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To direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to establish a task force on pilot manual reform, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BROWN of Maryland (for himself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, and Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Pilot Training En-
5 hancement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PILOT MANUAL REFORM.**

7 (a) TASK FORCE.—

8 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 90 days
9 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Adminis-

1 trator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall
2 establish a Pilot Manual Reform Task Force (in this
3 section referred to as the “Task Force”).

4 (2) MEMBERSHIP.—The Task Force shall be
5 composed of an equal number of representatives of
6 the following individuals, industries, and entities, ap-
7 pointed by the Administrator:

8 (A) Individuals appointed by an organiza-
9 tion representing certified collective bargaining
10 representatives of airline pilots.

11 (B) Air carriers.

12 (C) Aircraft manufacturers.

13 (D) Members of the Federal Aviation Ad-
14 ministration that are essential, as determined
15 by the Administrator.

16 (E) Aviation safety experts.

17 (3) CHAIRPERSON.—The chairperson of the
18 Task Force shall—

19 (A) be selected from among the members
20 of the Task Force by a majority vote of such
21 members; and

22 (B) shall serve until replaced by a majority
23 vote of the members of the Task Force.

24 (4) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Task Force
25 shall—

1 (A) with respect to the Airplane Flight
2 Manual, Flightcrew Operating Manual, Quick
3 Reference Handbook, Flight Crew Training
4 Manual, and Memory Items for aircraft used to
5 provide air transportation under part 121 of
6 title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, make rec-
7 ommendations on—

8 (i) how to properly ensure that all
9 necessary systems are represented in such
10 manuals and items;

11 (ii) how to properly ensure that all
12 system changes are represented in such
13 manuals and items;

14 (iii) the changes the Task Force
15 would make to the regulations process re-
16 garding such manuals and items;

17 (iv) a documented process to deter-
18 mine what information the Federal Avia-
19 tion Administration will be required to in-
20 clude in such manuals and items; and

21 (v) any other process or information
22 determined necessary by the Task Force;

23 (B) with respect to flight simulator train-
24 ing devices under part 60 of title 14, Code of
25 Federal Regulations, assess—

1 (i) pilot access to simulators and
2 make recommendations, if the Task Force
3 determines necessary, on how to improve
4 such access; and

5 (ii) pilot simulator training require-
6 ments and make recommendations, if the
7 Task Force determines necessary, on how
8 to improve such requirements; and

9 (C) not later than 180 days after the es-
10 tablishment of the Task Force, submit to the
11 Administrator the recommendations described
12 in subparagraph (A).

13 (5) TERMINATION.—The Task Force shall ter-
14 minate on the date of submission of the rec-
15 ommendations described in paragraph (4)(C).

16 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
17 of submission of the recommendations described in sub-
18 section (a)(4)(C), the Administrator shall submit to the
19 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the
20 House of Representatives and the Committee on Com-
21 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report
22 containing a plan to address such recommendations.

23 (c) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 180 days after
24 the date of submission of the recommendations required
25 under subsection (a)(4)(B), the Administrator—

1 (1) may issue such regulations as are necessary
2 to require each aircraft manufacturer and air carrier
3 to update each Airplane Flight Manual, Flightcrew
4 Operating Manual, Quick Reference Handbook,
5 Flight Crew Training Manual, and Memory Items in
6 accordance with the recommendations described in
7 subsection (a)(4);

8 (2) may issue such regulations as are necessary
9 to require the appropriate level and amount of simu-
10 lator training for pilots based on science and pro-
11 ficiency for each defined task or training objective;
12 and

13 (3) if the Administrator does not issue regula-
14 tions under paragraph (2), shall publish in the Fed-
15 eral Register an explanation of the reason that the
16 Administrator did not issue such regulations.

17 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “air
18 carrier” and “aircraft” have the meanings given such
19 terms in section 40102 of title 49, United States Code.

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