

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
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Page 28, after line 13, insert the following:

1 HEALTH SMART AIR TRAVEL PILOT PROGRAM

2 SEC. 7008. (a) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of
3 Transportation, jointly with the Secretary of Health and
4 Human Services and the Secretary of Homeland Security,
5 shall establish a pilot program (in this section referred to
6 as the “Program”) to improve the application of public
7 health risk mitigation measures related to the public
8 health risks presented by COVID–19 in airports and on
9 passenger aircraft. In carrying out the Program, the Sec-
10 retary shall pursue initiatives informed by—

11 (1) the guidance issued by the Department of
12 Transportation, jointly with the Department of
13 Health and Human Services and the Department of
14 Homeland Security, titled “Runway to Recovery:
15 The United States Framework for Airlines and Air-
16 ports to Mitigate the Public Health Risks of
17 Coronavirus” and dated July 2020; and

18 (2) any additional guidance that the Depart-
19 ment of Transportation, the Department of Health

1 and Human Services, and the Department of Home-
2 land Security may issue in relation to measures nec-
3 essary to mitigate the public health risks presented
4 by COVID–19 in airports and passenger aircraft.

5 (b) OBJECTIVES.—The purpose of the Program es-
6 tablished under this section is to—

7 (1) accelerate integration of public health risk
8 mitigation measures related to the public health
9 risks presented by COVID–19 in airports and pas-
10 senger aircraft;

11 (2) identify and address technical, regulatory,
12 privacy, and policy challenges to integration of these
13 risk mitigation measures;

14 (3) develop, test, and evaluate smart airport
15 technology and processes as they relate to mitigating
16 public health risks presented by COVID–19 in air-
17 ports and passenger aircraft; and

18 (4) leverage concentrations of aviation, trans-
19 portation security, and public health capital to accel-
20 erate innovation in airports and passenger aircraft.

21 (c) GRANT AWARDS.—The Secretary of Transpor-
22 tation, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and
23 Human Services and the Secretary of Homeland Security,
24 may provide grants under the Program to eligible entities
25 to carry out development, testing, or evaluation of public

1 health risk mitigation measures related to the public
2 health risks presented by COVID–19 in airports and pas-
3 senger aircraft.

4 (d) PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF GRANT OPPOR-
5 TUNITY.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enact-
6 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall
7 publish in the Federal Register a notice of grant oppor-
8 tunity for grants available under the Program.

9 (e) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—Entities eligible to receive
10 funding under the Program may include—

11 (1) State, local, and Tribal governments;

12 (2) commercial airline operators;

13 (3) airports;

14 (4) hospitals and other public health institu-
15 tions;

16 (5) institutions of higher education;

17 (6) relevant research and development nonprofit
18 organizations that are exempt from tax under sec-
19 tion 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of
20 1986;

21 (7) relevant labor organizations;

22 (8) relevant lodging, hospitality, and travel
23 service providers;

24 (9) relevant private-sector manufacturers and
25 service providers; and

1 (10) a consortia of any of the entities described
2 in paragraphs (1) through (8).

3 (f) APPLICATION SUBMISSION.—The Secretary of
4 Transportation, jointly with the Secretary of Health and
5 Human Services and the Secretary of Homeland Security,
6 shall establish application requirements for grants from
7 the Program and shall require applicants to include the
8 following information in such application:

9 (1) Identification of the entities proposed to be
10 involved in the development, testing, or evaluation of
11 public health risk mitigation measures.

12 (2) Whether the proposed development, testing,
13 or evaluation pertain to public health mitigation
14 measures related to public health risks presented by
15 COVID–19 in airports, passenger aircraft, or both.

16 (3) A description of such development, testing,
17 or evaluation.

18 (4) A description of the financial cost of such
19 development, testing, or evaluation, including the re-
20 quested grant amount.

21 (5) How such development, testing, or evalua-
22 tion will accomplish the objectives of the pilot pro-
23 gram and inform wider adoption in airports and pas-
24 senger aircraft.

1 (6) Identification of available infrastructure and
2 capabilities to support such development, testing, or
3 evaluation.

4 (7) A description of the capabilities and exper-
5 tise related to the proposed project with respect to
6 aviation, airline operations, airport operations, smart
7 airport technology, transportation security, and pub-
8 lic health.

9 (8) A description of any existing relationships
10 with relevant Federal agencies.

11 (g) EVALUATION OF APPLICANTS.—Upon receipt of
12 applications under this section by the Secretary of Trans-
13 portation, the Secretary shall evaluate such applications
14 jointly with the Secretary of Health and Human Services
15 and the Secretary of Homeland Security.

16 (h) SELECTION CRITERIA.—The Secretary of Trans-
17 portation shall make selections, in consultation with the
18 Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Sec-
19 retary of Homeland Security, for participation in the Pro-
20 gram, taking into consideration the following:

21 (1) The effectiveness of the proposal of develop-
22 ment, testing, or evaluation of public health risk
23 mitigation measures at accomplishing the objectives
24 under subsection (b).

1 (2) The involvement of relevant aviation, trans-
2 portation security, and public health infrastructure.

3 (3) The involvement of the private sector in the
4 proposal, including whether the proposal leverages
5 existing commercial technologies.

6 (4) The agreement of the entities involved in
7 the proposal to comply with such requirements as
8 the Secretary of Transportation, the Secretary of
9 Health and Human Services, and the Secretary of
10 Homeland Security determine necessary for purposes
11 of aviation safety, public health safety, and transpor-
12 tation security.

13 (5) The agreement of the entities involved in
14 the proposal to share data collected and experience
15 gained over the course of the development, testing,
16 or evaluation of public health mitigation measures
17 with the Secretary of Transportation, Secretary of
18 Health and Human Services, and the Secretary of
19 Homeland Security.

20 (i) DESIGNATION OF DATA REPORTING FACILI-
21 TIES.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
23 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
24 Transportation, the Secretary of Homeland Security,

1 and the Secretary of Health and Human Services,
2 shall each—

3 (A) designate a Federal facility or Federal
4 facilities for receiving, processing, and ana-
5 lyzing data collected and experience gained by
6 recipients of grants under the Program; and

7 (B) begin reporting the information de-
8 scribed in subparagraph (A) to the remaining
9 Secretaries listed in this paragraph.

10 (2) SCOPE OF INFORMATION COLLECTED.—

11 With respect to the information collected and ana-
12 lyzed under subparagraph (A)—

13 (A) the Secretary of Transportation shall
14 collect, analyze, and report information on pub-
15 lic health risk mitigation measures in passenger
16 aircraft;

17 (B) the Secretary of Homeland Security
18 shall collect, analyze, and report information on
19 public health risk mitigation measures in air-
20 ports; and

21 (C) the Secretary of Health and Human
22 Services shall collect, analyze, and report infor-
23 mation on public health risk mitigation meas-
24 ures in airports and on passenger aircraft.

1 (j) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary of Transpor-
2 tation shall, jointly with the Secretary of Health and
3 Human Services and the Secretary of Homeland Security,
4 use the data collected and experience gained under sub-
5 section (i) to—

6 (1) identify technical, regulatory, or policy chal-
7 lenges to the integration of public health risk mitiga-
8 tion measures related to the public health risks cre-
9 ated by COVID–19 in airports and on passenger air-
10 craft; and

11 (2) inform ongoing initiatives by the Federal
12 Aviation Administration, the Transportation Secu-
13 rity Administration, and the Centers for Disease
14 Control to develop operational standards and proce-
15 dures to mitigate public health risks presented by
16 COVID–19 in airports and passenger aircraft.

17 (k) BRIEFING.—Not later than 1 year after the date
18 of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter through
19 fiscal year 2023, the Secretary of Transportation, jointly
20 with the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the
21 Secretary of Homeland Security, shall brief Congress on
22 the recipients of funding and activities carried out under
23 the Program.

24 (l) FUNDING.—

1 (1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

2 There is appropriated \$100,000,000 to carry out
3 this section, to remain available through fiscal year
4 2023.

5 (2) USE OF FUNDS.—Of the amounts made
6 available under paragraph (1)—

7 (A) not more than \$10,000,000 may be
8 used jointly by the Secretary of Transportation,
9 Secretary of Health and Human Services, and
10 the Secretary of Homeland Security for the ad-
11 ministration of the Program; and

12 (B) not less than \$90,000,000 shall be
13 awarded through the issuance of grants.

14 (3) GRANT AMOUNTS.—The amount of a grant
15 awarded under this section shall be not less than
16 \$50,000 and not more than \$5,000,000.

17 (m) SUNSET.—The authority to provide grants under
18 this section shall terminate on the last day of fiscal year
19 2023.

20 (n) SMART AIRPORT TECHNOLOGIES DEFINED.—In
21 this section, “smart airport technologies” means the tech-
22 nologies described in section 145 of the FAA Reauthoriza-
23 tion Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–254).

