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At the end of title VI, add the following:

SEC. ___. PROMPT PAYMENTS.

(a) REPORTING OF COMPLAINTS.—Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall ensure that each airport that participates in the Program tracks, and reports to the Administrator, the number of covered complaints made in relation to activities at that airport.

(b) IMPROVING COMPLIANCE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall take actions to assess and improve compliance with prompt payment requirements under part 26 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations.

(2) CONTENTS OF ASSESSMENT.—In carrying out paragraph (1), the Administrator shall assess—

(A) whether requirements relating to the inclusion of prompt payment language in contracts are being satisfied;

(B) whether and how airports are enforcing prompt payment requirements;
(C) the processes by which covered complaints are received and resolved by airports;

(D) whether improvements need to be made to—

(i) better track covered complaints received by airports; and

(ii) assist the resolution of covered complaints in a timely manner;

(E) the effectiveness of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms with respect to resolving covered complaints;

(F) best practices that ensure prompt payment requirements are satisfied;

(G) the Federal Aviation Administration resources, including staff, that are dedicated to helping resolve covered complaints; and

(H) how the Federal Aviation Administration can enhance efforts to resolve covered complaints, including by using timelines and providing additional staffing and other resources.

(3) REPORTING.—The Administrator shall make available to the public on an appropriate website operated by the Administrator a report describing the results of the assessment completed under
this subsection, including a plan to respond to such results.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) COVERED COMPLAINT.—The term “covered complaint” means a complaint relating to an alleged failure to satisfy a prompt payment requirement under part 26 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations.

(2) PROGRAM.—The term “Program” means the airport disadvantaged business enterprise program referenced in section 140(a) of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (49 U.S.C. 47113 note).