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To require the Transportation Security Administration to implement training for frontline Administration personnel regarding the screening of pregnant women and families with young children at passenger screening checkpoints, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 11, 2019

Mrs. LESKO (for herself and Mr. CORREA) 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 “Helping Families Fly
5 Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. TRAINING REQUIRED.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the
8 date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall
9 develop and implement training for frontline Administra-
10 tion personnel regarding the screening of pregnant women
11 and families with young children at passenger screening
12 checkpoints. Such training shall include the following:

13 (1) Information relating to concerns of preg-
14 nant women relating to the use of Advanced Imag-
15 ing Technology and appropriate opt-out procedures
16 and alternative screening procedures.

17 (2) Guidelines to assist pregnant women and
18 families traveling with young children effectively and
19 efficiently complete the screening process in a man-
20 ner that is respectful and improves the overall func-
21 tioning of the screening checkpoint.

22 (3) Communication and procedural guidelines
23 for frontline Administration personnel to assist with
24 passenger divestiture for pregnant women and fami-
25 lies traveling with young children to improve the ef-

1 fectiveness and overall passenger experience at the
2 screening checkpoint.

3 (b) COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY.—In conjunction
4 with the implementation of the training required under
5 subsection (a), the Administrator shall develop and imple-
6 ment a communications strategy for pregnant women and
7 families traveling with young children to inform such
8 women and families of the procedures and guidelines de-
9 scribed in such subsection, including providing informa-
10 tion to relevant passengers through social media, the Ad-
11 ministration’s public website, the Administration’s cus-
12 tomer service call center, and partnerships with aviation
13 stakeholders, including air carriers and airport operators.

14 (c) PASSENGER SUPPORT SPECIALISTS.—In carrying
15 out subsections (a) and (b), the Administrator shall, to
16 the extent possible, make available passenger support spe-
17 cialists, upon request, to pregnant women and families
18 traveling with young children to assist with screening
19 checkpoint information, concerns, and procedures.

20 (d) TSA FAMILY LANES FEASIBILITY ASSESS-
21 MENT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the en-
22 actment of this Act, the Administrator shall conduct a fea-
23 sibility assessment to determine whether screening proc-
24 esses and the screening experience may be improved for
25 travelers by developing optional, dedicated screening lanes

1 for families traveling with young children at airports
2 where the checkpoint configuration would allow and where
3 the overall functioning of the checkpoint would not be in-
4 hibited in terms of passenger throughput or security effec-
5 tiveness.

6 (e) BRIEFING TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 30
7 days after the implementation of the training required
8 under subsection (a), the Administrator shall brief the ap-
9 propriate congressional committees on progress regarding
10 the implementation of this Act and improvements made
11 to the screening process for pregnant women and families
12 traveling with young children.

13 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) ADMINISTRATION.—The term “Administra-
15 tion” means the Transportation Security Adminis-
16 tration.

17 (2) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
18 trator” means the Administrator of the Transpor-
19 tation Security Administration.

20 (3) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
21 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
22 mittees” means the Committee on Homeland Secu-
23 rity of the House of Representatives and the Com-
24 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of
25 the Senate.