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2D SESSION

H. R. 4467

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 22, 2018

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science,
and Transportation

AN ACT

To require the Federal Air Marshal Service to utilize risk-based strategies, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Strengthening Aviation
3 Security Act of 2018”.

4 **SEC. 2. USE OF RISK-BASED STRATEGIES BY FEDERAL AIR
5 MARSHAL SERVICE.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 44917
7 of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (7), by striking “and” after
9 the semicolon at the end;

10 (2) in paragraph (8), by striking the period at
11 the end and inserting a semicolon; and

12 (3) by adding at the end the following new
13 paragraphs:

14 “(9) shall require the Federal Air Marshal
15 Service to utilize a risk-based strategy when allo-
16 cating resources between international and domestic
17 flight coverage, including when initially setting its
18 annual target numbers of average daily international
19 and domestic flights to cover;

20 “(10) shall require the Federal Air Marshal
21 Service to utilize a risk-based strategy to support
22 domestic allocation decisions;

23 “(11) shall require the Federal Air Marshal
24 Service to utilize a risk-based strategy to support
25 international allocation decisions; and

1 “(12) shall ensure that the seating arrange-
2 ments of Federal air marshals on aircraft are deter-
3 mined in a manner that is risk-based and most capa-
4 ble of responding to current threats to aviation secu-
5 rity.”.

6 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 270 days after the date
7 of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the
8 Transportation Security Administration shall submit to
9 the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of
10 Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security
11 and Governmental Affairs and the Committee on Com-
12 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report
13 that describes the compliance of the Federal Air Marshal
14 Service with the requirements specified in paragraphs (9)
15 through (12) of subsection (a) of section 44917 of title
16 49, United States Code, as added by this Act, and the
17 documented methodology used by the Federal Air Marshal
18 Service to conduct risk assessments in accordance with
19 such paragraphs.

20 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The Transportation Security
21 Administration shall begin carrying out the requirements
22 specified in paragraphs (9) through (12) of subsection (a)
23 of section 44917, United States Code, added by this Act,

1 by not later than the date that is 180 days after the date
2 of the enactment of this Act.

Passed the House of Representatives March 22,
2018.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.