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# **H. R. 6461**

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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## **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”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL DEPLOYMENT OFFICE.**

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

5 **“§ 44947. National Deployment Office**

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

12 “(b) DUTIES.—The individual designated as the head  
13 of the National Deployment Office shall be responsible for  
14 the following:

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

24 “(A) Airports temporarily requiring addi-  
25 tional security personnel due to an emergency,  
26 seasonal demands, hiring shortfalls, severe

1 weather conditions, passenger volume mitiga-  
2 tion, equipment support, or other reasons.

3 “(B) Special events requiring enhanced se-  
4 curity including National Special Security  
5 Events, as determined by the Secretary of  
6 Homeland Security.

7 “(C) Response in the aftermath of any  
8 manmade disaster, including any terrorist at-  
9 tack.

10 “(D) Other such situations, as determined  
11 by the Administrator.

12 “(2) Educating transportation security officers  
13 regarding how to participate in the Administration’s  
14 National Deployment Force.

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

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

23 “(5) Training officers to serve on the National  
24 Deployment Force.”.

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

“44947. National Deployment Office.”.

4 **SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**

5 Subsection (f) of section 114, United States Code, is  
6 amended—

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

9 (2) by redesignating paragraph (15) as para-  
10 graph (16); and

11 (3) by inserting after paragraph (14) the fol-  
12 lowing new paragraph:

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

16 **SEC. 4. CAREER DEVELOPMENT.**

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

22 **SEC. 5. ANNUAL REPORT.**

23 Not later than one year after the date of enactment  
24 of this Act and annually thereafter for five years, the Ad-  
25 ministrator of the Transportation Security Administration

1 shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security of  
2 the House of Representatives and Committee on Com-  
3 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report  
4 regarding activities of the National Deployment Office, in-  
5 cluding the National Deployment Force, established under  
6 section 44947 of title 49, United States Code, as added  
7 by section 2 of this Act. Each such report shall include  
8 information relating to the following:

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

13           (2) A description of collaboration between the  
14           National Deployment Office and other components  
15           of the Department of Homeland Security, other  
16           Federal agencies, and State and local transportation  
17           security stakeholders.

18           (3) The size of the National Deployment Force,  
19           including information on the staffing model of such  
20           Force and adherence to such model as established by  
21           the Administrator.

22           (4) Information on recruitment, appointment,  
23           and training activities, including processes utilized to  
24           attract, recruit, appoint, and train officers to serve  
25           on the National Deployment Force.