

115TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H. R. 6461

To amend title 49, United States Code, to establish in the Transportation Security Administration a National Deployment Office, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. Watson Coleman (for herself and Mr. Katko) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

A BILL

- 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,
 - 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
 - 4 This Act may be cited as the "TSA National Deploy-
 - 5 ment Force Act".
 - 6 SEC. 2. NATIONAL DEPLOYMENT OFFICE.
 - 7 (a) In General.—Subchapter II of chapter 449 of
 - 8 title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
 - 9 end the following new section:

1 "§ 44947. National Deployment Office

2	"(a) Establishment.—There is established within
3	the Transportation Security Administration a National
4	Deployment Office, to be headed by an individual with su-
5	pervisory experience. Such individual shall be designated
6	by the Administrator of the Transportation Security Ad-
7	ministration.
8	"(b) Duties.—The individual designated as the head
9	of the National Deployment Office shall be responsible for
0	the following:
1	"(1) Maintaining a National Deployment Force
2	within the Transportation Security Administration
3	that is comprised of transportation security officers,
4	including supervisory transportation security officers
5	and lead transportation security officers, to provide
6	the Administration with rapid and efficient response
7	capabilities and augment the Department of Home-
8	land Security's homeland security operations to miti-
9	gate and reduce risk, including for the following:
20	"(A) Airports temporarily requiring addi-
21	tional security personnel due to an emergency,
22	seasonal demands, hiring shortfalls, severe
23	weather conditions, passenger volume mitiga-
24	tion, equipment support, or other reasons.
25	"(B) Special events requiring enhanced se-
26	curity including National Special Security

1	Events, as determined by the Secretary of
2	Homeland Security.
3	"(C) Response in the aftermath of any
4	manmade disaster, including any terrorist at-
5	tack.
6	"(D) Other such situations, as determined
7	by the Administrator.
8	"(2) Educating transportation security officers
9	regarding how to participate in the Administration's
10	National Deployment Force.
11	"(3) Recruiting officers to serve on the Na-
12	tional Deployment Force, in accordance with a staff-
13	ing model to be developed by the Administrator.
14	"(4) Approving one-year appointments for offi-
15	cers to serve on the National Deployment Force,
16	with an option to extend upon officer request and
17	with the approval of the appropriate Federal Secu-
18	rity Director.
19	"(5) Training officers to serve on the National
20	Deployment Force.".
21	(b) Clerical Amendment.—The analysis for sub-
22	chapter II of chapter 449 of title 49, United States Code,
23	is amended by adding at the end the following new item:
	"44947. National Deployment Office.".

SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.

- 2 Subsection (f) of section 114 of title 49, United
- 3 States Code, is amended—
- 4 (1) in paragraph (14), by striking "and" after
- 5 the semicolon at the end;
- 6 (2) by redesignating paragraph (15) as para-
- 7 graph (16); and
- 8 (3) by inserting after paragraph (14) the fol-
- 9 lowing new paragraph:
- 10 "(15) establish and maintain a National De-
- ployment Office as required under section 44947 of
- this title; and".
- 13 SEC. 4. CAREER DEVELOPMENT.
- 14 The Administrator of the Transportation Security
- 15 Administration may consider service in the National De-
- 16 ployment Force as a positive factor when evaluating appli-
- 17 cants for promotion opportunities within the Transpor-
- 18 tation Security Administration.
- 19 SEC. 5. ANNUAL REPORT.
- Not later than one year after the date of enactment
- 21 of this Act and annually thereafter for five years, the Ad-
- 22 ministrator of the Transportation Security Administration
- 23 shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security of
- 24 the House of Representatives and Committee on Com-
- 25 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report
- 26 regarding activities of the National Deployment Office, in-

- 1 cluding the National Deployment Force, established under
- 2 section 44947 of title 49, United States Code, as added
- 3 by section 2 of this Act. Each such report shall include
- 4 information relating to the following:

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- 5 (1) When, where, why, how many, and for how 6 long the National Deployment Force was deployed 7 throughout the 12-month period covered by such re-8 port and the costs associated with such deployment.
 - (2) A description of collaboration between the National Deployment Office and other components of the Department of Homeland Security, other Federal agencies, and State and local transportation security stakeholders.
 - (3) The size of the National Deployment Force, including information on the staffing model of such Force and adherence to such model as established by the Administrator.
 - (4) Information on recruitment, appointment, and training activities, including processes utilized to attract, recruit, appoint, and train officers to serve on the National Deployment Force.