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H. R. 3691

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. TITUS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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 “TSA Reaching Across
5 Nationalities, Societies, and Languages to Advance Trav-
6 eler Education Act” or the “TRANSLATE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PLAN.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
3 date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of
4 the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) shall
5 submit to the Committee on Homeland Security of the
6 House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,
7 Science, and Transportation of the Senate a plan
8 to ensure that TSA material disseminated in major air-
9 ports can be better understood by more people accessing
10 such airports.

11 (b) CONTENTS.—The plan required under subsection
12 (a) shall include the following:

13 (1) An identification of the most common lan-
14 guages other than English that are the primary lan-
15 guages of individuals that travel through or work in
16 each major airport.

17 (2) A plan to improve—

18 (A) TSA materials to communicate infor-
19 mation in languages identified pursuant to
20 paragraph (1); and

21 (B) the communication of TSA material to
22 individuals with vision or hearing impairments
23 or other possible barriers to understanding such
24 material.

25 (c) CONSIDERATIONS.—In developing the plan re-
26 quired under subsection (a), the Administrator of the

1 TSA, acting through the Office of Civil Rights and Lib-
2 erties, Ombudsman and Traveler Engagement of the TSA,
3 shall take into consideration data regarding the following:

4 (1) International enplanement.

5 (2) Local populations surrounding major air-
6 ports.

7 (d) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 180 days
8 after the submission of the plan required under subsection
9 (a), the Administrator of the TSA shall implement such
10 plan.

11 (e) GAO REVIEW.—Not later than one year after the
12 implementation pursuant to subsection (d) of the plan re-
13 quired under subsection (a), the Comptroller General of
14 the United States shall submit to the Committee on
15 Homeland Security of the House of Representatives and
16 the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
17 of the Senate a review of such implementation.

18 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 (1) AIRPORT.—The term “airport” has the
20 meaning given such term in section 40102 of title
21 49, United States Code.

22 (2) MAJOR AIRPORTS.—The term “major air-
23 ports” means Category X and Category I airports.

24 (3) TSA MATERIAL.—The term “TSA mate-
25 rial” means signs, videos, audio messages, websites,

1 press releases, social media postings, and other com-
2 munications published and disseminated by the Ad-
3 ministrators of the TSA in Category X and Category
4 I airports.

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