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To amend title 49, United States Code, to establish in the Transportation Security Administration a National Deployment Office, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN (for herself and Mr. KATKO) 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 National Deploy-
5 ment Force Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL DEPLOYMENT OFFICE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 449 of
8 title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
9 end the following new section:

1 **“§ 44947. National Deployment Office**

2 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established within
3 the Transportation Security Administration a National
4 Deployment Office, to be headed by an individual with su-
5 pervisory experience. Such individual shall be designated
6 by the Administrator of the Transportation Security Ad-
7 ministration.

8 “(b) DUTIES.—The individual designated as the head
9 of the National Deployment Office shall be responsible for
10 the following:

11 “(1) Maintaining a National Deployment Force
12 within the Transportation Security Administration
13 that is comprised of transportation security officers,
14 including supervisory transportation security officers
15 and lead transportation security officers, to provide
16 the Administration with rapid and efficient response
17 capabilities and augment the Department of Home-
18 land Security’s homeland security operations to miti-
19 gate and reduce risk, including for the following:

20 “(A) Airports temporarily requiring addi-
21 tional security personnel due to an emergency,
22 seasonal demands, hiring shortfalls, severe
23 weather conditions, passenger volume mitiga-
24 tion, equipment support, or other reasons.

25 “(B) Special events requiring enhanced se-
26 curity including National Special Security

1 Events, as determined by the Secretary of
2 Homeland Security.

3 “(C) Response in the aftermath of any
4 manmade disaster, including any terrorist at-
5 tack.

6 “(D) Other such situations, as determined
7 by the Administrator.

8 “(2) Educating transportation security officers
9 regarding how to participate in the Administration’s
10 National Deployment Force.

11 “(3) Recruiting officers to serve on the Na-
12 tional Deployment Force, in accordance with a staff-
13 ing model to be developed by the Administrator.

14 “(4) Approving one-year appointments for offi-
15 cers to serve on the National Deployment Force,
16 with an option to extend upon officer request and
17 with the approval of the appropriate Federal Secu-
18 rity Director.

19 “(5) Training officers to serve on the National
20 Deployment Force.”.

21 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for sub-
22 chapter II of chapter 449 of title 49, United States Code,
23 is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

“44947. National Deployment Office.”.

1 **SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**

2 Subsection (f) of section 114 of title 49, United
3 States Code, is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (14), by striking “and” after
5 the semicolon at the end;

6 (2) by redesignating paragraph (15) as para-
7 graph (16); and

8 (3) by inserting after paragraph (14) the fol-
9 lowing new paragraph:

10 “(15) establish and maintain a National De-
11 ployment Office as required under section 44947 of
12 this title; and”.

13 **SEC. 4. CAREER DEVELOPMENT.**

14 The Administrator of the Transportation Security
15 Administration may consider service in the National De-
16 ployment Force as a positive factor when evaluating appli-
17 cants for promotion opportunities within the Transpor-
18 tation Security Administration.

19 **SEC. 5. ANNUAL REPORT.**

20 Not later than one year after the date of enactment
21 of this Act and annually thereafter for five years, the Ad-
22 ministrator of the Transportation Security Administration
23 shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security of
24 the House of Representatives and Committee on Com-
25 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report
26 regarding activities of the National Deployment Office, in-

1 cluding the National Deployment Force, established under
2 section 44947 of title 49, United States Code, as added
3 by section 2 of this Act. Each such report shall include
4 information relating to the following:

5 (1) When, where, why, how many, and for how
6 long the National Deployment Force was deployed
7 throughout the 12-month period covered by such re-
8 port and the costs associated with such deployment.

9 (2) A description of collaboration between the
10 National Deployment Office and other components
11 of the Department of Homeland Security, other
12 Federal agencies, and State and local transportation
13 security stakeholders.

14 (3) The size of the National Deployment Force,
15 including information on the staffing model of such
16 Force and adherence to such model as established by
17 the Administrator.

18 (4) Information on recruitment, appointment,
19 and training activities, including processes utilized to
20 attract, recruit, appoint, and train officers to serve
21 on the National Deployment Force.

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