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# H. R. 6827

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 25, 2022

Mr. KATKO (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. GIMENEZ, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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## 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Securing the Check-  
5 point Property Screening System (S-CPSS) Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROCUREMENT AND DEPLOYMENT EFFORTS OF**  
2 **COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY EQUIPMENT AT**  
3 **AIRPORT CHECKPOINTS.**

4 (a) TSA BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days after  
5 the date of the enactment of this Act and annually there-  
6 after for five years, the Administrator shall brief the ap-  
7 propriate congressional committees regarding planned  
8 procurement and deployment efforts of computed tomog-  
9 raphy equipment at airport checkpoints through the  
10 Checkpoint Property Screening System program to en-  
11 hance detection capabilities for carry-on baggage. Such  
12 briefing shall include information relating to the following:

13 (1) The amount of computed tomography  
14 equipment TSA could procure under the authoriza-  
15 tion of appropriations in each of fiscal years 2022,  
16 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026.

17 (2) The amount of computed tomography  
18 equipment TSA could deploy in each of such fiscal  
19 years.

20 (3) A procurement and deployment plan, to-  
21 gether with a funding and execution plan, to com-  
22 plete the deployment of computed tomography equip-  
23 ment, disaggregated by all base, mid, and full sized  
24 units of such equipment, at airport checkpoints by  
25 not later than September 30, 2026.

1           (4) Whether additional funding will be nec-  
2           essary in fiscal year 2026.

3           (5) A plan for maximizing competition and in-  
4           novation within the Checkpoint Property Screening  
5           System program, including by supporting the par-  
6           ticipation of small businesses.

7           (6) A plan to set aside funds for small busi-  
8           nesses within the Checkpoint Property Screening  
9           System program, to the extent practicable, as deter-  
10          mined by the Administrator, or if not practicable a  
11          description of challenges in doing so.

12          (7) A description of how each award made  
13          under the Checkpoint Property Screening System  
14          program within the immediately preceding year sat-  
15          isfies Department of Homeland Security and TSA  
16          operational requirements, including requirements for  
17          detection, safety, cybersecurity, interoperability,  
18          availability, and throughput, as well as other rel-  
19          evant standards.

20          (8) A description of how each award made  
21          under the Checkpoint Property Screening System  
22          program within the immediately preceding year sat-  
23          isfies Department of Homeland Security and TSA  
24          requirements for testing and evaluation.

1 (b) AWARD-SPECIFIC BRIEFINGS.—If TSA intends to  
2 make an award to a system that does not satisfy the  
3 Checkpoint Property Screening System program key per-  
4 formance parameters, the Administrator shall brief the ap-  
5 propriate congressional committees at least two weeks  
6 prior to any such award regarding why such award is nec-  
7 essary and in the best interest of national security and  
8 good government.

9 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be  
11 appropriated \$1,641,400,000 to TSA for procure-  
12 ment and deployment of computed tomography  
13 equipment at airport checkpoints through the Check-  
14 point Property Screening System program to en-  
15 hance detection capabilities for carry-on baggage as  
16 follows:

17 (A) \$257,000,000 for fiscal year 2022.

18 (B) \$336,000,000 for fiscal year 2023.

19 (C) \$343,000,000 for fiscal year 2024.

20 (D) \$350,000,000 for fiscal year 2025.

21 (E) \$355,400,000 for fiscal year 2026.

22 (2) SMALL BUSINESS RESEARCH AND DEVELOP-  
23 MENT.—

24 (A) IN GENERAL.—In addition to funds  
25 authorized to be appropriated in accordance

1 with paragraph (1), there is authorized to be  
2 appropriated \$82,077,000 to TSA to provide to  
3 small businesses in support of research and de-  
4 velopment of technologies under consideration  
5 for the Checkpoint Property Screening System  
6 program, as follows:

7 (i) \$12,850,000 for fiscal year 2022.

8 (ii) \$16,800,000 for fiscal year 2023.

9 (iii) \$17,150,000 for fiscal year 2024.

10 (iv) \$17,500,000 for fiscal year 2025.

11 (v) \$17,777,000 for fiscal year 2026.

12 (B) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive  
13 funding under subparagraph (A), a small busi-  
14 ness referred to in such subparagraph shall  
15 demonstrate an ability to produce technologies  
16 supporting the advancement of checkpoint secu-  
17 rity screening, as determined by the Adminis-  
18 trator.

19 (3) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts authorized to be  
20 appropriated pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (2) are  
21 authorized to remain available until expended.

22 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-  
24 trator” means the Administrator of the Transpor-  
25 tation Security Administration.

1           (2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
2           TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-  
3           mittees” means—

4                   (A) the Committee on Homeland Security  
5                   of the House of Representatives;

6                   (B) the Committee on Homeland Security  
7                   and Governmental Affairs and the Committee  
8                   on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of  
9                   the Senate;

10                  (C) the Committee on Appropriations of  
11                  the House of Representatives; and

12                  (D) the Committee on Appropriations of  
13                  the Senate.

14           (3) TSA.—The term “TSA” means the Trans-  
15           portation Security Administration.

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