

Union Calendar No. 461

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4176

[Report No. 115–605]

To strengthen air cargo security, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 31, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi (for himself and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

MARCH 19, 2018

Additional sponsors: Mr. CORREA and Ms. WILSON of Florida

MARCH 19, 2018

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on October 31, 2017]

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 “Strengthening Aviation*
 5 *Security Act of 2017”.*

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

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

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

12 *(2) in paragraph (8), by striking the period at*
 13 *the end and inserting a semicolon; and*

14 *(3) by adding at the end the following new para-*
 15 *graphs:*

16 *“(9) shall require the Federal Air Marshal Serv-*
 17 *ice to utilize a risk-based strategy when allocating re-*
 18 *sources between international and domestic flight cov-*
 19 *erage, including when initially setting its annual tar-*
 20 *get numbers of average daily international and do-*
 21 *mestic flights to cover;*

22 *“(10) shall require the Federal Air Marshal*
 23 *Service to utilize a risk-based strategy to support do-*
 24 *mestic allocation decisions;*

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

4 “(12) shall ensure that the seating arrangements
5 of Federal air marshals on aircraft are determined in
6 a manner that is risk-based and most capable of re-
7 sponding to current threats to aviation security.”.

8 (b) *REPORT*.—Not later than 270 days after the date
9 of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Trans-
10 portation Security Administration shall submit to the Com-
11 mittee on Homeland Security of the House of Representa-
12 tives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-
13 ernmental Affairs and the Committee on Commerce,
14 Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report that de-
15 scribes the compliance of the Federal Air Marshal Service
16 with the requirements specified in paragraphs (9) through
17 (12) of subsection (a) of section 44917 of title 49, United
18 States Code, as added by this Act, and the documented
19 methodology used by the Federal Air Marshal Service to
20 conduct risk assessments in accordance with such para-
21 graphs.

22 (c) *EFFECTIVE DATE*.—The Transportation Security
23 Administration shall begin carrying out the requirements
24 specified in paragraphs (9) through (12) of subsection (a)
25 of section 44917, United States Code, added by this Act,

- 1 *by not later than the date that is 180 days after the date*
- 2 *of the enactment of this Act.*

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