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To amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for the enhancement of security at airports in the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. JOHNSON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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. AIRPORT SECURITY PERSONNEL.**

4 (a) SCREENING PERSONNEL.—Section 44901(a) of
5 title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking “em-
6 ployee or agent of an air carrier, intrastate air carrier,
7 or foreign air carrier” in the second sentence of subsection
8 (a) and inserting “employee of the Federal Aviation Ad-
9 ministration or an employee of any other department or
10 agency of the United States”.

1 (b) TRANSITION.—The Administrator of the Federal
 2 Aviation Administration shall achieve full compliance with
 3 the requirement to use employees of the Federal Aviation
 4 Administration or other Federal Government employees to
 5 perform screening of passengers and property under sec-
 6 tion 44901(a) of title 49, United States Code (as amended
 7 by subsection (a)), as soon as is practicable. The Adminis-
 8 trator may make or continue arrangements for using em-
 9 ployees or agents of air carriers, intrastate air carriers,
 10 and foreign air carriers to perform such function under
 11 that section (as in effect before the date of the enactment
 12 of this Act) to the extent that the Administrator deter-
 13 mines necessary for enforcing security in air transpor-
 14 tation pending the achievement of full compliance with
 15 such requirement.

16 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM FOR SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS**

17 **AT SMALL AIRPORTS.**

18 (a) GRANT PROGRAM.—Subchapter I of chapter 449
 19 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at
 20 the end the following new section:

21 **“§ 44917. Grants for security enhancements: small**
 22 **airports**

23 “(a) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Transportation
 24 may make grants to operators of small airports (including
 25 hub airports and other airports) in the United States for

1 the purpose of defraying part or all of the costs of enhance-
2 ing the security of airports under the airport security pro-
3 grams, including the costs of procuring metal detectors,
4 anti-explosive equipment, x-ray scanning equipment, other
5 security devices, and any other items needed to provide
6 security for the airport.

7 “(b) SELECTION PROCEDURES.—The Secretary shall
8 use a competitive process prescribed by the Secretary for
9 awarding grants under this section.

10 “(c) SELECTION CRITERIA.—(1) The Secretary shall
11 prescribe in regulations the eligibility and selection criteria
12 to apply in the administration of the grant authority under
13 this section.

14 “(2) The eligibility criteria shall include standards for
15 an airport to qualify as a small airport.

16 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the term ‘airport
17 security program’ means a program carried out under the
18 regulations prescribed pursuant to section 44903 of this
19 title.”.

20 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
21 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding
22 at the end the following new item:

“44917. Grants for security enhancements: small airports.”.

23 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

24 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated to
25 the Department of Transportation for fiscal year 2002 for

1 purposes, and in such amounts as may be necessary to
2 carry out those purposes, as follows:

3 (1) For the Federal Aviation Administration, or
4 for transfer to any other department or agency of
5 the United States, for employing and training—

6 (A) additional personnel for carrying out
7 section 44901 of title 49, United States Code;
8 and

9 (B) additional law enforcement personnel
10 to perform law enforcement and other security
11 functions at airports under section 44903 of
12 title 49, United States Code.

13 (2) For the grant program under section 44917
14 of title 49, United States Code (as added by section
15 2).

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