

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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OFFERED BY MR. THOMPSON OF MISSISSIPPI

Add at the end of the bill the following:

1 **TITLE XIII—FUND THE TSA**

2 **SEC. 1301. SHORT TITLE.**

3 This title may be cited as the “Fund the TSA Act”.

4 **SEC. 1302. IMPROVEMENTS TO AVIATION SECURITY FEES**

5 **TO INCREASE REVENUES AND END FEE DI-**

6 **VERSIONS.**

7 (a) CHANGES TO AVIATION SECURITY FEES.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 44940 of title 49,

9 United States Code, is amended—

10 (A) in subsection (c)—

11 (i) by amending paragraph (1) to read

12 as follows:

13 “(1) AMOUNT.—Fees imposed under subsection

14 (a)(1) shall be \$7.60 per one-way trip in air trans-

15 portation or intrastate air transportation that origi-

16 nates at an airport in the United States, except that

17 the fee imposed per round trip shall not exceed

18 \$15.20, subject to adjustments made pursuant to

19 paragraph (2).”;

1 (ii) by redesignating paragraphs (2)
2 and (3) as paragraphs (3) and (4);

3 (iii) by inserting after paragraph (1)
4 the following new paragraph:

5 “(2) ADJUSTMENT FOR INFLATION.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of
7 the Transportation Security Administration
8 shall adjust the fee amounts established under
9 paragraph (1) on April 1, 2026, and at the be-
10 ginning of each fiscal year thereafter, to reflect
11 the percentage (if any) of the increase in the
12 average of the Consumer Price Index for the
13 preceding 12-month period compared to the
14 Consumer Price Index for fiscal year 2024.

15 “(B) SPECIAL RULES FOR CALCULATION
16 OF ADJUSTMENT.—In adjusting under subpara-
17 graph (A) the fee amounts established under
18 paragraph (1), the Administrator of the Trans-
19 portation Security Administration—

20 “(i) shall round the amount of any in-
21 crease in the Consumer Price Index to the
22 nearest dollar;

23 “(ii) may ignore any such increase of
24 less than one percent;

1 “(iii) shall ensure that the fee im-
2 posed per round trip does not exceed twice
3 that of the fee imposed per one-way trip;
4 and

5 “(iv) shall publish in the Federal Reg-
6 ister notice of any adjustments made
7 under this paragraph, pursuant to sub-
8 section (d).

9 “(C) CONSUMER PRICE INDEX DEFINED.—
10 For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘Con-
11 sumer Price Index’ means the Consumer Price
12 Index for All Urban Consumers published by
13 the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Depart-
14 ment of Labor.”; and

15 (iv) in paragraph (4), as so redesign-
16 ated, by striking “2027” and inserting
17 “2023”; and

18 (B) by striking subsection (i).

19 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection
20 (d)(4) of such section is amended by striking “,
21 other than subsection (i),”.

22 (b) FUNDING CHECKPOINT TECHNOLOGIES, FAIR
23 PAY AND RIGHTS FOR TSA WORKERS, AND OTHER SECU-
24 RITY PROGRAMS.—Section 44923 of title 49, United
25 States Code, is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating subsection (i) as subsection
2 (1); and

3 (2) by inserting after subsection (h) the fol-
4 lowing new subsections:

5 “(i) AVIATION SECURITY CHECKPOINT TECHNOLOGY
6 FUND.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established within
8 the Department of Homeland Security a fund to be
9 known as the Aviation Security Checkpoint Tech-
10 nology Fund (in this subsection referred to as the
11 ‘ASCT Fund’). The second \$250,000,000 from fees
12 received under section 44940(a)(1) in each of fiscal
13 years 2024 through 2028 shall be available to be de-
14 posited in the ASCT Fund. The Administrator of
15 the Transportation Security Administration shall im-
16 pose the fee authorized by such section 44940(a)(1)
17 so as to collect not less than \$250,000,000 in each
18 of such fiscal years for deposit into the ASCT Fund.
19 Amounts in the ASCT Fund shall be available until
20 expended to the Administrator to fund the research,
21 development, procurement, deployment, and
22 sustainment of aviation security checkpoint tech-
23 nology.

24 “(2) ALLOCATION.—Of the amount made avail-
25 able under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year, not less

1 than \$12,500,000 shall be allocated for awards to
2 small businesses in support of research and develop-
3 ment of technologies under consideration for pro-
4 curement and deployment, if such small businesses
5 have demonstrated an ability to produce technologies
6 supporting the advancement of checkpoint security
7 screening, as determined by the Administrator of the
8 Transportation Security Administration.

9 “(j) TSA WORKFORCE FAIR PAY AND RIGHTS
10 FUND.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established within
12 the Department of Homeland Security a fund to be
13 known as the TSA Workforce Fair Pay and Rights
14 Fund (in this section referred to as the ‘Workforce
15 Fund’). Following the deposit of amounts specified
16 under subsection (i) in the ASCT Fund, the next
17 \$1,138,700,000 from fees received under section
18 44940(a)(1) in fiscal year 2024 shall be available to
19 be deposited in the Workforce Fund. The Adminis-
20 trator of the Transportation Security Administration
21 shall impose the fee authorized by such section
22 44940(a)(1) so as to collect not less than
23 \$1,138,700,000 in fiscal year 2024 for deposit into
24 the Workforce Fund. Amounts in the Workforce
25 Fund shall be available until expended to the Ad-

1 administrator to fund the salaries and benefits of
2 Transportation Security Administration employees
3 and the administration of collective bargaining and
4 merit systems protection rights in accordance with
5 paragraph (2).

6 “(2) ALLOCATION.—Of the amount made avail-
7 able under paragraph (1) for fiscal year 2024—

8 “(A) not less than \$1,086,000,000 shall be
9 allocated for the salaries and benefits of Trans-
10 transportation Security Administration employees;
11 and

12 “(B) not less than \$52,700,000 shall be al-
13 located for the administration of collective bar-
14 gaining and merit systems protection rights.

15 “(k) OTHER SECURITY PROGRAMS FUND.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established within
17 the Department of Homeland Security a fund to be
18 known as the Other Security Programs Fund (in
19 this section referred to as the ‘OSP Fund’). Fol-
20 lowing the deposit of amounts specified under sub-
21 section (j) in the Workforce Fund, the next
22 \$130,000,000 from fees received under section
23 44940(a)(1) in fiscal year 2024 shall be available to
24 be deposited in the OSP Fund. The Administrator
25 of the Transportation Security Administration shall

1 impose the fee authorized by such section
2 44940(a)(1) so as to collect not less than
3 \$130,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 for deposit into
4 the OSP Fund. Amounts in the OSP Fund shall be
5 available until expended to the Administrator to
6 fund security programs in accordance with para-
7 graph (2).

8 “(2) ALLOCATION.—Of the amount made avail-
9 able under paragraph (1) for fiscal year 2024—

10 “(A) not less than \$45,900,000 shall be al-
11 located to reimburse law enforcement agencies
12 deploying law enforcement officers to airports,
13 in accordance with requirements set by the Ad-
14 ministrator;

15 “(B) not less than \$34,100,000 shall be al-
16 located to reimburse law enforcement agencies
17 deploying canines to airports, in accordance
18 with requirements set by the Administrator;
19 and

20 “(C) not less than \$50,000,000 shall be al-
21 located to make discretionary grants, including
22 other transaction agreements, for projects pro-
23 viding for the procurement, deployment, and
24 sustainment of technology systems to secure
25 exit lanes from the sterile area of an airport (as

1 such term is defined in section 1540.5 of title
2 49, Code of Federal Regulations), if—

3 “(i) the Federal Government’s share
4 of the cost of such a project is not more
5 than 50 percent; and

6 “(ii) the Administrator approves an
7 application for a grant under this sub-
8 section that contains such information as
9 the Administrator has prescribed.”.

