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S. 3296

To require the TSA to develop a plan to ensure that TSA material disseminated in major airports can be better understood by more people accessing such airports, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 1, 2021

Ms. ROSEN (for herself and Mr. CORNYN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

DECEMBER 12, 2022

Reported by Ms. CANTWELL, with amendments

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “TSA Reaching Across
3 Nationalities, Societies, and Languages to Advance Trav-
4 eler Education Act” or the “TRANSLATE Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. PLAN TO IMPROVE MATERIALS DISSEMINATED BY**
6 **TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRA-**
7 **TION.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
9 date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall
10 submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
11 Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on
12 Homeland Security of the House of Representatives a plan
13 to ensure that TSA material disseminated in major air-
14 ports can be better understood by individuals accessing
15 such airports.

16 (b) CONTENTS.—The plan required under subsection
17 (a) shall include the following:

18 (1) An identification of the most common lan-
19 guages other than English that are the primary lan-
20 guages of individuals that travel through or work in
21 each major airport.

22 (2) A plan to improve—

23 (A) TSA materials to communicate infor-
24 mation in languages identified pursuant to
25 paragraph (1); and

1 (B) the communication of TSA material to
 2 individuals with vision or hearing impairments
 3 or other possible barriers to understanding such
 4 material.

5 (c) CONSIDERATIONS.—In developing the plan re-
 6 quired under subsection (a), the Administrator, acting
 7 through the Office of Civil Rights and Liberties, Ombuds-
 8 man, and Traveler Engagement of the Transportation Se-
 9 curity Administration, shall consider data regarding the
 10 following:

11 (1) International enplanement.

12 (2) Local populations surrounding major air-
 13 ports.

14 (3) *Languages spoken by members of Indian*
 15 *Tribes within each service area population in which*
 16 *a major airport is located.*

17 (d) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 180 days
 18 after the submission of the plan required under subsection
 19 (a), the Administrator, *in consultation with the owner or*
 20 *operator of each major airport*, shall implement such plan.

21 (e) GAO REVIEW.—Not later than 1 year after the
 22 implementation pursuant to subsection (d) of the plan re-
 23 quired under subsection (a), the Comptroller General of
 24 the United States shall—

1 (1) conduct a review of such implementation;
2 and

3 (2) submit to the Committee on Commerce,
4 Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the
5 Committee on Homeland Security of the House of
6 Representatives a report on such review.

7 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
9 trator” means the Administrator of the Transpor-
10 tation Security Administration.

11 (2) INDIAN TRIBE.—*The term “Indian Tribe”*
12 *means an Indian Tribe, as defined in section 102 of*
13 *the Federally Recognized Indian Tribe List Act of*
14 *1994 (25 U.S.C. 5130), individually identified (in-*
15 *cluding parenthetically) in the list published most re-*
16 *cently as of the date of enactment of this Act pursu-*
17 *ant to section 104 of that Act (25 U.S.C. 5131).*

18 ~~(2)~~(3) MAJOR AIRPORT.—The term “major air-
19 port” means an airport classified by the Transpor-
20 tation Security Administration as a Category X or
21 Category I airport.

22 ~~(3)~~(4) NON-TRAVELING INDIVIDUAL.—The term
23 “non-traveling individual” has the meaning given
24 such term in section 1560.3 of title 49, Code of Fed-
25 eral Regulations.

1 ~~(4)~~(5) TSA MATERIAL.—The term “TSA mate-
2 rial” means signs, videos, audio messages, websites,
3 press releases, social media postings, and other com-
4 munications published and disseminated by the Ad-
5 ministrator in major airports for use by both trav-
6 eling and non-traveling individuals.

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