

## S 697

### Air Traffic Control Workforce Development Act of 2025

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

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**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. (Feb 24, 2025)

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### Sponsor

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Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Sep 2, 2025
Sen. Kim, Andy [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Sep 2, 2025
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Oct 28, 2025
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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 24, 2025

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 3270	Identical bill	<b>May 8, 2025:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.

## **Air Traffic Control Workforce Development Act of 2025**

This bill expands and modifies Air Traffic Control (ATC) workforce training and programs.

The bill provides statutory authority for the Enhanced Air Traffic-Collegiate Training Initiative (AT-CTI) program. As background, standard AT-CTI institutions of higher education offer nonengineering aviation degrees that teach basic courses in ATC and aviation administration, and graduates complete training at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Academy. Students at Enhanced AT-CTI schools are provided with equivalent FAA Academy ATC training and may be placed directly into an ATC facility.

The bill establishes a grant program for schools participating in the Enhanced AT-CTI program and provides for a faculty annuity supplement for ATC instructors at participating institution of higher education.

The FAA must convene an aviation rulemaking committee to review and provide recommendations on the (1) curricula of the FAA Academy, AT-CTI program, and Enhanced AT-CTI program; and (2) Air Traffic Skills Assessment exam. Based on the committee's recommendations, the FAA must initiate a rulemaking or make policy and guidance updates, with an exception.

The bill authorizes funding through FY2031 for the procurement and placement at ATC facilities of Tower Simulator Systems, which are used to train air traffic controllers on airport tower operations.

The bill also requires

- DOT to establish ATC recruitment and retention incentive programs,
- the FAA to support the development of mental health services training related to conditions for ATCs, and
- the FAA to submit a report to Congress on the status of the Airspace Non-cooperative Surveillance Radar program.

### **Actions Timeline**

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