

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 4467, With an Amendment

(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4467

To require the Federal Air Marshal Service to utilize risk-based strategies, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 28, 2017

Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia (for himself, Mr. KATKO, and Mr. McCAUL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

A BILL

To require the Federal Air Marshal Service to utilize risk-based strategies, 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 “Strengthening Aviation
5 Security Act of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. USE OF RISK-BASED STRATEGIES BY FEDERAL AIR**
2 **MARSHAL SERVICE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 44917
4 of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (7), by striking “and” after
6 the semicolon at the end;

7 (2) in paragraph (8), by striking the period at
8 the end and inserting a semicolon; and

9 (3) by adding at the end the following new
10 paragraphs:

11 “(9) shall require the Federal Air Marshal
12 Service to utilize a risk-based strategy when allo-
13 cating resources between international and domestic
14 flight coverage, including when initially setting its
15 annual target numbers of average daily international
16 and domestic flights to cover;

17 “(10) shall require the Federal Air Marshal
18 Service to utilize a risk-based strategy to support
19 domestic allocation decisions;

20 “(11) shall require the Federal Air Marshal
21 Service to utilize a risk-based strategy to support
22 international allocation decisions; and

23 “(12) shall ensure that the seating arrange-
24 ments of Federal air marshals on aircraft are deter-
25 mined in a manner that is risk-based and most capa-

1 ble of responding to current threats to aviation secu-
2 rity.”.

3 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 270 days after the date
4 of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the
5 Transportation Security Administration shall submit to
6 the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of
7 Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security
8 and Governmental Affairs and the Committee on Com-
9 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report
10 that describes the compliance of the Federal Air Marshal
11 Service with the requirements specified in paragraphs (9)
12 through (12) of subsection (a) of section 44917 of title
13 49, United States Code, as added by this Act, and the
14 documented methodology used by the Federal Air Marshal
15 Service to conduct risk assessments in accordance with
16 such paragraphs.

17 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The Transportation Security
18 Administration shall begin carrying out the requirements
19 specified in paragraphs (9) through (12) of subsection (a)
20 of section 44917, United States Code, added by this Act,
21 by not later than the date that is 180 days after the date
22 of the enactment of this Act.