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H. R. 3551

To require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to conduct a comprehensive study on child safety in aviation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia (for herself and Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Kids Fly Safe Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. STUDY AND REPORT ON CHILD SAFETY IN AVIA-**
6 **TION.**

7 (a) STUDY.—The Administrator of the Federal Avia-
8 tion Administration (in this section referred to as the “Ad-

1 administrator”), in consultation with the Secretary of Health
2 and Human Services, the Commissioner of Food and
3 Drugs, and the Consumer Product Safety Commission,
4 and the Administrator of the Transportation Security Ad-
5 ministration, shall conduct a comprehensive study on child
6 safety in aviation. The study shall include, but not be lim-
7 ited to, evaluation of the following issues:

8 (1) The usage and aircraft compatibility of age-
9 appropriate child safety seats and restraints, includ-
10 ing the different passenger safety and restraint
11 needs of infants, toddlers, and older children with
12 aircraft passenger seating.

13 (2) The procedures for evacuation of children
14 safely and efficiently from a transport category air-
15 plane and the extent to which new or revised age-
16 appropriate requirements are needed.

17 (3) Protection of strollers, child seats, and
18 other child safety equipment while in an aircraft
19 cargo hold.

20 (4) Taking into account other evaluations of
21 airports for compliance with the requirements of the
22 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.
23 12101 et seq.), and section 504 of the Rehabilitation
24 Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), evaluation of the ex-
25 tent to which diaper changing stations and areas

1 designated for breastfeeding are accessible in airport
2 terminals.

3 (5) The extent to which airport terminal design
4 requirements include measures relating to ensuring
5 the general physical safety of children in the ter-
6 minal and while on airport property.

7 (6) The extent to which airport and airline poli-
8 cies protect children from contagious diseases or in-
9 flight respiratory issues.

10 (7) The extent to which the revised training re-
11 quired by section 1950 of the FAA Reauthorization
12 Act of 2018 (49 U.S.C. 44901 note) for Transpor-
13 tation Security Officers related to the screening of
14 passengers with disabilities, including passengers
15 with disabilities who participate in the PreCheck
16 program, and the best practices recommended under
17 subsection (b) of such section, address the proper
18 screening, and any particular sensitivities related to
19 the screening, of passengers who are children with a
20 disability.

21 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 after the date of
22 enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall submit to
23 the appropriate committees of Congress a report con-
24 taining the results of the study conducted under sub-

- 1 section (a), together with recommendations for such legis-
- 2 lation as the Administrator determines appropriate.

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