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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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A BILL

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tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “TSA Reaching Across
Nationalities, Societies, and Languages to Advance Trav-
er Education Act” or the “TRANSLATE Act”.

SEC. 2. PLAN.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of
the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) shall
submit to the Committee on Homeland Security of the
House of Representatives and the Committee on Com-
merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a plan
to ensure that TSA material disseminated in major air-
ports can be better understood by more people accessing
such airports.

(b) CONTENTS.—The plan required under subsection
(a) shall include the following:

(1) An identification of the most common lan-
guages other than English that are the primary lan-
guages of individuals that travel through or work in
each major airport.

(2) A plan to improve—
(A) TSA materials to communicate information in languages identified pursuant to paragraph (1); and

(B) the communication of TSA material to individuals with vision or hearing impairments or other possible barriers to understanding such material.

(c) CONSIDERATIONS.—In developing the plan required under subsection (a), the Administrator of the TSA, acting through the Office of Civil Rights and Liberties, Ombudsman and Traveler Engagement of the TSA, shall take into consideration data regarding the following:

(1) International enplanement.

(2) Local populations surrounding major airports.

(d) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 180 days after the submission of the plan required under subsection (a), the Administrator of the TSA shall implement such plan.

(e) GAO REVIEW.—Not later than one year after the implementation pursuant to subsection (d) of the plan required under subsection (a), the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives and
the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
of the Senate a review of such implementation.

(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) AIRPORT.—The term “airport” has the
meaning given such term in section 40102 of title
49, United States Code.

(2) MAJOR AIRPORTS.—The term “major air-
ports” means Category X and Category I airports.

(3) TSA MATERIAL.—The term “TSA mate-
rial” means signs, videos, audio messages, websites,
press releases, social media postings, and other com-
munications published and disseminated by the Ad-
ministrator of the TSA in Category X and Category
I airports.