

S 1856

Rights for the TSA Workforce Act of 2021

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Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		May 26, 2021
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		May 26, 2021
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Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		May 26, 2021
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		May 26, 2021
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Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Jun 10, 2021
Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]	D · GA		Jun 10, 2021
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Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jul 19, 2021
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Jul 20, 2021
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Jul 21, 2021
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Sep 29, 2021
Sen. Hickenlooper, John W. [D-CO]	D · CO		Sep 29, 2021
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Sep 29, 2021
Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA]	D · GA		Sep 29, 2021
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Sep 29, 2021
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Sep 30, 2021
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Sep 30, 2021
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Oct 26, 2021

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Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		Dec 2, 2021
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Dec 9, 2021
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 24, 2022
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Sep 29, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 26, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 903	Related bill	May 16, 2022: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Summary (as of May 26, 2021)

Rights for the Transportation Security Administration Workforce Act of 2021 or the Rights for the TSA Workforce Act of 2021

This bill modifies the workplace rights, protections, and benefits applicable to Transportation Security Administration (TSA) personnel.

Specifically, the bill

- within 180 days, 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, leave rights, and other rights of TSA and Federal Air Marshal Service employees; and
- requires DHS to consult with the labor organization certified by the Federal Labor Relations Authority to carry out the conversion of such positions.

The bill also

- directs the TSA to implement in-person or remote mental health programs at each field office of the Federal Air Marshal Service and consult with labor associations to address concerns regarding federal air marshals, including mental health and suicide rates;
- requires DHS to prioritize the hiring of veterans, including disabled veterans; and
- directs the TSA to ensure its employees are provided proper guidance regarding prevention and protections against the coronavirus.

Actions Timeline

- **May 26, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
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