

## S 3969

### Aircraft Safety and Certification Reform Act of 2020

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** MS • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Markup By	Nov 18, 2020

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### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 3866	Related bill	Jun 2, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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This bill revises the aircraft certification process of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

Among other requirements, the FAA must

- require certain aircraft manufacturers to have in place a safety management system that is consistent with the standards established by the International Civil Aviation Organization;
- initiate a review of its existing regulations and policies to integrate and emphasize human factors and human system integration, particularly those related to pilot and aircraft interfaces;
- address the integration of human factors in the design and certification of transport category aircraft;
- develop a Center of Excellence focused on flight automation and human factors in aircraft that are intended for use in air transportation;
- revise existing policies for manufacturers of large transport category airplanes that are expected to be operated for passenger air transportation to ensure that pilot operational evaluations use pilots from foreign and domestic air carriers;
- establish an Office of Continuing Education to provide continuing education and training to FAA personnel who hold positions involving aircraft and flight standards certification, including engineers and inspectors; and
- maintain a safety reporting program for FAA employees to anonymously and voluntarily report instances where they have identified safety concerns during the certification process.

## Actions Timeline

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