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## AN ACT

To enhance the preparedness of the Transportation Security Administration for public health threats to the transportation security system of the United States, 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 “Transportation Security Public Health Threat Preparedness Act of 2021”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 For purposes of this Act:

6 (1) **ADMINISTRATOR.**—The term “Administrator” means the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration.

9 (2) **APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.**—The term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

12 (A) the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives; and

14 (B) the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate.

18 (3) **DEPARTMENT.**—The term “Department” means the Department of Homeland Security.

20 (4) **STERILE AREA.**—The term “sterile area” has the meaning given such term in section 1540.5 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations.

23 (5) **TSA.**—The term “TSA” means the Transportation Security Administration.

1 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF TSA PERSONNEL DETAILS.**

2 (a) COORDINATION.—Pursuant to sections 106(m)  
3 and 114(m) of title 49, United States Code, the Adminis-  
4 trator may provide TSA personnel, who are not engaged  
5 in front line transportation security efforts, to other com-  
6 ponents of the Department and other Federal agencies to  
7 improve coordination with such components and agencies  
8 to prepare for, protect against, and respond to public  
9 health threats to the transportation security system of the  
10 United States.

11 (b) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days after the  
12 date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall  
13 brief the appropriate congressional committees regarding  
14 efforts to improve coordination with other components of  
15 the Department and other Federal agencies to prepare for,  
16 protect against, and respond to public health threats to  
17 the transportation security system of the United States.

18 **SEC. 4. TSA PREPAREDNESS.**

19 (a) ANALYSIS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall con-  
21 duct an analysis of preparedness of the transpor-  
22 tation security system of the United States for pub-  
23 lic health threats. Such analysis shall assess, at a  
24 minimum, the following:

25 (A) The risks of public health threats to  
26 the transportation security system of the

1 United States, including to transportation hubs,  
2 transportation security stakeholders, TSA per-  
3 sonnel, and passengers.

4 (B) Information sharing challenges among  
5 relevant components of the Department, other  
6 Federal agencies, international entities, and  
7 transportation security stakeholders.

8 (C) Impacts to TSA policies and proce-  
9 dures for securing the transportation security  
10 system.

11 (2) COORDINATION.—The analysis conducted of  
12 the risks described in paragraph (1)(A) shall be con-  
13 ducted in coordination with the Chief Medical Offi-  
14 cer of the Department of Homeland Security, the  
15 Secretary of Health and Human Services, and trans-  
16 portation security stakeholders.

17 (b) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days after the  
18 date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall  
19 brief the appropriate congressional committees on the fol-  
20 lowing:

21 (1) The analysis required under subsection (a).

22 (2) Technologies necessary to combat public  
23 health threats at security screening checkpoints to  
24 better protect from future public health threats TSA  
25 personnel, passengers, aviation workers, and other

1 personnel authorized to access the sterile area of an  
2 airport through such checkpoints, and the estimated  
3 cost of technology investments needed to fully imple-  
4 ment across the aviation system solutions to such  
5 threats.

6 (3) Policies and procedures implemented by  
7 TSA and transportation security stakeholders to  
8 protect from public health threats TSA personnel,  
9 passengers, aviation workers, and other personnel  
10 authorized to access the sterile area through the se-  
11 curity screening checkpoints, as well as future plans  
12 for additional measures relating to such protection.

13 (4) The role of TSA in establishing priorities,  
14 developing solutions, and coordinating and sharing  
15 information with relevant domestic and international  
16 entities during a public health threat to the trans-  
17 portation security system, and how TSA can im-  
18 prove its leadership role in such areas.

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Attest:

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