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H. R. 6461

[Report No. 115–917]

To amend title 49, United States Code, to establish in the Transportation Security Administration a National Deployment Office, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 19, 2018

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN (for herself and Mr. KATKO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union
and ordered to be printed

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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 National Deploy-
5 ment Force Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL DEPLOYMENT OFFICE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 449 of
8 title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
9 end the following new section:

10 **“§ 44947. National Deployment Office**

11 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established within
12 the Transportation Security Administration a National
13 Deployment Office, to be headed by an individual with su-
14 pervisory experience. Such individual shall be designated
15 by the Administrator of the Transportation Security Ad-
16 ministration.

17 “(b) DUTIES.—The individual designated as the head
18 of the National Deployment Office shall be responsible for
19 the following:

20 “(1) Maintaining a National Deployment Force
21 within the Transportation Security Administration
22 that is comprised of transportation security officers,
23 including supervisory transportation security officers
24 and lead transportation security officers, to provide
25 the Administration with rapid and efficient response

1 capabilities and augment the Department of Home-
2 land Security's homeland security operations to miti-
3 gate and reduce risk, including for the following:

4 “(A) Airports temporarily requiring addi-
5 tional security personnel due to an emergency,
6 seasonal demands, hiring shortfalls, severe
7 weather conditions, passenger volume mitiga-
8 tion, equipment support, or other reasons.

9 “(B) Special events requiring enhanced se-
10 curity including National Special Security
11 Events, as determined by the Secretary of
12 Homeland Security.

13 “(C) Response in the aftermath of any
14 manmade disaster, including any terrorist at-
15 tack.

16 “(D) Other such situations, as determined
17 by the Administrator.

18 “(2) Educating transportation security officers
19 regarding how to participate in the Administration's
20 National Deployment Force.

21 “(3) Recruiting officers to serve on the Na-
22 tional Deployment Force, in accordance with a staff-
23 ing model to be developed by the Administrator.

24 “(4) Approving one-year appointments for offi-
25 cers to serve on the National Deployment Force,

1 with an option to extend upon officer request and
2 with the approval of the appropriate Federal Security
3 Director.

4 “(5) Training officers to serve on the National
5 Deployment Force.”.

6 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for sub-
7 chapter II of chapter 449 of title 49, United States Code,
8 is amended by adding at the end the following new item:
“44947. National Deployment Office.”.

9 **SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**

10 Subsection (f) of section 114 of title 49, United
11 States Code, is amended—

12 (1) in paragraph (14), by striking “and” after
13 the semicolon at the end;

14 (2) by redesignating paragraph (15) as para-
15 graph (16); and

16 (3) by inserting after paragraph (14) the fol-
17 lowing new paragraph:

18 “(15) establish and maintain a National De-
19 ployment Office as required under section 44947 of
20 this title; and”.

21 **SEC. 4. CAREER DEVELOPMENT.**

22 The Administrator of the Transportation Security
23 Administration may consider service in the National De-
24 ployment Force as a positive factor when evaluating appli-

1 cants for promotion opportunities within the Transpor-
2 tation Security Administration.

3 **SEC. 5. ANNUAL REPORT.**

4 Not later than one year after the date of enactment
5 of this Act and annually thereafter for five years, the Ad-
6 ministrator of the Transportation Security Administration
7 shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security of
8 the House of Representatives and Committee on Com-
9 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report
10 regarding activities of the National Deployment Office, in-
11 cluding the National Deployment Force, established under
12 section 44947 of title 49, United States Code, as added
13 by section 2 of this Act. Each such report shall include
14 information relating to the following:

15 (1) When, where, why, how many, and for how
16 long the National Deployment Force was deployed
17 throughout the 12-month period covered by such re-
18 port and the costs associated with such deployment.

19 (2) A description of collaboration between the
20 National Deployment Office and other components
21 of the Department of Homeland Security, other
22 Federal agencies, and State and local transportation
23 security stakeholders.

24 (3) The size of the National Deployment Force,
25 including information on the staffing model of such

1 Force and adherence to such model as established by
2 the Administrator.

3 (4) Information on recruitment, appointment,
4 and training activities, including processes utilized to
5 attract, recruit, appoint, and train officers to serve
6 on the National Deployment Force.

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