

**TSA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE-115<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS**

8/9/18

Introduced Bills	Summary	Cosponsors	Status
<b>HR 2309-The Rights for Transportation Security Officers Act and S. 272, The Strengthening American Transportation Security Act (SATSA).</b>	Both bills strike the Aviation and Transportation Act statutory footnote used by TSA Administrators to set the terms and conditions of employment for the TSO workforce and places all TSA employees under title 5.	HR 2309-66 S. 272-10	HR 2309 was referred to the House Homeland Security and Oversight and Government Reform Committees. S. 272 was referred to the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee.
<b>HR 99, the Honoring our Fallen TSA Heroes Act</b>	The bill grants TSOs Public Safety Officer benefits in the event of their death or severe injury while in the line of duty.	38	HR 99 was referred to the House Judiciary Committee.
<b>HR 2514, the Funding for Aviation Screeners and Threat Elimination Restoration (FASTER) Act</b>	The bill repeals a law enacted in 2013 that diverts the Aviation Security Fee proceeds to offset unrelated general fund expenditures.	61	HR 2514 was referred to the Subcommittee on Transportation and Protective Security of the House Homeland Security Committee.
<b>HR 1351, the TSA Employee Misconduct Act</b>	The bill creates additional HR requirements at TSA, including unannounced inspections of TSA employee misconduct records at all airports and review of inspection results for variance. The bill does not include funding to implement the inspections and does not indicate that misconduct at TSA is worse than at other agencies.	1	HR 1351 was reported out of the Homeland Security Committee on 7/17/17 and is awaiting action by the full House. There is no Senate companion bill.
<b>HR 4737, the Airport Advanced Logistics, Emergency Response, and Training (ALERT) Act</b>	The ALERT Act requires the timely notification of risk communications to all Federal employees. The bill also requires a multidisciplinary plan for active shooter situations and specifically includes TSOs as training participants.	13	HR 4737 was introduced on 1/8/17 and referred to the Homeland Security Committee.

<p><b>HR 2825, the Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act (House)</b></p>	<p>Authorizes DHS programs and aligns titles and statutory references. Directs TSA to form a workgroup with AFGE to: Negotiate reforms to the Administration’s personnel management system, including appeals to the MSPB and grievance procedures. Working group recommendations must be reported to Congress within one year; and Permits the Administrator to implement mutually agreed upon recommendations before the final report is submitted. The provision is not governed by the ATSA footnote.</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>HR 2825 was passed by the House on 7/20/17.</p>
<p><b>HR 2825, the Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act (Senate)</b></p>	<p>The bill reorganizes DHS operations and reforms acquisitions and component coordination. Creates a DHS and component Employee Engagement Action Plan to address improved employee engagement, DHS management and leadership, diversity and inclusion efforts, employee morale, training and development opportunities. The bill requires employee union input and integration in developing programs and initiatives.</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>The Senate version of HR 2825 was reported out of the Homeland Security Committee on 3/7/18.</p>
<p><b>S. 1872, the TSA Modernization Act</b></p>	<p>The bill provides authorization for TSA, expands testing of biometric identifies and automated exit lane technology, reduces the days TSA can consider an initial SPP application from 120 to 30 and requires TSA to find that the cost of SPP contracts is “equal to or less than the comprehensive cost” of Federal TSOs.</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>S. 1872 was reported out of the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee on 10/4/17. Chairman Thune pledged to work with Ranking Member Nelson on TSO concerns with the bill.</p>
<p><b>S. 3109/HR ___, the FY 2019 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act</b></p>	<p>Both the House and Senate bills provide funding for 360 full time equivalent TSOs (for continued</p>		<p>HR___ was reported out by the House Appropriations Committee on July 25<sup>th</sup>. S. 3109 was reported out of the Senate Appropriations Committee on June 21<sup>st</sup>.</p>

	growth in travel) and to cover continued TSO staffing of exit lanes. Both bills also include funding for 31 VIPR teams. Both bills include a small funding increase for the Screening Partnership Program.		
<b>HR 6461, the National Deployment Force Act</b>	The bill establishes a National Deployment Office at TSA responsible for maintaining the NDF and recruiting TSOs to the force. The National Deployment Force will have one-year appointments with an option to extend the appointment at the TSO's request and with FSD approval	2	HR 6461 was referred to the House Homeland Security Committee.
<b>HR 6265, the Pre-Check Is Pre-Check Act</b>	The bill limits the use of pre-check lines to passengers who are part of a trusted traveler program, except for travelers under the age of 12 and over 75 who are not in a trusted traveler program but are accompanying another currently enrolled passenger. Requires TSA to establish "risk-modified" screening protocols for expedited screening of "low risk passengers meeting intelligence-based criteria" or those cleared by a canine team.	3	HR 6265 was reported out of the House Homeland Security Committee on July 24 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>S. 3144, the Strengthening Aviation Security Act of 2018</b>	The bill requires that TSA use risk-based strategies to deploy FAMS.	1	S. 3144 was referred to the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee.
<b>S. 2859, the Secure Airport Public Spaces Act</b>	The bill allows use of Passenger charge revenues to enhance security at airports, including installation of security cameras.	0	S. 2859 was referred to the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee.
<b>HR 5766, Securing Public Areas of Transportation Facilities Act</b>	The Act creates a working group of DHS and public/private stakeholders to develop recommendations to prevent terrorist attacks on public transportation.	1	HR 5766 passed the House by voice vote on July 25 <sup>th</sup> .

<b>HR 5255, the DHS Reserve Service Act</b>	The bill establishes a reserve DHS service comprised of former employees and rehired annuitants to meet “elevated demands” and “critical shortages” of component personnel, including TSA. The appointments are for one year, and cannot be used to supplant new hires, result in a reduction of current personnel.	1	HR 5255 was referred to the House Homeland Security Committee.
<b>HR 5131, the Surface Transportation Security Act</b>	The Act requires the DHS Secretary to submit to Congress a report on strategies to address possible terrorist attack scenarios for each mode of surface transportation.	2	HR 5131 passed the House on a vote of 409 -5 on March 22 <sup>nd</sup> .