

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6461

AN ACT

To amend title 49, United States Code, to establish in the Transportation Security Administration a National Deployment Office, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “TSA National Deploy-
3 ment Force Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL DEPLOYMENT OFFICE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 449 of
6 title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
7 end the following new section:

8 **“§ 44947. National Deployment Office**

9 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established within
10 the Transportation Security Administration a National
11 Deployment Office, to be headed by an individual with su-
12 pervisory experience. Such individual shall be designated
13 by the Administrator of the Transportation Security Ad-
14 ministration.

15 “(b) DUTIES.—The individual designated as the head
16 of the National Deployment Office shall be responsible for
17 the following:

18 “(1) Maintaining a National Deployment Force
19 within the Transportation Security Administration
20 that is comprised of transportation security officers,
21 including supervisory transportation security officers
22 and lead transportation security officers, to provide
23 the Administration with rapid and efficient response
24 capabilities and augment the Department of Home-
25 land Security’s homeland security operations to miti-
26 gate and reduce risk, including for the following:

1 “(A) Airports temporarily requiring addi-
2 tional security personnel due to an emergency,
3 seasonal demands, hiring shortfalls, severe
4 weather conditions, passenger volume mitiga-
5 tion, equipment support, or other reasons.

6 “(B) Special events requiring enhanced se-
7 curity including National Special Security
8 Events, as determined by the Secretary of
9 Homeland Security.

10 “(C) Response in the aftermath of any
11 manmade disaster, including any terrorist at-
12 tack.

13 “(D) Other such situations, as determined
14 by the Administrator.

15 “(2) Educating transportation security officers
16 regarding how to participate in the Administration’s
17 National Deployment Force.

18 “(3) Recruiting officers to serve on the Na-
19 tional Deployment Force, in accordance with a staff-
20 ing model to be developed by the Administrator.

21 “(4) Approving one-year appointments for offi-
22 cers to serve on the National Deployment Force,
23 with an option to extend upon officer request and
24 with the approval of the appropriate Federal Secu-
25 rity Director.

1 “(5) Training officers to serve on the National
2 Deployment Force.”.

3 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for sub-
4 chapter II of chapter 449 of title 49, United States Code,
5 is amended by adding at the end the following new item:
 “44947. National Deployment Office.”.

6 **SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**

7 Subsection (f) of section 114 of title 49, United
8 States Code, is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (14), by striking “and” after
10 the semicolon at the end;

11 (2) by redesignating paragraph (15) as para-
12 graph (16); and

13 (3) by inserting after paragraph (14) the fol-
14 lowing new paragraph:

15 “(15) establish and maintain a National De-
16 ployment Office as required under section 44947 of
17 this title; and”.

18 **SEC. 4. CAREER DEVELOPMENT.**

19 The Administrator of the Transportation Security
20 Administration may consider service in the National De-
21 ployment Force as a positive factor when evaluating appli-
22 cants for promotion opportunities within the Transpor-
23 tation Security Administration.

1 **SEC. 5. ANNUAL REPORT.**

2 Not later than one year after the date of enactment
3 of this Act and annually thereafter for five years, the Ad-
4 ministrator of the Transportation Security Administration
5 shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security of
6 the House of Representatives and Committee on Com-
7 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report
8 regarding activities of the National Deployment Office, in-
9 cluding the National Deployment Force, established under
10 section 44947 of title 49, United States Code, as added
11 by section 2 of this Act. Each such report shall include
12 information relating to the following:

13 (1) When, where, why, how many, and for how
14 long the National Deployment Force was deployed
15 throughout the 12-month period covered by such re-
16 port and the costs associated with such deployment.

17 (2) A description of collaboration between the
18 National Deployment Office and other components
19 of the Department of Homeland Security, other
20 Federal agencies, and State and local transportation
21 security stakeholders.

22 (3) The size of the National Deployment Force,
23 including information on the staffing model of such
24 Force and adherence to such model as established by
25 the Administrator.

1 (4) Information on recruitment, appointment,
2 and training activities, including processes utilized to
3 attract, recruit, appoint, and train officers to serve
4 on the National Deployment Force.

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2018.

Attest:

Clerk.

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