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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NADLER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## 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 “Aviation Antiterrorism  
5 Act of 1996”.

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1 **SEC. 2. INSTALLATION AND USE OF EXPLOSIVE DETECTION**  
2 **EQUIPMENT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 44913 of title 49, United  
4 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

5 **“§ 44913. Explosive material detection and contain-**  
6 **ment**

7 “(a) INSTALLATION AND USE OF EXPLOSIVE DETEC-  
8 TION EQUIPMENT.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days  
10 after the date of the enactment of this section, the  
11 Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administra-  
12 tion shall—

13 “(A) set minimum standards for equip-  
14 ment that, alone or as part of an integrated  
15 system, can detect under realistic air carrier op-  
16 erating conditions, the amounts, configurations,  
17 and types of explosive material that would likely  
18 be used to cause catastrophic damage to a com-  
19 mercial aircraft; and

20 “(B) require all air carriers and foreign air  
21 carriers providing air transportation or intra-  
22 state air transportation to install and use, as  
23 expeditiously as possible, such equipment to  
24 screen all passenger baggage and all other  
25 cargo for explosives at the airports (whether lo-

1 cated within or outside the United States) used  
2 by such carriers to provide such transportation.

3 “(b) INSTALLATION OF EXPLOSIVE RESISTANT  
4 CARGO CONTAINERS.—Not later than 60 days after the  
5 date of the enactment of this section, the Administrator  
6 shall—

7 “(1) set minimum standards for cargo contain-  
8 ers that can withstand explosions caused by the  
9 types of explosive material that would likely be used  
10 to cause catastrophic damage to commercial aircraft;  
11 and

12 “(2) require all air carriers and foreign air car-  
13 riers providing air transportation or intrastate air  
14 transportation to install and use, as expeditiously as  
15 possible, such equipment.

16 “(c) GRANTS.—The Secretary of Transportation may  
17 provide grants to continue the Explosive Detection K-9  
18 Team Training Program to detect explosives at airports  
19 and on aircraft.”.

20 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
21 tions for chapter 449 of such title is amended by striking  
22 the item relating to section 44913 and inserting the fol-  
23 lowing:

“44913. Explosive material detection and containment.”.

1 **SEC. 4. AVIATION SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 471 of  
3 title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the  
4 end the following:

5 **“§ 47132. Aviation security assistance programs**

6 “(a) AIR CARRIER SECURITY ASSISTANCE PRO-  
7 GRAM.—Subject to such terms and conditions as the Ad-  
8 ministrator of the Federal Aviation Administration may  
9 establish, the Administrator is authorized to make grants  
10 from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund established  
11 under section 9502 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986  
12 (26 U.S.C. 9502) to make grants to air carriers required  
13 to install and use explosive detection equipment, explosive  
14 resistant cargo containers, or both under section 44913  
15 of this title to pay up to 100 percent of the cost of acquir-  
16 ing such equipment and containers.

17 “(b) FUNDING.—

18 “(1) CONTRACT AUTHORITY.—The Adminis-  
19 trator is authorized to incur obligations to make  
20 grants from funds made available under this section.

21 “(2) INAPPLICABILITY OF OBLIGATION CEIL-  
22 INGS.—Funds made available by this section shall  
23 not be subject to any obligation ceiling.”.

1           (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
2 tions for such chapter is amended by inserting after the  
3 item relating to section 47131 the following:

“47132. Aviation security assistance programs.”.

