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Mr. LARSEN of Washington (for himself and Mr. COHEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Ensuring Airline Resil-

5 iency to Reduce Delays and Cancellations Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AIRLINE OPERATIONAL RESILIENCY PLANS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the

8 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-

9 tation shall require a covered carrier to develop and regu-

1 larly update an operational resiliency strategy to prevent
2 or limit the impact of future flight disruptions on pas-
3 sengers.

4 (b) OPERATIONAL RESILIENCY STRATEGY.—In each
5 operational resiliency strategy developed under subsection
6 (a), a covered carrier shall include a description of—

7 (1) the potential impact of severe weather and
8 other reasonably anticipated disruptive events on the
9 operations of the carrier and how the carrier seeks
10 to prevent or limit the impact of such events on pas-
11 sengers;

12 (2) the potential impact of severe weather
13 events and other reasonably anticipated disruptive
14 events on—

15 (A) staffing models, including the ability of
16 such models to ensure the workforce is able to
17 adequately respond to such events and resched-
18 ule passengers, flight crews, operations staff,
19 and other appropriate personnel; and

20 (B) the current information and technology
21 systems of the carrier, including crew sched-
22 uling systems, and the preparedness of such
23 systems to continue operations after such an
24 event or disruption;

1 (3) the preparedness of the carrier to maintain
2 operations and limit or prevent the impact of other
3 potential disruptive events identified by the carrier;

4 (4) the extent to which the carrier addresses
5 known cybersecurity risks and information tech-
6 nology deficiencies and vulnerabilities to prevent po-
7 tential flight disruptions; and

8 (5) any other issues the Secretary determines
9 appropriate to protect consumers and maintain the
10 operational stability of the airline industry.

11 (c) PROPRIETARY INFORMATION.—The Secretary
12 shall develop a method to protect the confidentiality of any
13 trade secret or proprietary information submitted in an
14 operational resiliency strategy under subsection (b).

15 (d) EVALUATION.—

16 (1) AUDIT.—Not later than 3 years after the
17 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller Gen-
18 eral of the United States shall initiate an audit to
19 evaluate the effectiveness of the operational resil-
20 iency strategies developed under this section by cov-
21 ered air carriers.

22 (2) STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK.—Upon comple-
23 tion of the audit under paragraph (1), the Comp-
24 troller General shall solicit responses from the cov-
25 ered carriers regarding the findings of the audit and

1 include any such responses in the report in para-
2 graph (3).

3 (3) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after com-
4 pletion of the audit conducted under paragraph (1),
5 the Comptroller General shall submit to the Com-
6 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the
7 House of Representatives and the Committee on
8 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Sen-
9 ate a report on the findings of the audit.

10 (e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
11 tion shall be construed to—

12 (1) grant additional authority to the Secretary
13 beyond the authority to require a covered air carrier
14 to develop or update an operational resiliency strat-
15 egy in accordance with this Act; or

16 (2) prevent the Secretary from assessing an
17 operational resiliency strategy and providing guid-
18 ance and technical assistance to a covered carrier in
19 developing and updating such a strategy required
20 under this Act.

21 (f) COVERED CARRIER.—In this section, the term
22 “covered carrier” has the meaning given such term in sec-
23 tion 259.3 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (or
24 successor regulations).

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