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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

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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

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 “TSA Reaching Across
5 Nationalities, Societies, and Languages to Advance Trav-
6 eler Education Act” or the “TRANSLATE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PLAN TO IMPROVE MATERIALS DISSEMINATED BY**
2 **TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRA-**
3 **TION.**

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

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

14 (1) An identification of the most common lan-
15 guages other than English that are the primary lan-
16 guages of individuals that travel through or work in
17 each major airport.

18 (2) A plan to improve—

19 (A) TSA materials to communicate infor-
20 mation in languages identified pursuant to
21 paragraph (1); and

22 (B) the communication of TSA material to
23 individuals with vision or hearing impairments
24 or other possible barriers to understanding such
25 material.

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

7 (1) International enplanement.

8 (2) Local populations surrounding major air-
9 ports.

10 (d) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 180 days
11 after the submission of the plan required under subsection
12 (a), the Administrator shall implement such plan.

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

17 (1) conduct a review of such implementation;
18 and

19 (2) submit to the Committee on Commerce,
20 Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the
21 Committee on Homeland Security of the House of
22 Representatives a report on such review.

23 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

4 (2) MAJOR AIRPORT.—The term “major air-
5 port” means an airport classified by the Transpor-
6 tation Security Administration as a Category X or
7 Category I airport.

8 (3) NON-TRAVELING INDIVIDUAL.—The term
9 “non-traveling individual” has the meaning given
10 such term in section 1560.3 of title 49, Code of Fed-
11 eral Regulations.

12 (4) TSA MATERIAL.—The term “TSA mate-
13 rial” means signs, videos, audio messages, websites,
14 press releases, social media postings, and other com-
15 munications published and disseminated by the Ad-
16 ministrator in major airports for use by both trav-
17 eling and non-traveling individuals.

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