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H. R. 3691

[Report No. 116–201]

To require the TSA to develop a plan to ensure that TSA material disseminated in major airports can be better understood by more people accessing such airports, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 10, 2019

Ms. TITUS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

Additional sponsor: Mr. TAYLOR

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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 Reaching Across
5 Nationalities, Societies, and Languages to Advance Trav-
6 eler Education Act” or the “TRANSLATE Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. PLAN.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
9 date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of
10 the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) shall
11 submit to the Committee on Homeland Security of the
12 House of Representatives and the Committee on Com-
13 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a plan
14 to ensure that TSA material disseminated in major air-
15 ports can be better understood by more people accessing
16 such airports.

17 (b) CONTENTS.—The plan required under subsection
18 (a) shall include the following:

19 (1) An identification of the most common lan-
20 guages other than English that are the primary lan-
21 guages of individuals that travel through or work in
22 each major airport.

23 (2) A plan to improve—

1 (A) TSA materials to communicate infor-
2 mation in languages identified pursuant to
3 paragraph (1); and

4 (B) the communication of TSA material to
5 individuals with vision or hearing impairments
6 or other possible barriers to understanding such
7 material.

8 (c) CONSIDERATIONS.—In developing the plan re-
9 quired under subsection (a), the Administrator of the
10 TSA, acting through the Office of Civil Rights and Lib-
11 erties, Ombudsman and Traveler Engagement of the TSA,
12 shall take into consideration data regarding the following:

13 (1) International enplanement.

14 (2) Local populations surrounding major air-
15 ports.

16 (d) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 180 days
17 after the submission of the plan required under subsection
18 (a), the Administrator of the TSA shall implement such
19 plan.

20 (e) GAO REVIEW.—Not later than one year after the
21 implementation pursuant to subsection (d) of the plan re-
22 quired under subsection (a), the Comptroller General of
23 the United States shall submit to the Committee on
24 Homeland Security of the House of Representatives and

1 the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
2 of the Senate a review of such implementation.

3 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) AIRPORT.—The term “airport” has the
5 meaning given such term in section 40102 of title
6 49, United States Code.

7 (2) MAJOR AIRPORTS.—The term “major air-
8 ports” means Category X and Category I airports.

9 (3) TSA MATERIAL.—The term “TSA mate-
10 rial” means signs, videos, audio messages, websites,
11 press releases, social media postings, and other com-
12 munications published and disseminated by the Ad-
13 ministrator of the TSA in Category X and Category
14 I airports.

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