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S. 1180

To abolish the Transportation Security Administration, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 27, 2025

Mr. LEE (for himself and Mr. TUBERVILLE) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce,
Science, and Transportation

A BILL

To abolish the Transportation Security Administration, and
for other purposes.

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 “Abolish TSA Act of
5 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) ADMINISTRATION.—The term “Administra-
9 tion” means the Transportation Security Adminis-
10 tration.

1 (2) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
2 trator” means the Administrator of the Transpor-
3 tation Security Administration.

4 (3) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
5 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
6 mittees” means—

7 (A) the Committee on Homeland Security
8 and Governmental Affairs and the Committee
9 on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of
10 the Senate; and

11 (B) the Committee on Homeland Security
12 and the Committee on Energy and Commerce
13 of the House of Representatives.

14 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
15 the Secretary of Homeland Security.

16 **SEC. 3. POLICY.**

17 It shall be the policy of the Secretary—

18 (1) to expeditiously eliminate or transfer all au-
19 thorities, enforcement functions, and programs of
20 the Administration; and

21 (2) to privatize all commercial airport security
22 to increase cost-efficiency and security.

1 **SEC. 4. TERMINATION OF THE TRANSPORTATION SECU-**
2 **RITY ADMINISTRATION.**

3 On the date that is 3 years after the date of the en-
4 actment of this Act, the Administration shall be abolished,
5 and any program for which the Administrator has admin-
6 istrative responsibility as provided by law or by delegation
7 of authority pursuant to law is repealed.

8 **SEC. 5. REORGANIZATION PLAN.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
10 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall, in
11 consultation with the Secretary of Transportation, submit
12 to Congress a reorganization plan for the Administration.

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

15 (1) A plan for the establishment of the Office
16 of Aviation Security Oversight within the Federal
17 Aviation Administration, which shall—

18 (A) be headed by a Director; and

19 (B) be responsible for the oversight and
20 regulation of all aviation security activities de-
21 scribed in section 44920 of title 49, United
22 States Code, except that no employee of the Of-
23 fice shall conduct airport screening services.

24 (2) A plan for the rapid transfer of all aviation
25 security activities and equipment to qualified private

1 screening companies described in section 44920 of
 2 title 49, United States Code.

3 (3) A description of any necessary changes, as
 4 the Secretary determines, to the program described
 5 in section 44920 of title 49, United States Code;

6 (4) Subject to paragraph (2), a plan for propor-
 7 tional reductions of operations and personnel until
 8 the transfer is complete and no operations of per-
 9 sonnel of the Administration remain.

10 (5) A plan to transfer to the Department of
 11 Transportation any functions, personnel, assets, and
 12 liabilities of the Administration with respect to sur-
 13 face transportation, including activities relating to
 14 mass transit, freight rail, highway motor carriers,
 15 and pipelines.

16 (c) EXCLUSIONS.—The plan may not include—

17 (1) any agency requirement or regulation com-
 18 pelling private contractors conducting airport secu-
 19 rity screening services to conduct warrantless
 20 searches and seizures; and

21 (2) an extension of the deadline in section 4.

22 (d) PERIODIC REPORTS.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after
 24 the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 30
 25 days thereafter, the Secretary, in consultation with

1 the Secretary of Transportation, shall submit a re-
 2 port to the Comptroller General of the United States
 3 and the appropriate congressional committees on the
 4 progress of compliance with this Act.

5 (2) GAO REPORT.—Not later than 180 days
 6 after the date of enactment of this Act, and every
 7 180 days thereafter, the Comptroller General of the
 8 United States shall submit to Congress a report de-
 9 tailing the compliance of the Secretary with this Act.

10 **SEC. 6. CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW OF REORGANIZATION**
 11 **PLAN.**

12 (a) JOINT RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL DEFINED.—
 13 In this section, the term “joint resolution of approval”
 14 means only a joint resolution of either House of Con-
 15 gress—

16 (1) the title of which is as follows: “A joint res-
 17 olution approving the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
 18 rity’s reorganization plan for the Transportation Se-
 19 curity Administration.”; and

20 (2) the matter after the resolving clause of
 21 which is the following: “Congress approves the reor-
 22 ganization plan submitted by the Secretary of
 23 Homeland Security to Congress in accordance with
 24 section 5 of the Abolish TSA Act of 2025 on _____
 25 relating to_____”, with the first blank space being

1 filled with the appropriate date and the second blank
2 space being filled with a detailed description of the
3 proposed reorganization plan required by section 5,
4 including any amendments made by Congress.

5 (b) INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF RESOLU-
6 TION.—Not later than the first session day following the
7 date on a which a reorganization plan is transmitted to
8 the House of Representatives and the Senate under sec-
9 tion 5, a joint resolution of approval shall be introduced
10 by a member of the House or Senate.

11 (c) CONSIDERATION IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENT-
12 ATIVES.—

13 (1) COMMITTEE REFERRAL.—A joint resolution
14 of approval shall be referred to the Committee on
15 Homeland Security of the House of Representatives.

16 (2) FLOOR CONSIDERATION IN HOUSE OF REP-
17 REPRESENTATIVES.—If the Committee on Homeland Se-
18 curity of the House of Representatives has not re-
19 ported the joint resolution within 75 continuous ses-
20 sion days after the date of referral, that committee
21 shall be discharged from further consideration of the
22 joint resolution.

23 (d) CONSIDERATION IN THE SENATE.—

24 (1) COMMITTEE REFERRAL.—A joint resolution
25 of approval introduced in the Senate shall be re-

1 ferred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
2 Transportation of the Senate.

3 (2) REPORTING AND DISCHARGE.—If the com-
4 mittee to which a joint resolution of approval was re-
5 ferred has not reported the joint resolution within
6 75 continuous session days after the date of referral
7 of the joint resolution, that committee shall be dis-
8 charged from further consideration of the joint reso-
9 lution and the joint resolution shall be placed on the
10 appropriate calendar.

11 (3) PROCEEDING TO CONSIDERATION.—Not-
12 withstanding Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of
13 the Senate, it is in order at any time after the Com-
14 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
15 reports a joint resolution of approval to the Senate
16 or has been discharged from consideration of such a
17 joint resolution (even though a previous motion to
18 the same effect has been disagreed to) to move to
19 proceed to the consideration of the joint resolution,
20 and all points of order against the joint resolution
21 (and against consideration of the joint resolution)
22 are waived. The motion to proceed is not debatable.
23 The motion is not subject to a motion to postpone.
24 A motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion
25 is agreed to or disagreed to shall not be in order.

1 (4) RULINGS OF THE CHAIR ON PROCEDURE.—

2 Appeals from the decisions of the Chair relating to
3 the application of the rules of the Senate, as the
4 case may be, to the procedure relating to a joint res-
5 olution of approval shall be decided without debate.

6 (5) CONSIDERATION OF VETO MESSAGES.—De-

7 bate in the Senate of any veto message with respect
8 to a joint resolution of approval, including all debat-
9 able motions and appeals in connection with the
10 joint resolution, shall be limited to 10 hours, to be
11 equally divided between, and controlled by, the ma-
12 jority leader and the minority leader or their des-
13 ignees.

14 (e) RULES RELATING TO SENATE AND HOUSE OF
15 REPRESENTATIVES.—

16 (1) TREATMENT OF SENATE JOINT RESOLU-

17 TION IN HOUSE.—In the House of Representatives,
18 the following procedures shall apply to a joint reso-
19 lution of approval received from the Senate (unless
20 the House has already passed a joint resolution re-
21 lating to the same proposed action):

22 (A) The joint resolution shall be referred
23 to the appropriate committee.

24 (B) If a committee to which a joint resolu-
25 tion has been referred has not reported the

1 joint resolution within 5 legislative days after
2 the date of referral, that committee shall be dis-
3 charged from further consideration of the joint
4 resolution.

5 (C) Beginning on the third legislative day
6 after each committee to which a joint resolution
7 has been referred reports the joint resolution to
8 the House or has been discharged from further
9 consideration thereof, it shall be in order to
10 move to proceed to consider the joint resolution
11 in the House. All points of order against the
12 motion are waived. Such a motion shall not be
13 in order after the House has disposed of a mo-
14 tion to proceed on the joint resolution. The pre-
15 vious question shall be considered as ordered on
16 the motion to its adoption without intervening
17 motion. The motion shall not be debatable. A
18 motion to reconsider the vote by which the mo-
19 tion is disposed of shall not be in order.

20 (D) The joint resolution shall be consid-
21 ered as read. All points of order against the
22 joint resolution and against its consideration
23 are waived. The previous question shall be con-
24 sidered as ordered on the joint resolution to
25 final passage without intervening motion except

1 2 hours of debate equally divided and controlled
2 by the sponsor of the joint resolution (or a des-
3 ignee) and an opponent. A motion to reconsider
4 the vote on passage of the joint resolution shall
5 not be in order.

6 (2) TREATMENT OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION
7 IN SENATE.—

8 (A) RECEIPT BEFORE PASSAGE.—If, be-
9 fore the passage by the Senate of a joint resolu-
10 tion of approval, the Senate receives an iden-
11 tical joint resolution from the House of Rep-
12 resentatives, the following procedures shall
13 apply:

14 (i) That joint resolution shall not be
15 referred to a committee.

16 (ii) With respect to that joint resolu-
17 tion—

18 (I) the procedure in the Senate
19 shall be the same as if no joint resolu-
20 tion had been received from the
21 House of Representatives; but

22 (II) the vote on passage shall be
23 on the joint resolution from the House
24 of Representatives.

1 (B) RECEIPT AFTER PASSAGE.—If, fol-
 2 lowing passage of a joint resolution of approval
 3 in the Senate, the Senate receives an identical
 4 joint resolution from the House of Representa-
 5 tives, that joint resolution shall be placed on the
 6 appropriate Senate calendar.

7 (C) NO COMPANION MEASURE.—If a joint
 8 resolution of approval is received from the
 9 House, and no companion joint resolution has
 10 been introduced in the Senate, the Senate pro-
 11 cedures under this subsection shall apply to the
 12 House joint resolution.

13 (3) APPLICATION TO REVENUE MEASURES.—
 14 The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply in
 15 the House of Representatives to a joint resolution of
 16 approval that is a revenue measure.

17 (f) RULES OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND
 18 SENATE.—This section is enacted by Congress—

19 (1) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of
 20 the Senate and the House of Representatives, re-
 21 spectively, and as such is deemed a part of the rules
 22 of each House, respectively, and supersedes other
 23 rules only to the extent that it is inconsistent with
 24 such rules; and

1 (2) with full recognition of the constitutional
2 right of either House to change the rules (so far as
3 relating to the procedure of that House) at any time,
4 in the same manner, and to the same extent as in
5 the case of any other rule of that House.

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