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To improve aviation security by requiring the installation of certain explosive detection equipment at certain airports, by requiring the installation of explosive resistant cargo containers on aircraft, to provide assistance for the acquisition of such equipment, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NADLER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Aviation Antiterrorism
5 Act of 1996”.

1 **SEC. 2. INSTALLATION AND USE OF EXPLOSIVE DETECTION**
2 **EQUIPMENT.**

3 Section 44913 of Title 49, United States Code is
4 amended by to read as follows:

5 **“SEC. 44913. EXPLOSIVE DETECTION AND CONTAINMENT.**

6 “(a) **INSTALLATION AND USE OF EXPLOSIVE DETEC-**
7 **TION EQUIPMENT.**—Not later than 60 days after the date
8 of the enactment of this section, the Administrator of the
9 Federal Aviation Administration shall—

10 “(1) set minimum standards for equipment
11 that, alone or as part of an integrated system, can
12 detect under realistic air carrier operating condi-
13 tions, the amounts, configurations, and types of ex-
14 plosive material that would likely be used to cause
15 catastrophic damage to commercial aircraft, and

16 “(2) require all commercial air carriers, includ-
17 ing foreign air carriers, on all flights providing serv-
18 ice to from or within the United States, to install
19 and use, as expeditiously as possible, such equipment
20 to screen all passenger baggage and all other cargo
21 for explosives at airports (whether located within or
22 outside the United States) that serve commercial
23 aviation.

24 “(b) **INSTALLATION OF EXPLOSIVE RESISTANT**
25 **CARGO CONTAINERS.**—Not later than 60 days after the

1 date of the enactment of this section, the Administrator
2 of the Federal Aviation Administration shall—

3 “(1) set minimum standards for cargo contain-
4 ers that can withstand explosions caused by the
5 types of explosive material that would likely be used
6 to cause catastrophic damage to commercial aircraft,
7 and

8 “(2) require all commercial air carriers to in-
9 stall and use, as expeditiously as possible, such
10 equipment.

11 “(c) GRANTS.—The Secretary of Transportation may
12 provide grants to continue the Explosive Detection K-9
13 Team Training Program to detect explosives at airports
14 and on aircraft.”.

15 **SEC. 3. AVIATION SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.**

16 The Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982
17 (49 U.S.C. 47101–47131) is amended by adding at the
18 end thereof the following new section:

19 **“SEC. 47132. AVIATION SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.**

20 “(a) AIR CARRIER SECURITY ASSISTANCE PRO-
21 GRAM.—Subject to such terms and conditions as the Ad-
22 ministrator may establish, the Administrator is authorized
23 to make grants from the Trust Fund to air carriers re-
24 quired to—

1 “(1) install and use explosive detection equip-
2 ment, or

3 “(2) explosive resistant cargo containers under
4 section 2 of the Aviation Antiterrorism Act of 1996
5 to pay up to 100 percent of the cost of acquiring
6 such equipment.

7 “(b) FUNDING.—

8 “(1) CONTRACT AUTHORITY.—The adminis-
9 trator is authorized to incur obligations to make
10 grants from funds made available under this section.

11 “(3) INAPPLICABILITY OF OBLIGATION CEIL-
12 INGS.—Funds made available by this subsection
13 shall not be subject to any obligation ceiling.”.

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