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H. R. 3694

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

Mr. __________ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on __________________

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Helping Families Fly Act of 2019”.

(Original Signature of Member)
Sec. 2. Training Required.

(a) In General.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall develop and implement training for frontline Administration personnel regarding the screening of pregnant women and families with young children at passenger screening checkpoints. Such training shall include the following:

(1) Information relating to concerns of pregnant women relating to the use of Advanced Imaging Technology and appropriate opt-out procedures and alternative screening procedures.

(2) Guidelines to assist pregnant women and families traveling with young children effectively and efficiently complete the screening process in a manner that is respectful and improves the overall functioning of the screening checkpoint.

(3) Communication and procedural guidelines for frontline Administration personnel to assist with passenger divestiture for pregnant women and families traveling with young children to improve the effectiveness and overall passenger experience at the screening checkpoint.

(b) Communications Strategy.—In conjunction with the implementation of the training required under subsection (a), the Administrator shall develop and implement a communications strategy for pregnant women and
families traveling with young children to inform such
women and families of the procedures and guidelines de-
scribed in such subsection, including providing informa-
tion to relevant passengers through social media, the Ad-
ministration’s public website, the Administration’s cus-
tomer service call center, and partnerships with aviation
stakeholders, including air carriers and airport operators.

(c) **Passenger Support Specialists.**—In carrying
out subsections (a) and (b), the Administrator shall, to
the extent possible, make available passenger support spe-
cialists, upon request, to pregnant women and families
traveling with young children to assist with screening
checkpoint information, concerns, and procedures.

(d) **TSA Family Lanes Feasibility Assessment.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the en-
actment of this Act, the Administrator shall conduct a fea-
sibility assessment to determine whether screening proc-
esses and the screening experience may be improved for
travelers by developing optional, dedicated screening lanes
for families traveling with young children at airports
where the checkpoint configuration would allow and where
the overall functioning of the checkpoint would not be in-
hibited in terms of passenger throughput or security effec-
tiveness.
(e) Briefing to Congress.—Not later than 30 days after the implementation of the training required under subsection (a), the Administrator shall brief the appropriate congressional committees on progress regarding the implementation of this Act and improvements made to the screening process for pregnant women and families traveling with young children.

(f) Definitions.—In this section:

(1) Administration.—The term “Administration” means the Transportation Security Administration.

(2) Administrator.—The term “Administrator” means the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration.

(3) Appropriate Congressional Committees.—The term “appropriate congressional committees” means the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate.