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S. 2585

To establish an airspace management advisory committee.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “Airspace Management
5 Advisory Committee Act of 2016”.

6 **SEC. 2. AIRSPACE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

7 Section 213(c) of the FAA Modernization and Re-
8 form Act of 2012 (Public Law 112–95; 49 U.S.C. 40101
9 note) is amended by adding at the end the following:

10 “(3) AIRSPACE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COM-
11 MITTEE.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180
2 days after the date of the enactment of this
3 paragraph, the Administrator shall establish an
4 advisory committee to review and provide com-
5 ments on proposals described in subparagraph
6 (B) before any such proposal is made available
7 for public comment and before any such pro-
8 posal is implemented.

9 “(B) PROPOSALS DESCRIBED.—A proposal
10 described in this subparagraph is a proposed
11 change in regulations, policies, or guidance of
12 the Federal Aviation Administration relating to
13 airspace that affects airport operations, airport
14 capacity, the environment, or communities in
15 the vicinity of airports.

16 “(C) MEMBERSHIP.—The membership of
17 the advisory committee established under sub-
18 paragraph (A) shall include representatives of
19 air carriers, airports of various sizes and types,
20 and State aviation officials.

21 “(D) DUTIES.—Not later than 100 days
22 after the establishment of the advisory com-
23 mittee under subparagraph (A), the advisory
24 committee shall—

1 “(i) conduct a review of the practices
2 and procedures of the Federal Aviation
3 Administration for developing proposals
4 described in subparagraph (B), including—

5 “(I) an assessment of the extent
6 to which there is consultation, or a
7 lack of consultation, with respect to
8 such proposals—

9 “(aa) between and among
10 the affected elements of the Fed-
11 eral Aviation Administration, in-
12 cluding the Air Traffic Organiza-
13 tion, the Office of Airports, the
14 Flight Standards Service, the Of-
15 fice of NextGen, and the Office
16 of Energy and Environment; and

17 “(bb) between the Federal
18 Aviation Administration and af-
19 fected entities, including airports,
20 communities, and State and local
21 governments;

22 “(ii) recommend revisions to such
23 practices and procedures to improve com-
24 munications and coordination between and
25 among affected elements of the Federal

1 Aviation Administration and with other af-
2 fected entities with respect to proposals de-
3 scribed in subparagraph (B) and the po-
4 tential effects of such proposals;

5 “(iii) conduct a review of the manage-
6 ment by the Federal Aviation Administra-
7 tion of database systems used to evaluate
8 data relating to obstructions to air naviga-
9 tion or navigational facilities under part 77
10 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations;
11 and

12 “(iv) make recommendations to en-
13 sure that the data described in clause (iii)
14 is publicly accessible and streamlined to
15 ensure developers, airport operators, and
16 other interested parties may obtain rel-
17 evant information concerning potential ob-
18 structions when working to preserve and
19 create a safe and efficient navigable air-
20 space.”.

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