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S. 2987

To require the Transportation Security Administration to establish pilot programs to develop and test airport security systems, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. GARDNER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

To require the Transportation Security Administration to establish pilot programs to develop and test airport security systems, 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 “Safe, Convenient, Reli-
5 able, Efficient, Effective, Next-Generation, Functional,
6 and Secure TSA Act of 2016” or the “SCREEN FAST
7 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM FOR INCREASED EFFICIENCY AND**
2 **SECURITY AT CATEGORY X AIRPORTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Trans-
4 portation Security Administration shall establish a pilot
5 program at 3 airports to reconfigure and install security
6 systems that increase efficiency and reduce vulnerabilities
7 in airport terminals, particularly at airports that have
8 large open areas where screening is conducted.

9 (b) SELECTION OF AIRPORTS.—In selecting airports
10 for the pilot program established under subsection (a), the
11 Administrator shall—

12 (1) select airports from among airports classi-
13 fied by the Transportation Security Administration
14 as category X airports and that are able to begin the
15 reconfiguration and installation of security systems
16 expeditiously; and

17 (2) give priority to an airport that—

18 (A) submits a proposal that seeks Federal
19 funding for reconfiguration of the airport's se-
20 curity systems;

21 (B) has the space needed to reduce
22 vulnerabilities and reconfigure the existing secu-
23 rity systems; and

24 (C) is able to enter into a cost-sharing ar-
25 rangement with the Transportation Security
26 Administration under which the airport will

1 provided funding equal to 25 percent of the cost
2 of the pilot program.

3 **SEC. 3. PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND**
4 **TESTING OF PROTOTYPES FOR AIRPORT SE-**
5 **CURITY SYSTEMS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Trans-
7 portation Security Administration shall establish a pilot
8 program at 3 airports to develop and test prototypes of
9 screening security systems and security checkpoint con-
10 figurations to expedite the movement of passengers by de-
11 ploying a range of technologies including passive and ac-
12 tive systems, new types of security baggage and personal
13 screening systems, and new systems to review and address
14 passenger and baggage anomalies.

15 (b) SELECTION OF AIRPORTS.—In selecting airports
16 for the pilot program established under subsection (a), the
17 Administrator shall—

18 (1) select airports from among airports classi-
19 fied by the Transportation Security Administration
20 as category X airports that are able to begin the re-
21 configuration and installation of security systems ex-
22 peditiously;

23 (2) consider the space available at airports and
24 the ability of airports to test prototypes; and

25 (3) give priority to an airport that—

1 (A) submits a proposal that seeks Federal
2 funding to test prototypes for new airport secu-
3 rity systems;

4 (B) has the space needed to reduce
5 vulnerabilities and reconfigure the existing secu-
6 rity systems; and

7 (C) is able to enter into a cost-sharing ar-
8 rangement with the Transportation Security
9 Administration under which the airport will
10 provided funding equal to 25 percent of the cost
11 of the pilot program.

12 **SEC. 4. REPORT REQUIRED.**

13 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-
14 ment of this Act, the Administrator shall submit to the
15 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of
16 the Senate and the Committee on Homeland Security of
17 the House of Representatives a report on the pilot pro-
18 grams established under sections 2 and 3.

19 **SEC. 5. FUNDING.**

20 The Administrator of the Transportation Security
21 Administration shall carry out the pilot programs estab-
22 lished under sections 2 and 3 using amounts—

23 (1) appropriated to the Transportation Security
24 Administration before the date of the enactment of

1 this Act and available for obligation as of such date
2 of enactment; and

3 (2) amounts obtained as reimbursements from
4 airports under those pilot programs.

5 **SEC. 6. ACCEPTANCE AND PROVISION OF RESOURCES BY**
6 **THE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINIS-**
7 **TRATION.**

8 Section 114(m) of title 49, United States Code, is
9 amended by adding at the end the following:

10 “(3) ACCEPTANCE AND PROVISION OF RE-
11 SOURCES.—In carrying out the functions of the Ad-
12 ministration, the Under Secretary shall have the au-
13 thority—

14 “(A) to provide or accept services, supplies,
15 equipment, personnel, and facilities, with or
16 without reimbursement, to or from any other
17 public or private entity on such terms as the
18 Under Secretary may consider appropriate and
19 notwithstanding sections 1341 and 1501
20 through 1519 of title 31; and

21 “(B) upon the request of any person, to
22 accept a monetary gift or bequest, to be avail-
23 able until expended, in accordance with the

1 terms of the monetary gift or bequest, to the
2 greatest extent practicable.”.

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