

Bill Summary and Section-by-Section TSA Security Threat Assessment Application Modernization Act

Bill Summary

The TSA Security Threat Assessment Application Modernization Act will standardize and streamline the enrollment process for individuals applying for multiple Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Security Threat Assessment (STA) programs. It will enable individuals to enroll at a TSA-designated universal enrollment center once and use the application for multiple programs, including the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC), hazardous materials endorsement (HME), and PreCheck programs. The legislation will yield efficiencies by eliminating duplicative STAs and redundant fees for individuals enrolling in two or more programs. These changes eliminate financial and logistical barriers to entry for individuals seeking multiple credentials without sacrificing the integrity of TSA's critical security mission.

Section-by-Section

Section 1 establishes that the bill may be cited as the TSA Security Threat Assessment Application Modernization Act.

Section 2(a) requires the TSA Administrator and Agency to:

- Standardize the enrollment and renewal system for TSA's STA programs, including the TWIC, HAZMAT Endorsement, and PreCheck programs.
- Permit applicants to enroll at a TSA-designated universal enrollment center once and use the application to enroll in additional STA programs.
- Permit applicants apply successful, valid clearance results from an existing TSA STA to satisfy vetting requirements for participation in other STA programs.
- Align the expiration date of an applicant's valid STA results with the expiration date of that individual's eligibility to participate in other TSA STA programs.
- Enroll an individual in two or more TSA STA programs without additional cost to the individual.

Section 2(a) also establishes a special rule that would affect individuals who apply for or renew their enrollment in multiple TSA STA programs at different times. The rule requires certain applicants to revisit a TSA-designated enrollment center to provide biometrics if the applicants did not previously submit such data, and if such data is required for enrollment.

Section 2(b) requires the TSA Administrator to post information related to standardized enrollment for TSA STA programs on a public webpage.

Section 2(c) requires the TSA Administrator to brief Congress on the Agency's progress toward the implementation of this legislation within six months.

Section 2(d) requires the TSA Administrator to complete implementation of this legislation within 24 months.

Finally, Section 2(e) defines the terms 'HAZMAT Endorsement,' 'TSA PreCheck,' and 'TWIC' in the context of the legislation.