation secu-
23 rity.”.

24 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 270 days after the date
25 of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the

1 Transportation Security Administration shall submit to
2 the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of
3 Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security
4 and Governmental Affairs and the Committee on Com-
5 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report
6 that describes the compliance of the Federal Air Marshal
7 Service with the requirements specified in paragraphs (9)
8 through (12) of subsection (a) of section 44917 of title
9 49, United States Code, as added by this Act, and the
10 documented methodology used by the Federal Air Marshal
11 Service to conduct risk assessments in accordance with
12 such paragraphs.

13 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The Transportation Security
14 Administration shall begin carrying out the requirements
15 specified in paragraphs (9) through (12) of subsection (a)
16 of section 44917, United States Code, added by this Act,
17 by not later than the date that is 180 days after the date
18 of the enactment of this Act.

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