

## S 944

Strengthening American Transportation Security Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

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Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 28, 2019
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Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jul 17, 2019
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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	<b>Mar 5, 2020:</b> 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

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