

Union Calendar No. 639

119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 8897

[Report No. 119-735]

To improve travel for American families, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 19, 2026

Mr. MACKENZIE (for himself and Mrs. FOUSHEE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

JULY 9, 2026

Additional sponsor: Mr. VINDMAN

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Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on May 19, 2026]

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 “Improving Travel for*
 5 *American Families Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. IMPROVING TRAVEL FOR AMERICAN FAMILIES**
 7 **PILOT PROGRAM.**

8 *(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Trans-*
 9 *portation Security Administration (in this section referred*
 10 *to as the “Administrator”), may establish a pilot program*
 11 *at airports to expedite access to security screening for adult*
 12 *passengers and accompanying child passengers twelve years*
 13 *of age and under to support and facilitate the ease of travel*
 14 *for such passengers and such child passengers. The Admin-*
 15 *istrator may carry out this subsection only such access does*
 16 *not compromise security protocols.*

17 *(b) SECURITY REQUIREMENTS.—If the Administrator*
 18 *establishes the pilot program under subsection (a), the Ad-*
 19 *ministrator shall carry out the following:*

20 *(1) Ensure each passenger described in such sub-*
 21 *section is screened in accordance with the vetting sta-*
 22 *tus of such passenger under the Secure Flight pro-*
 23 *gram of the Transportation Security Administration,*
 24 *in accordance with paragraph (2) of section 44903(j)*
 25 *of title 49, United States Code.*

1 (2) *Prevent individuals carrying out screening*
2 *functions under section 44901 of such title from al-*
3 *lowing any passenger into a TSA PreCheck or other*
4 *expedited security screening lane unless such pas-*
5 *senger has received a boarding pass indicating eligi-*
6 *bility for TSA PreCheck or such other expedited secu-*
7 *rity screening.*

8 (3) *Permit local Administration management to*
9 *open or close checkpoint lanes and reallocate available*
10 *resources as needed to maximize security effectiveness*
11 *and efficiency based on passenger volume.*

12 (c) *SELECTION OF AIRPORTS.—If the Administrator*
13 *establishes the pilot program under subsection (a), in select-*
14 *ing airports for such pilot program, the Administrator*
15 *shall—*

16 (1) *give priority to an airport the Administrator*
17 *determines to have a high volume of passengers trav-*
18 *eling with accompanying child passengers;*

19 (2) *consider airports with adequate space to ac-*
20 *commodate additional or larger security screening*
21 *lanes and sufficient personnel to aid passengers and*
22 *accompanying child passengers twelve years of age*
23 *and under while maintaining adequate staffing of*
24 *other security screening lanes; and*

1 (3) *use any other consideration the Adminis-*
2 *trator determines necessary.*

3 (d) *BRIEFING.—If the Administrator establishes the*
4 *pilot program under subsection (a), not later than 270 days*
5 *after such establishment, the Administrator shall provide to*
6 *the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Rep-*
7 *resentatives and the Committee on Homeland Security and*
8 *Governmental Affairs and the Committee on Commerce,*
9 *Science, and Transportation of the Senate a briefing on*
10 *such pilot program.*

11 (e) *SUNSET.—If the Administrator establishes the pilot*
12 *program under subsection (a), the Administrator shall*
13 *carry out such pilot program for a period of two years.*

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