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H. R. 3669

[Report No. 115–346]

To improve and streamline security procedures related to general aviation and commercial charter air carrier utilizing risk-based security standards, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 1, 2017

Mr. ESTES of Kansas (for himself and Mr. McCAUL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

OCTOBER 12, 2017

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

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on September 1, 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 “Securing General Avia-*
5 *tion and Commercial Charter Air Carrier Service Act of*
6 *2017”.*

7 **SEC. 2. WEB-BASED SECURE FLIGHT COST AND FEASIBILITY**
8 **STUDY.**

9 *Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment*
10 *of this Act, the Administrator of the Transportation Secu-*
11 *rity Administration shall conduct a study to determine the*
12 *cost and feasibility of establishing web-based access to Se-*
13 *cure Flight for commercial charter air carriers.*

14 **SEC. 3. SCREENING IN AREAS OTHER THAN PASSENGER**
15 **TERMINALS.**

16 *(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Trans-*
17 *portation Security Administration is authorized to provide*
18 *screening services to a commercial charter air carrier in*
19 *areas other than primary passenger terminals of airports*
20 *upon the request of such carrier.*

21 *(b) REQUEST.—A commercial charter air carrier that*
22 *wants screening services to be provided to such carrier in*
23 *an area other than a primary passenger terminal shall re-*
24 *quest the Federal Security Director for the airport at which*
25 *such services are requested.*

1 (c) *AVAILABILITY.*—*A Federal Security Director may*
 2 *elect to provide screening services under this section if such*
 3 *services are available.*

4 (d) *AGREEMENTS.*—*The Administrator of the Trans-*
 5 *portation Security Administration shall enter into an*
 6 *agreement with a commercial charter air carrier for com-*
 7 *pensation from such carrier requesting the use of screening*
 8 *services under this section for all reasonable costs in addi-*
 9 *tion to overtime costs that are incurred in the provision*
 10 *of such services.*

11 **SEC. 4. REPORT ON GENERAL AVIATION SECURITY AND SE-**
 12 **LECT AVIATION SECURITY TOPICS.**

13 *Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment*
 14 *of this Act, the Administrator of the Transportation Secu-*
 15 *rity Administration, in consultation with the Aviation Se-*
 16 *curity Advisory Committee, shall, consistent with the re-*
 17 *quirements of paragraphs (6) and (7) of section 44946(b)*
 18 *of title 49, United States Code, submit to the Committee*
 19 *on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives and*
 20 *the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation*
 21 *of the Senate an implementation plan, including an imple-*
 22 *mentation schedule, for any of the following recommenda-*
 23 *tions that were adopted by the Aviation Security Advisory*
 24 *Committee and with which the Administrator has con-*
 25 *curred before the date of the enactment of this Act:*

1 (1) *The recommendation regarding general avia-*
2 *tion access to Ronald Reagan Washington National*
3 *Airport, as adopted on February 17, 2015.*

4 (2) *The recommendation regarding the vetting of*
5 *persons seeking flight training in the United States,*
6 *as adopted on July 28, 2016.*

7 (3) *Any other such recommendations relevant to*
8 *the security of general aviation adopted before the*
9 *date of the enactment of this Act.*

10 **SEC. 5. DESIGNATED STAFFING FOR GENERAL AVIATION.**

11 *The Administrator of the Transportation Security Ad-*
12 *ministration is authorized to designate not fewer than one*
13 *full time employee of the Administration to be responsible*
14 *for engagement with general aviation stakeholders and*
15 *manage issues related to general aviation.*

16 **SEC. 6. SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS.**

17 *Not later than one year after the date of the enactment*
18 *of this Act, the Administrator of the Transportation Secu-*
19 *rity Administration, in consultation with the Aviation Se-*
20 *curity Advisory Committee, shall provide to the Committee*
21 *on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives and*
22 *the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation*
23 *of the Senate a report on the feasibility of requiring security*
24 *threat assessments for all candidates seeking flight school*
25 *training in the operation of any aircraft having a max-*

1 *imum certificated takeoff weight of more than 12,500*
2 *pounds to further enhance the vetting of persons seeking*
3 *such training in the United States.*

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