

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 8655
OFFERED BY MR. GIMENEZ OF FLORIDA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Federal Air Marshal
3 Enhancing Airport Security Act of 2024”.

**4 SEC. 2. PLAN TO ASSIGN FEDERAL AIR MARSHALS TO DU-
5 TIES BEYOND THE AIRCRAFT AND THROUGH-
6 OUT THE AIRPORT ENVIRONMENT.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
8 date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of
9 the Transportation Security Administration, acting
10 through the Director of the Federal Air Marshal Service
11 (FAMS), shall develop a plan to address roles, beyond
12 inflight security, of Federal Air Marshals at certain air-
13 ports. Such plan shall address Federal Air Marshals’ Fed-
14 eral law enforcement role to ensure, through the utiliza-
15 tion of authorities under section 114(p) of title 49, United
16 States Code, airport aviation security at such airports.

17 (b) BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days after the de-
18 velopment of the plan under subsection (a), the Adminis-

1 trator of the Transportation Security Administration shall
2 brief the Committee on Homeland Security of the House
3 of Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Secu-
4 rity and Governmental Affairs and the Committee on
5 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate on
6 such plan.

7 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
8 tion may be construed as affecting the responsibilities of
9 airport operators under section 44903 of title 49, United
10 States Code.

