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To require certain improvements in the Transportation Security Administration's PreCheck expedited screening program, and for other purposes.

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Mr. KATKO (for himself, Mr. McCAUL, and Mr. ROGERS of Alabama) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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 “TSA PreCheck Expan-
5 sion Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
2 trator” means the Administrator of the Transpor-
3 tation Security Administration.

4 (2) DEPARTMENT.—The term “Department”
5 means the Department of Homeland Security.

6 (3) TSA.—The term “TSA” means the Trans-
7 portation Security Administration.

8 **SEC. 3. ENROLLMENT EXPANSION.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
10 date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator
11 shall—

12 (1) establish PreCheck application enrollment
13 standards to add multiple private sector application
14 capabilities for the TSA PreCheck program to in-
15 crease the public’s enrollment access to such pro-
16 gram, including standards that allow the use of se-
17 cure technologies, including online enrollment, ki-
18 osks, tablets, or staffed laptop stations at which in-
19 dividuals can apply for entry into such program;

20 (2) coordinate with interested parties to deploy
21 TSA-approved ready-to-market private sector solu-
22 tions that meet the TSA PreCheck application en-
23 rollment standards described in paragraph (1), make
24 available additional PreCheck enrollment capabili-

1 ties, and offer secure online and mobile enrollment
2 opportunities;

3 (3) partner with the private sector to collect
4 biographic and biometric identification information
5 via kiosks, mobile devices, or other mobile enroll-
6 ment platforms to reduce the number of instances in
7 which passengers need to travel to enrollment cen-
8 ters;

9 (4) ensure that the kiosks, mobile devices, or
10 other mobile enrollment platforms referred to in
11 paragraph (3) are certified as secure and not vulner-
12 able to data breaches; and

13 (5) ensure that any biometric and biographic
14 information is collected in a manner which ensures
15 privacy and data security protections, including that
16 applicants' personally identifiable information is
17 handled only by individuals who have been properly
18 vetted.

19 (b) **MARKETING OF PRECHECK PROGRAM.**—Not
20 later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this
21 Act, the Administrator shall—

22 (1) in accordance with the standards described
23 in paragraph (1) of subsection (a), develop and im-
24 plement—

1 (A) a process, including an associated
2 timeframe, for approving private sector mar-
3 keting of the TSA PreCheck program; and

4 (B) a strategy for partnering with the pri-
5 vate sector to encourage enrollment in such pro-
6 gram; and

7 (2) submit to Congress a report on any
8 PreCheck fees collected in excess of the costs of ad-
9 ministering such program, including recommenda-
10 tions for using such amounts to support marketing
11 of such program under this subsection.

12 (c) IDENTITY VERIFICATION ENHANCEMENT.—Not
13 later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this
14 Act, the Administrator shall—

15 (1) coordinate with the heads of appropriate
16 components of the Department to leverage Depart-
17 ment-held data and technologies to verify the citizen-
18 ship of individuals who want to enroll in the TSA
19 PreCheck program; and

20 (2) partner with the private sector to use ad-
21 vanced biometrics and NIST 800–63–2 identity
22 proofing standards to facilitate enrollment in such
23 program.

24 (d) PRECHECK LANE OPERATION.—The Adminis-
25 trator shall—

1 (1) ensure that TSA PreCheck screening lanes
2 are open and available during peak and high-volume
3 travel times at airports to individuals enrolled in the
4 PreCheck program; and

5 (2) make every practicable effort to provide ex-
6 pedited screening at standard screening lanes during
7 times when PreCheck screening lanes are closed to
8 individuals enrolled in such program in order to
9 maintain operational efficiency.

10 (e) RECURRENT VETTING FOR PRECHECK APPLI-
11 CANTS.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the en-
12 actment of this Act, the Administrator shall—

13 (1) ensure that individuals enrolled in the TSA
14 PreCheck program are vetted through the TSA’s
15 terrorist screening databases and make every prac-
16 ticable effort to develop effective recurrent vetting
17 capabilities for disqualifying criminal offenses, and

18 (2) submit to the to the Committee on Home-
19 land Security of the House of Representatives and
20 the Committee on Homeland Security and Govern-
21 mental Affairs and the Committee on Commerce,
22 Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report
23 on the TSA’s recurrent vetting capabilities for indi-
24 viduals enrolled in such program.

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