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To amend title 49, United States Code, to require that individuals seeking training in the operation of certain aircraft be checked against the terrorist watchlist to ensure that such individuals are non-threats to aviation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 19, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi (for himself, Mr. MEEHAN, and Mr. RICHMOND) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Flight School Security
5 Act of 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT THAT INDIVIDUALS SEEKING**
2 **FLIGHT TRAINING ARE CHECKED AGAINST**
3 **THE TERRORIST WATCHLIST.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 44939 of title 49, United
5 States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)—

7 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (A)
8 through (F) of paragraph (1) as clauses (i)
9 through (vi), respectively;

10 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and
11 (2) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively;

12 (C) by striking “12,500 pounds” and in-
13 serting “12,500 pounds—”;

14 (D) by inserting before subparagraph (A),
15 as redesignated by paragraph (2) of this sub-
16 section, a new paragraph (2);

17 (E) by moving the text beginning with “to
18 an” and all that follows through “only if—” to
19 such paragraph (2);

20 (F) by inserting before such paragraph (2)
21 the following new paragraph (1):

22 “(1) to an individual seeking such training who
23 does not hold a valid airman’s certification issued by
24 the Federal Aviation Administration only upon re-
25 ceipt of information from the Assistant Secretary
26 that—

1 “(A) the individual has been checked
2 against the terrorist watchlist to ascertain if the
3 individual may pose a threat to aviation or na-
4 tional security or a threat of terrorism; and

5 “(B) the Assistant Secretary has deter-
6 mined that the individual does not pose a threat
7 that warrants denial of access to such training;
8 and”;

9 (G) in the subsection heading by striking
10 “WAITING PERIOD.—” and inserting “RE-
11 QUIREMENTS; WAITING PERIOD.—”; and

12 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
13 section:

14 “(j) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than March 1 of
15 each year, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee
16 on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives
17 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
18 tation of the Senate a report on the total number of indi-
19 viduals checked against the terrorist watchlist and total
20 number of individuals denied access to flight training dur-
21 ing the calendar year preceding the year in which the re-
22 port is submitted, in accordance with this section.”.

23 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subparagraph (B)
24 of paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of section 44949, as

1 redesignated by subsection (a), is amended by striking
2 “paragraph (1)” and inserting “subparagraph (A)”.

3 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The amendments made
4 by subsection (a) shall apply with respect to an individual
5 seeking flight training on or after the date of the enact-
6 ment of this Act.

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