### <sup>113TH CONGRESS</sup> 2D SESSION H.R.4802

### AN ACT

- To improve intergovernmental planning for and communication during security incidents at domestic airports, 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 "Gerardo Hernandez3 Airport Security Act of 2014".

### 4 SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

5 In this Act:

6 (1) ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—The term "Assist7 ant Secretary" means the Assistant Secretary of
8 Homeland Security (Transportation Security) of the
9 Department of Homeland Security.

10 (2) ADMINISTRATION.—The term "Administra11 tion" means the Transportation Security Adminis12 tration.

#### 13 SEC. 3. SECURITY INCIDENT RESPONSE AT AIRPORTS.

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Secretary shall, in consultation with the Administrator of the Federal Emer-15 16 gency Management Agency, conduct outreach to all airports in the United States at which the Administration 17 18 performs, or oversees the implementation and performance 19 of, security measures, and provide technical assistance as 20 necessary, to verify such airports have in place individualized working plans for responding to security incidents in-21 22 side the perimeter of the airport, including active shooters, 23 acts of terrorism, and incidents that target passenger-24 screening checkpoints.

(b) TYPES OF PLANS.—Such plans may include, but26 may not be limited to, the following:

1	(1) A strategy for evacuating and providing
2	care to persons inside the perimeter of the airport,
3	with consideration given to the needs of persons with
4	disabilities.
5	(2) A plan for establishing a unified command,
6	including identification of staging areas for non-air-
7	port-specific law enforcement and fire response.
8	(3) A schedule for regular testing of commu-
9	nications equipment used to receive emergency calls.
10	(4) An evaluation of how emergency calls placed
11	by persons inside the perimeter of the airport will
12	reach airport police in an expeditious manner.
13	(5) A practiced method and plan to commu-
14	nicate with travelers and all other persons inside the
15	perimeter of the airport.
16	(6) To the extent practicable, a projected max-
17	imum timeframe for law enforcement response.
18	(7) A schedule of joint exercises and training to
19	be conducted by the airport, the Administration,
20	other stakeholders such as airport and airline ten-
21	ants, and any relevant law enforcement, airport po-
22	lice, fire, and medical personnel.
23	(8) A schedule for producing after-action joint
24	exercise reports to identify and determine how to im-
25	prove security incident response capabilities.

1 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 90 days 2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Assistant 3 Secretary shall report to the Committee on Homeland Se-4 curity of the House of Representatives and the Committee 5 on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate on the findings from its outreach to airports under sub-6 7 section (a), including an analysis of the level of prepared-8 ness such airports have to respond to security incidents, 9 including active shooters, acts of terrorism, and incidents 10 that target passenger-screening checkpoints.

### 11SEC. 4. DISSEMINATING INFORMATION ON BEST PRAC-12TICES.

13 The Assistant Secretary shall—

14 (1) identify best practices that exist across air15 ports for security incident planning, management,
16 and training; and

17 (2) establish a mechanism through which to
18 share such best practices with other airport opera19 tors nationwide.

### 20 SEC. 5. CERTIFICATION.

Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment
of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Assistant Secretary shall certify in writing to the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives and the
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of

the Senate that all screening personnel have participated
 in practical training exercises for active shooter scenarios.

### **3 SEC. 6. REIMBURSABLE AGREEMENTS.**

4 Not later than 90 days after the enactment of this 5 Act, the Assistant Secretary shall provide to the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representa-6 7 tives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and 8 Transportation of the Senate an analysis of how the Ad-9 ministration can use cost savings achieved through effi-10 ciencies to increase over the next 5 fiscal years the funding available for checkpoint screening law enforcement sup-11 12 port reimbursable agreements.

## 13 SEC. 7. NO ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA14 TIONS.

No additional funds are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act, and this Act shall be carried
out using amounts otherwise available for such purpose.
SEC. 8. INTEROPERABILITY REVIEW.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
date of enactment of this Act, the Assistant Secretary
shall, in consultation with the Assistant Secretary of the
Office of Cybersecurity and Communications, conduct a
review of the interoperable communications capabilities of
the law enforcement, fire, and medical personnel responsible for responding to a security incident, including active

shooter events, acts of terrorism, and incidents that target
 passenger-screening checkpoints, at all airports in the
 United States at which the Administration performs, or
 oversees the implementation and performance of, security
 measures.

6 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after the com-7 pletion of the review, the Assistant Secretary shall report 8 the findings of the review to the Committee on Homeland 9 Security of the House of Representatives and the Com-10 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the 11 Senate.

> Passed the House of Representatives July 22, 2014. Attest:

> > Clerk.

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