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To establish a task force on improvements for notices to air missions, and
for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. MORAN, and Mrs. CAPITO) introduced the
following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on
Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

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air missions, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “NOTAM Improvement
5 Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. FAA TASK FORCE ON NOTAM IMPROVEMENT.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
8 the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of
9 the Federal Aviation Administration shall establish a task
10 force to be known as the FAA Task Force on NOTAM

1 Improvement (in this section referred to as the “Task
2 Force”).

3 (b) COMPOSITION.—The Task Force shall consist of
4 members appointed by the Administrator, including at
5 least one member of each of the following:

6 (1) Air carrier representatives.

7 (2) Airport representatives.

8 (3) Labor union representatives of airline pilots.

9 (4) Labor union representatives of aircraft dis-
10 patchers.

11 (5) The labor union certified under section
12 7111 of title 5, United States Code, to represent
13 FAA air traffic control specialists assigned to the
14 United States NOTAMs Office.

15 (6) The labor union certified under section
16 7111 of title 5, United States Code, to represent
17 FAA aeronautical information specialists.

18 (7) General and business aviation representa-
19 tives.

20 (8) Aviation safety experts with knowledge of
21 NOTAMs.

22 (9) Human factors experts.

23 (10) Computer system architecture and cyberse-
24 curity experts.

1 (c) DUTIES.—The duties of the Task Force shall in-
2 clude—

3 (1) reviewing existing methods for presenting
4 NOTAMs and flight operations information to pilots;

5 (2) reviewing regulations and policies relating
6 to NOTAMs, including their content and presen-
7 tation to pilots;

8 (3) evaluating and determining best practices to
9 organize, prioritize, and present flight operations in-
10 formation in a manner that optimizes pilot review
11 and retention of relevant information; and

12 (4) providing recommendations for—

13 (A) improving the presentation of NOTAM
14 information in a manner that prioritizes or
15 highlights the most important information, and
16 optimizes pilot review and retention of relevant
17 information;

18 (B) ways to ensure that NOTAMs are
19 complete, accurate, and contain the proper in-
20 formation;

21 (C) any best practices that the FAA
22 should consider to improve the accuracy and
23 understandability of NOTAMs and the display
24 of flight operations information;

1 (D) ways to work with air carriers, other
2 airspace users, and aviation service providers to
3 implement solutions that are aligned with the
4 recommendations under this paragraph; and

5 (E) ensuring the stability, resiliency, and
6 cybersecurity of the NOTAM computer system.

7 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
8 of the establishment of the Task Force, the Task Force
9 shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and In-
10 frastructure of the House of Representatives and the Com-
11 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
12 Senate a report detailing—

13 (1) the results of the reviews and evaluations of
14 the Task Force under paragraphs (1) through (3) of
15 subsection (c);

16 (2) the best practices identified and rec-
17 ommendations provided by the Task Force under
18 subsection (c)(4);

19 (3) any recommendations of the Task Force for
20 additional regulatory or policy actions to improve the
21 presentation of NOTAMs; and

22 (4) the degree to which implementing the rec-
23 ommendations of the Task Force described under
24 paragraph (2) will address National Transportation
25 Safety Board Safety Recommendation A-18-024.

1 (e) APPLICABLE LAW.—The Federal Advisory Com-
 2 mittee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to the Task
 3 Force.

4 (f) SUNSET.—The Task Force shall terminate on the
 5 later of—

6 (1) the date on which the Task Force submits
 7 the report required under subsection (d); or

8 (2) the date that is 18 months after the date
 9 on which the Task Force is established under sub-
 10 section (a).

11 (g) AUTHORITY.—The Administrator shall have the
 12 authority to carry out the recommendations of the Task
 13 Force detailed in the report required under subsection (d).

14 (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 (1) FAA.—The term “FAA” means the Fed-
 16 eral Aviation Administration.

17 (2) NOTAM.—The term “NOTAM” means no-
 18 tices to air missions required by international or do-
 19 mestic regulation or law, as described in FAA Order
 20 7930.2S.

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