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To expedite detainee transport to border patrol processing facilities.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. HEINRICH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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. DEFINITIONS.**

4 In this Act:

5 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
6 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
7 mittees” means—

8 (A) the Committee on Homeland Security
9 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;

10 (B) the Committee on Homeland Security
11 of the House of Representatives;

1 (C) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
2 Senate; and

3 (D) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
4 House of Representatives.

5 (2) REMOTE BORDER PATROL STATION.—The
6 term “remote border patrol station” means a border
7 patrol station located in an area within the United
8 States along the international border between the
9 United States and Mexico that is not within an area
10 defined and designated by the Bureau of the Census
11 as an urbanized area.

12 **SEC. 2. COMMERCIAL DRIVER PROGRAM.**

13 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Commissioner of U.S.
14 Customs and Border Protection shall establish a program
15 to expedite detainee transport to border patrol processing
16 facilities by ensuring that, beginning not later than 1 year
17 after the date of the enactment of this Act—

18 (1) not fewer than 300 border patrol agents as-
19 signed to remote border patrol stations have a com-
20 mercial driver’s license with a passenger endorse-
21 ment for detainee transport;

22 (2) not fewer than 5 border patrol agents who
23 have a commercial driver’s license with a passenger
24 endorsement for detainee transport are available at
25 each remote border patrol station during every shift;

1 (3) not fewer than 3 buses are assigned to each
2 of the El Paso, Laredo, Rio Grande Valley, San
3 Diego, and Tucson sectors and parked (when not in
4 use) at a U.S. Customs and Border Protection facil-
5 ity located in the respective sector; and

6 (4) not fewer than 2 buses are assigned to each
7 of the Big Bend, Del Rio, El Centro, and Yuma sec-
8 tors and parked (when not in use) at a U.S. Cus-
9 toms and Border Protection facility located in the
10 respective sector.

11 (b) RELOCATION.—Buses assigned to specific Border
12 Patrol Sectors pursuant to subsection (a) may be relocated
13 to other sectors in response to changing immigration pat-
14 terns.

15 (c) REDUCING WAIT TIMES AT REMOTE BORDER PA-
16 TROL STATIONS.—The Commissioner shall ensure that
17 sufficient buses are available in each border patrol sector
18 to avoid subjecting detainees to long wait times at remote
19 border patrol stations.

20 (d) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of
21 Homeland Security shall submit quarterly reports to the
22 appropriate congressional committees regarding the aver-
23 age length of detainees' stay at border patrol processing
24 centers.

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