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115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To require the Federal air marshal service to utilize risk-based strategies,
and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia introduced the following bill; which was referred
to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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based strategies, 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 “Strengthening Aviation
5 Security Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. USE OF RISK-BASED STRATEGIES BY FEDERAL AIR**

7 **MARSHAL SERVICE.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 44917
9 of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (7), by striking “and” after the
2 semicolon at the end;

3 (2) in paragraph (8), by striking the period at
4 the end and inserting a semicolon; and

5 (3) by adding at the end the following new
6 paragraphs:

7 “(9) shall require the Federal air marshal serv-
8 ice to utilize a risk-based strategy when allocating
9 resources between international and domestic flight
10 coverage, including when initially setting its annual
11 target numbers of average daily international and
12 domestic flights to cover;

13 “(10) shall require the Federal air marshal
14 service to utilize a risk-based strategy to support do-
15 mestic allocation decisions; and

16 “(11) shall require the Federal air marshal
17 service to utilize a risk-based strategy to support
18 international allocation decisions.”.

19 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 270 days after the date
20 of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the
21 Transportation Security Administration shall submit to
22 the Committee on Homeland Security and the Committee
23 on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of
24 Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security
25 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a report that de-

1 scribes the compliance of the Federal air marshal service
2 with the requirements specified in paragraphs (9) through
3 (11) of subsection (a) of section 44917 of title 49, United
4 States Code, as added by this Act, and the documented
5 methodology used by the Federal air marshal service to
6 conduct risk assessments in accordance with such para-
7 graphs.

8 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The Transportation Security
9 Administration shall begin carrying out the requirements
10 specified in paragraphs (9) through (11) of subsection (a)
11 of section 44917, United States Code, added by this Act,
12 by not later than the date that is 180 days after the date
13 of the enactment of this Act.