

## S 944

### Strengthening American Transportation Security Act of 2019

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

**Introduced:** Mar 28, 2019

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Mar 28, 2019)

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## Sponsor

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**Name:** Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** HI • **Chamber:** Senate

## Cosponsors (33 total)

| Cosponsor                           | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
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| Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]     | D · CT        |      | Mar 28, 2019 |
| Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]          | D · OH        |      | Mar 28, 2019 |
| Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]     | D · MD        |      | Mar 28, 2019 |
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| Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]           | D · WA        |      | Mar 28, 2019 |
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| Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]        | D · MI        |      | Mar 28, 2019 |
| Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]       | D · MD        |      | Mar 28, 2019 |
| Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]       | D · MA        |      | Mar 28, 2019 |
| Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]              | D · OR        |      | May 13, 2019 |
| Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]             | D · MT        |      | May 15, 2019 |
| Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]        | D · HI        |      | May 22, 2019 |
| Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]           | D · OR        |      | Jul 17, 2019 |
| Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]  | D · NY        |      | Jul 31, 2019 |
| Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV] | D · NV        |      | Nov 19, 2019 |
| Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]      | D · CO        |      | Dec 5, 2019  |
| Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]       | D · CA        |      | Dec 5, 2019  |
| Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]   | D · PA        |      | Dec 9, 2019  |
| Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]         | D · NJ        |      | Dec 19, 2019 |
| Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]        | D · IL        |      | Jan 9, 2020  |
| Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]       | D · CA        |      | Jan 9, 2020  |
| Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]   | D · NH        |      | Feb 11, 2020 |
| Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]         | D · NH        |      | Feb 11, 2020 |
| Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]     | D · CT        |      | Mar 5, 2020  |
| Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]        | D · NM        |      | May 21, 2020 |
| Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]          | D · WI        |      | Jul 28, 2020 |
| Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]              | D · VA        |      | Sep 30, 2020 |
| Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]        | I · VT        |      | Sep 30, 2020 |
| Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]         | D · VA        |      | Sep 30, 2020 |

## Committee Activity

| Committee                                       | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|---|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Mar 28, 2019 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

## Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship | Last Action  |
|-------------|--------------|--|
| 116 HR 1140 | Related bill | Mar 5, 2020: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. |

## Summary (as of Mar 28, 2019)

### Strengthening American Transportation Security Act of 2019

This bill expresses the sense of Congress that the personnel system used by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) provides insufficient workplace protections for its workforce and such personnel should be entitled to protections under the civil service system applicable to all federal employees.

Among other things, the bill

- eliminates personnel authorities of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Department of Transportation governing the conditions of employment for TSA employees, thus making TSA employees subject to the personnel management system applicable to other federal employees;
- sets forth transition rules that protect the pay rates and other rights of TSA employees;
- requires DHS to consult with the labor organization certified by the Federal Labor Relations Authority to carry out the conversion of such positions; and
- does not affect the prohibitions against disloyalty and asserting the right to strike against the federal government.

## Actions Timeline

- Mar 28, 2019: Introduced in Senate
- Mar 28, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.