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To direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to address vulnerabilities in aviation security by carrying out a pilot program to screen airport workers with access to secure and sterile areas of airports.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. LOWEY (for herself, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, and Mr. MARKEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

A BILL

To direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to address vulnerabilities in aviation security by carrying out a pilot program to screen airport workers with access to secure and sterile areas of airports.

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. ENHANCED PERIMETER SECURITY AND AC-**
2 **CESS CONTROL THROUGH COMPREHENSIVE**
3 **SCREENING OF AIRPORT WORKERS.**

4 (a) PILOT PROGRAM.—Not later than 120 days after
5 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Assistant Sec-
6 retary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Ad-
7 ministration) shall carry out a pilot program at 5 service
8 airports to screen all airport workers with access to secure
9 and sterile areas of the airport in accordance with section
10 44903(h) of title 49, United States Code.

11 (b) PARTICIPATING AIRPORTS.—At least 2 of the air-
12 ports participating in the pilot program shall be large hub
13 airports (as defined in section 40102 of title 49, United
14 States Code). Each of the remaining airports participating
15 in the pilot program shall represent a different airport se-
16 curity risk category (as defined by the Assistant Sec-
17 retary).

18 (c) SCREENING STANDARDS.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided under
20 paragraph (2), screening for airport workers under
21 the pilot program shall be conducted under the same
22 standards as apply to passengers at airport security
23 screening checkpoints and, at a minimum of 2 air-
24 ports, shall be carried out by private screening com-
25 panies that meet the standards in accordance with
26 section 44920(d) of title 49, United States Code.

1 (2) DESIGNATED SCREENING LANE.—In addi-
2 tion to the requirements under paragraph (1), each
3 airport participating in the pilot program shall des-
4 ignate at least one screening lane at each airport se-
5 curity screening checkpoint to be used exclusively to
6 screen airport workers under the pilot program.

7 (d) VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENTS.—As part of the
8 pilot program under this section, the Assistant Secretary
9 shall conduct a vulnerability assessment of each airport
10 participating in the pilot program. Each such assessment
11 shall include an assessment of vulnerabilities relating to
12 access badge and uniform controls.

13 (e) TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENTS.—Airport operators
14 at each airport at which the pilot program under this sec-
15 tion is implemented shall conduct an assessment of the
16 screening technology being used at that airport and sub-
17 mit the results of the assessment to the Assistant Sec-
18 retary. The Assistant Secretary shall compile the results
19 of all the assessments and provide them to each airport
20 participating in the pilot program.

21 (f) DURATION.—The pilot program shall be carried
22 out for a period of not less than 180 days.

23 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
24 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be
25 necessary to carry out this section.

1 (h) REPORT.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
3 the last day of the pilot program, the Assistant Sec-
4 retary shall submit to the Committee on Homeland
5 Security of the House of Representatives and the
6 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
7 tation of the Senate a report on the results of the
8 pilot program.

9 (2) CONTENTS OF REPORT.—The report shall
10 include the following:

11 (A) An assessment of the effect of screen-
12 ing all airport workers with access to secure
13 and sterile airport areas on screening and
14 logistical resources.

15 (B) An assessment of the security improve-
16 ments that are achieved from screening such
17 workers.

18 (C) An assessment of the costs of screen-
19 ing such workers.

20 (D) The results of the vulnerability assess-
21 ments conducted under subsection (d).

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