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To establish an expert review panel to make recommendations for a comprehensive agency-wide safety management system at the FAA.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 27, 2026

Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WELCH, and Mr. KAINE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

Reported by Mr. CRUZ, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italie*]**A BILL**

To establish an expert review panel to make recommendations for a comprehensive agency-wide safety management system at the FAA.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “FAA SMS Compliance
3 Review Act of 2026”.

4 **SEC. 2. EXPERT COMPLIANCE REVIEW OF FAA SAFETY**
5 **MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.**

6 (a) **EXPERT COMPLIANCE REVIEW.—**

7 (1) **ESTABLISHMENT.—**

8 (A) **IN GENERAL.—**Not later than 60 days
9 after the date of enactment of this section, the
10 Administrator shall convene an independent ex-
11 pert panel (in this section referred to as the
12 “review panel”) to review and make findings
13 and recommendations on the matters listed in
14 paragraph (2).

15 (B) **PURPOSE.—**The purpose of the review
16 panel is to review and evaluate FAA orders and
17 policies to inform the FAA’s implementation of
18 a comprehensive and integrated SMS within the
19 FAA.

20 (2) **CONTENTS OF REVIEW.—**The review panel
21 shall review the following:

22 (A) The extent to which the FAA’s SMS
23 complies with relevant FAA orders and policies.

24 (B) The actual and projected safety en-
25 hancements achieved through the FAA’s prior
26 implementation of SMS.

1 ~~(C) The effectiveness of SMS, including~~
2 ~~with respect to the implementation of the fol-~~
3 ~~lowing 4 components:~~

4 ~~(i) Safety policy.~~

5 ~~(ii) Safety risk management.~~

6 ~~(iii) Safety assurance.~~

7 ~~(iv) Safety promotion.~~

8 ~~(D) The extent to which the FAA's safety~~
9 ~~culture promotes or fosters the SMS consistent~~
10 ~~with the principles of the ICAO's Safety Man-~~
11 ~~agement Manual (Doc. 9859) or any similar~~
12 ~~successor document.~~

13 ~~(E) The effectiveness of FAA's internal~~
14 ~~audit process to determine, at minimum, the~~
15 ~~performance of FAA's SMS.~~

16 ~~(F) The extent to which SMS and each of~~
17 ~~the 4 components described in subparagraph~~
18 ~~(C) are integrated appropriately among and~~
19 ~~across lines of business of the FAA.~~

20 ~~(G) The extent to which SMS and each of~~
21 ~~the 4 components so described are understood~~
22 ~~by, communicated to, and included in training~~
23 ~~for, personnel at the FAA.~~

24 ~~(H) The efficacy of existing SMS in place~~
25 ~~at applicable lines of business at the FAA in-~~

cluding, but not limited to, the Air Traffic Organization, the Aviation Safety Office, and the Office of Airports.

(I) The efficacy of the FAA's Voluntary Safety Reporting Programs as part of SMS, including the efficacy of specific voluntary safety reporting programs at applicable lines of business, and any actions taken by the FAA in response to reports filed under such programs.

(J) Whether the Federal Government should advocate for changes to Annex 19—Safety Management of the ICAO to ensure appropriate updates to the State Safety Program standards and recommended practices, including—

(i) a systems-level approach to evaluating and improving SMS for air navigation service providers; and

(ii) the implementation of SMS for civil aviation regulators.

(K) Any other matter determined by the Administrator for which review by the review panel would be consistent with the public interest in aviation safety.

(3) COMPOSITION OF REVIEW PANEL.—

1 (A) APPOINTED MEMBERS.—The review
 2 panel shall consist of the following members ap-
 3 pointed by the Administrator:

4 (i) Two representatives of the Na-
 5 tional Aeronautics and Space Administra-
 6 tion with expertise in SMSs.

7 (ii) Five appropriately qualified rep-
 8 resentatives of aviation labor organizations
 9 (designated by the applicable represented
 10 organization), including—

11 (I) organizations representing
 12 certified collective bargaining rep-
 13 resentatives of airline pilots; and

14 (II) the exclusive bargaining rep-
 15 resentatives of FAA air traffic con-
 16 trollers certified under section 7111 of
 17 title 5, United States Code.

18 (iii) Not less than 5 independent sub-
 19 ject matter experts in safety management
 20 systems who—

21 (I) have not served as a political
 22 appointee in the FAA; and

23 (II) have a minimum of 10 years
 24 of relevant applied experience.

1 (iv) Two air carrier employees whose
2 job responsibilities include administration
3 of a SMS.

4 (v) Two individuals representing hold-
5 ers of a certificate issued under part 21 of
6 title 14, Code of Federal Regulations,
7 whose job responsibilities include adminis-
8 tration of a SMS.

9 (vi) Two other representatives from
10 the aerospace industry that do not meet
11 the criteria described in clause (iv) or (v)
12 and who have expertise in SMS or whose
13 job responsibilities include administration
14 of a SMS.

15 (vii) A representative of the United
16 States Mission to the ICAO.

17 (viii) A representative from the Na-
18 tional Transportation Safety Board, as a
19 non-voting member.

20 (B) ADVISORY MEMBERS.—

21 (i) IN GENERAL.—In addition to the
22 appointed members described in subpara-
23 graph (A), the review panel shall be ad-
24 vised by up to 5 employees of the FAA, at

1 least 3 of whom shall be subject matter ex-
2 perts in implementing SMS at the FAA.

3 (ii) DUTIES.—The advisory members
4 may take part in deliberations of the re-
5 view panel and provide subject matter ex-
6 pertise with respect to the review panel's
7 work.

8 (4) RECOMMENDATIONS.—The review panel
9 shall issue recommendations to the Administrator
10 based on the review of the matters listed in para-
11 graph (2) in order to inform the FAA's implementa-
12 tion of a comprehensive and integrated SMS for
13 lines of business within the FAA.

14 (5) REPORT.—

15 (A) SUBMISSION.—Not later than 180
16 days after the date of the first meeting of the
17 review panel, the review panel shall submit to
18 the Administrator and the appropriate commit-
19 tees of Congress a report containing the find-
20 ings and recommendations regarding the mat-
21 ters listed in paragraph (2) that are endorsed
22 by a majority of the appointed members of the
23 review panel.

24 (B) DISSENTING VIEWS.—In submitting
25 the report under subparagraph (A), the review

1 panel shall append to such report the dissenting
2 views of any individual appointed member or
3 group of appointed members of the review panel
4 regarding the findings or recommendations of
5 the review panel.

6 (C) PUBLICATION.—Not later than 5 days
7 after receiving the report under subparagraph
8 (A), the Administrator shall publish such re-
9 port, including any dissenting views appended
10 to the report, on the website of the FAA.

11 (D) TERMINATION.—The review panel
12 shall terminate upon the submission of the re-
13 port under subparagraph (A).

14 (6) ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.—

15 (A) ACCESS TO INFORMATION.—

16 (i) IN GENERAL.—The review panel
17 shall have the authority to perform the fol-
18 lowing actions if a majority of the ap-
19 pointed members of the review panel con-
20 sider each action necessary and appro-
21 priate:

22 (I) Entering onto the premises of
23 the FAA for access to and inspection
24 of records or other purposes.

(II) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, except as provided in clause (ii), accessing and inspecting de-identified, but otherwise unredacted, records directly necessary for the completion of the review panel's work under this section that are in the possession of the FAA.

(III) Interviewing employees of the FAA as necessary for the review panel to complete its work.

(ii) ~~NON-FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MEMBERS.~~—Members of the review panel who are not officers or employees of the Federal Government shall only have access to, and be allowed to inspect, information provided to the FAA pursuant to section 40123 of title 49, United States Code, and part 193 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, in a de-identified form.

~~(B) NONDISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.—~~

(i) ~~NONDISCLOSURE FOR NON-FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MEMBERS.—~~

(I) ~~NON-FEDERAL GOVERNMENT~~

~~PARTICIPANTS.—Prior to participating on the review panel, each individual serving on the review panel representing a non-Federal entity shall execute an agreement with the Administrator in which the individual shall be prohibited from disclosing at any time, except as required by law, to any person, foreign or domestic, any non-public information made available to the panel under subparagraph (A).~~

(II) ~~FEDERAL GOVERNMENT~~

~~PARTICIPANTS.—Federal officers or employees serving on the review panel as representatives of the Federal Government and subject to the requirement to protect confidential information (including proprietary information and trade secrets under section 1905 of title 18, United States Code) shall not be required to execute agreements under this clause.~~

(ii) ~~PROTECTION OF INFORMATION.—~~

~~Information that is obtained or reviewed~~

1 by the review panel shall not constitute a
2 waiver of the protections applicable to the
3 information under section 552 of title 5,
4 United States Code (commonly referred to
5 as the “Freedom of Information Act”).
6 Members of the review panel shall protect
7 such information to the extent required
8 under applicable law.

9 (iii) PROTECTION OF PROPRIETARY
10 INFORMATION AND TRADE SECRETS.—

11 Members of the review panel shall protect
12 proprietary information, trade secrets, and
13 other information otherwise exempt under
14 section 552 of title 5, United States Code,
15 to the extent permitted under applicable
16 law.

17 (7) INAPPLICABILITY OF FACA.—The review
18 panel shall not be subject to chapter 10 of title 5,
19 United States Code (commonly referred to as the
20 “Federal Advisory Committee Act”).

21 (8) CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFINGS.—Not later
22 than 180 days after the submission of the rec-
23 ommendations under paragraph (4), and every 90
24 days thereafter, the Administrator shall report to
25 the appropriate committees of Congress on the sta-

1 tus of any ongoing actions in response to such rec-
 2 ommendations, including the status of implementa-
 3 tion of each of the recommendations of the review
 4 panel, if any, with which the Administrator concurs.

5 (b) NON-CONCURRENCE WITH RECOMMENDA-
 6 TIONS.—Not later than 6 months after submission of the
 7 recommendations under subsection (a)(4), with respect to
 8 each recommendation of the review panel with which the
 9 Administrator does not concur, if any, the Administrator
 10 shall publish on the website of the FAA and submit to
 11 the appropriate committees of Congress a detailed expla-
 12 nation for such determination.

13 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
 15 trator” means the Administrator of the Federal
 16 Aviation Administration.

17 (2) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
 18 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
 19 gress” means the Committee on Commerce, Science,
 20 and Transportation of the Senate and the Com-
 21 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the
 22 House of Representatives.

23 (3) FAA.—The term “FAA” means the Fed-
 24 eral Aviation Administration.

1 (4) ICAO.—The term “ICAO” means the
2 International Civil Aviation Organization.

3 (5) SMS.—The term “SMS” means a safety
4 management system.

5 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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7 *Review Act of 2026”.*

8 **SEC. 2. EXPERT COMPLIANCE REVIEW OF FAA SAFETY MAN-**
9 **AGEMENT SYSTEM.**

10 (a) *EXPERT COMPLIANCE REVIEW.*—

11 (1) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—

12 (A) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 60 days
13 after the date of enactment of this section, the
14 Administrator shall convene an independent ex-
15 pert panel (in this section referred to as the “re-
16 view panel”) to review and make findings and
17 recommendations on the matters listed in para-
18 graph (2).

19 (B) *PURPOSE.*—

20 (i) *IN GENERAL.*—The purpose of the
21 review panel is to review and evaluate FAA
22 orders and policies to inform the FAA’s im-
23 plementation of a comprehensive and inte-
24 grated SMS within the FAA.

1 (ii) *REQUIREMENT.*—*The review panel*
2 *shall also take into account the United*
3 *States’ obligations as a contracting State*
4 *under the Convention on International*
5 *Civil Aviation, including Article 37 (Adop-*
6 *tion of International Standards and Proce-*
7 *dures) and Article 38 (Notification of Dif-*
8 *ferences), and shall consider compliance*
9 *with ICAO Annex 19, including any dif-*
10 *ferences formally filed by the United States.*

11 (2) *CONTENTS OF REVIEW.*—*The review panel*
12 *shall review and evaluate the following:*

13 (A) *The extent to which the FAA’s SMS*
14 *complies with relevant FAA orders and policies.*

15 (B) *The actual and projected safety en-*
16 *hancements achieved through the FAA’s prior*
17 *implementation of SMS, including as required*
18 *by FAA Order 8000.369 and successor orders*
19 *through FAA Order 8000.369c.*

20 (C) *The effectiveness of FAA’s SMS, includ-*
21 *ing with respect to the implementation of the fol-*
22 *lowing 4 components:*

23 (i) *Safety policy.*

24 (ii) *Safety risk management.*

25 (iii) *Safety assurance.*

1 (iv) *Safety promotion.*

2 (D) *The extent to which the FAA's safety*
3 *culture promotes or fosters the SMS consistent*
4 *with the principles of the ICAO's Safety Man-*
5 *agement Manual (Doc. 9859) or any similar suc-*
6 *cessor document.*

7 (E) *The effectiveness of FAA's internal*
8 *audit processes to determine, at minimum, the*
9 *performance of FAA's SMS.*

10 (F) *The extent to which SMS and each of*
11 *the 4 components described in subparagraph (C)*
12 *are integrated appropriately among and across*
13 *applicable lines of business of the FAA.*

14 (G) *The extent to which SMS and each of*
15 *the 4 components described in subparagraph (C)*
16 *are understood by, communicated to, and in-*
17 *cluded in training for, personnel at the FAA.*

18 (H) *The efficacy of existing SMS in place*
19 *at applicable lines of business of the FAA prior*
20 *to January 1, 2026, including, but not limited*
21 *to, the Air Traffic Organization, the Aviation*
22 *Safety Organization, and the Office of Airports.*

23 (I) *The efficacy of the FAA's Voluntary*
24 *Safety Reporting Programs as part of SMS, in-*
25 *cluding the efficacy of specific voluntary safety*

1 *reporting programs at applicable lines of busi-*
2 *ness, and any actions taken by the FAA in re-*
3 *sponse to reports filed under such programs.*

4 *(J) Whether the Federal Government should*
5 *advocate for changes to Annex 19—Safety Man-*
6 *agement of the ICAO to ensure appropriate up-*
7 *dates to the State Safety Program standards and*
8 *recommended practices, including—*

9 *(i) a systems-level approach to evalu-*
10 *ating and improving SMS for air naviga-*
11 *tion service providers; and*

12 *(ii) the implementation of SMS for*
13 *civil aviation regulators and whether there*
14 *is a need for globally consistent approaches*
15 *to State Safety Program implementation*
16 *and SMS framework across ICAO con-*
17 *tracting States.*

18 *(K) Any other matter determined by the*
19 *Administrator for which review by the review*
20 *panel would be consistent with the public inter-*
21 *est in aviation safety.*

22 *(3) COMPOSITION OF REVIEW PANEL.—*

23 *(A) APPOINTED MEMBERS.—The review*
24 *panel shall consist of the following members ap-*
25 *pointed by the Administrator:*

1 (i) *Two representatives of the National*
2 *Aeronautics and Space Administration with*
3 *expertise in SMSs.*

4 (ii) *Five appropriately qualified rep-*
5 *resentatives of aviation labor organizations*
6 *(designated by the applicable represented*
7 *organization), including—*

8 (I) *organizations representing cer-*
9 *tified collective bargaining representa-*
10 *tives of airline pilots;*

11 (II) *the exclusive collective bar-*
12 *gaining representatives of FAA air*
13 *traffic controllers certified under sec-*
14 *tion 7111 of title 5, United States*
15 *Code; and*

16 (III) *the exclusive collective bar-*
17 *gaining representative for aviation*
18 *safety inspectors certified under section*
19 *7111 of title 5, United States Code*

20 (iii) *Not less than 5 independent sub-*
21 *ject matter experts in safety management*
22 *systems who—*

23 (I) *have not served as a political*
24 *appointee in the FAA; and*

1 (II) have a minimum of 10 years
2 of relevant applied experience.

3 (iv) Three air carrier employees whose
4 job responsibilities include administration
5 of a SMS.

6 (v) Two individuals representing hold-
7 ers of a certificate issued under part 21 of
8 title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, whose
9 job responsibilities include administration
10 of a SMS.

11 (vi) One representative from the aero-
12 space industry who does not meet the cri-
13 teria described in clauses (iv) through (v)
14 and has expertise in SMS or whose job re-
15 sponsibilities include administration of a
16 SMS.

17 (vii) A representative of the United
18 States Mission to the ICAO, as a non-voting
19 member.

20 (viii) A representative from the Na-
21 tional Transportation Safety Board, as a
22 non-voting member.

23 (B) ADVISORY MEMBERS.—

24 (i) IN GENERAL.—In addition to the
25 appointed members described in subpara-

1 graph (A), the review panel shall be advised
 2 by up to 5 employees of the FAA, at least
 3 3 of whom shall be subject matter experts in
 4 implementing SMS at the FAA.

5 (ii) DUTIES.—The advisory members
 6 may take part in deliberations of the review
 7 panel and provide subject matter expertise
 8 with respect to the review panel's work.

9 (4) RECOMMENDATIONS.—The review panel shall
 10 issue recommendations to the Administrator based on
 11 the review of the matters listed in paragraph (2) in
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15 (5) REPORT.—

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 17 after the date of the first meeting of the review
 18 panel, the review panel shall submit to the Ad-
 19 ministrator and the appropriate committees of
 20 Congress a report containing the findings and
 21 recommendations regarding the matters listed in
 22 paragraph (2) that are endorsed by at least $\frac{2}{3}$
 23 of the appointed members of the review panel.

24 (B) DISSENTING VIEWS.—In submitting the
 25 report under subparagraph (A), the review panel

1 *shall append to such report the dissenting views*
2 *of any individual appointed member or group of*
3 *appointed members of the review panel regarding*
4 *the findings or recommendations of the review*
5 *panel.*

6 (C) *PUBLICATION.*—*Not later than 5 days*
7 *after receiving the report under subparagraph*
8 *(A), the Administrator shall publish such report,*
9 *including any dissenting views appended to the*
10 *report, on the website of the FAA.*

11 (D) *TERMINATION.*—*The review panel shall*
12 *terminate upon the submission of the report*
13 *under subparagraph (A).*

14 (6) *ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.*—

15 (A) *ACCESS TO INFORMATION.*—

16 (i) *IN GENERAL.*—*The review panel*
17 *shall have the authority to perform the fol-*
18 *lowing actions if a majority of the ap-*
19 *pointed members of the review panel con-*
20 *sider each action necessary and appro-*
21 *priate:*

22 (I) *Entering onto the premises of*
23 *the FAA for access to and inspection of*
24 *records.*

1 (II) *Notwithstanding any other*
2 *provision of law, except as provided in*
3 *clause (ii), accessing and inspecting*
4 *de-identified, but otherwise unredacted,*
5 *records directly necessary for the com-*
6 *pletion of the review panel's work*
7 *under this section that are records and*
8 *information created by the FAA.*

9 (III) *Notwithstanding any other*
10 *provision of law, and with the ap-*
11 *proval of the Administrator, inter-*
12 *viewing employees of the FAA as nec-*
13 *essary for the review panel to complete*
14 *its work.*

15 (ii) *NON-FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MEM-*
16 *BERS.—Members of the review panel who*
17 *are not officers or employees of the Federal*
18 *Government shall only have access to, and*
19 *be allowed to inspect, information provided*
20 *to the FAA pursuant to section 40123 of*
21 *title 49, United States Code, and part 193*
22 *of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, in*
23 *a de-identified form.*

24 (iii) *ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMA-*
25 *TION.—Nothing in this Act shall be con-*

1 *strued as authorizing access to classified in-*
 2 *formation by any member of the review*
 3 *panel who does not possess the appropriate*
 4 *level of security clearance, have a need-to-*
 5 *know, or meet all other applicable access re-*
 6 *quirements.*

7 *(B) NONDISCLOSURE OF NON-PUBLIC IN-*
 8 *FORMATION.—*

9 *(i) NONDISCLOSURE FOR NON-FEDERAL*
 10 *GOVERNMENT MEMBERS.—*

11 *(I) NON-FEDERAL GOVERNMENT*
 12 *PARTICIPANTS.—Prior to participating*
 13 *on the review panel, each individual*
 14 *serving on the review panel rep-*
 15 *resenting a non-Federal entity shall*
 16 *execute an agreement with the Admin-*
 17 *istrator in which the individual shall*
 18 *be prohibited from disclosing at any*
 19 *time, except as required by applicable*
 20 *Federal law, to any person, foreign or*
 21 *domestic, any non-public information*
 22 *made available to the panel under sub-*
 23 *paragraph (A).*

24 *(II) FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PAR-*
 25 *TICIPANTS.—Federal officers or em-*

1 *ployees serving on the review panel as*
 2 *representatives of the Federal Govern-*
 3 *ment and subject to the requirement to*
 4 *protect confidential information (in-*
 5 *cluding proprietary information and*
 6 *trade secrets under section 1905 of title*
 7 *18, United States Code) shall not be re-*
 8 *quired to execute agreements under this*
 9 *clause.*

10 *(ii) PROTECTION OF INFORMATION.—*
 11 *Information that is obtained or reviewed by*
 12 *the review panel shall not constitute a waiv-*
 13 *er of the protections applicable to the infor-*
 14 *mation under section 552 of title 5, United*
 15 *States Code (commonly referred to as the*
 16 *“Freedom of Information Act”). Members of*
 17 *the review panel shall protect such informa-*
 18 *tion to the extent required under applicable*
 19 *Federal law.*

20 *(iii) PROTECTION OF PROPRIETARY IN-*
 21 *FORMATION AND TRADE SECRETS.—Mem-*
 22 *bers of the review panel shall protect propri-*
 23 *etary information, trade secrets, and other*
 24 *information otherwise exempt under section*
 25 *552 of title 5, United States Code, to the ex-*

1 tent permitted under applicable Federal
2 law.

3 (7) *INAPPLICABILITY OF FACA.*—The review
4 panel shall not be subject to chapter 10 of title 5,
5 United States Code (commonly referred to as the
6 “Federal Advisory Committee Act”).

7 (8) *CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFINGS.*—Not later than
8 180 days after the submission of the report under
9 paragraph (5), and every 90 days thereafter, the Ad-
10 ministrators shall report to the appropriate commit-
11 tees of Congress on the status of any ongoing actions
12 in response to such recommendations, including the
13 status of implementation of each of the recommenda-
14 tions of the review panel, if any, with which the Ad-
15 ministrators concur. The briefing requirement shall
16 cease to be effective 2 years after the date of the sub-
17 mission of the report under paragraph (5).

18 (b) *NON-CONCURRENCE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS.*—
19 Not later than 6 months after submission of the rec-
20 ommendations under subsection (a)(4), with respect to each
21 recommendation of the review panel with which the Admin-
22 istrators does not concur, if any, the Administrator shall
23 publish on the website of the FAA and submit to the appro-
24 priate committees of Congress a detailed explanation for
25 such determination.

1 (c) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

2 (1) *ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-*
3 *trator” means the Administrator of the Federal Avia-*
4 *tion Administration.*

5 (2) *APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—*
6 *The term “appropriate committees of Congress”*
7 *means the Committee on Commerce, Science, and*
8 *Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on*
9 *Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of*
10 *Representatives.*

11 (3) *FAA.—The term “FAA” means the Federal*
12 *Aviation Administration.*

13 (4) *ICAO.—The term “ICAO” means the Inter-*
14 *national Civil Aviation Organization.*

15 (5) *SMS.—The term “SMS” means a safety*
16 *management system.*

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