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AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To establish performance objectives and performance metrics for testing and verification of security technology.

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To authorize the programs of the Transportation Security Administration relating to transportation security, and for other purposes.

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. GARDNER

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1 At the end of subtitle A of title II, add the following:
2 **SEC. ____ . TESTING AND VERIFICATION PERFORMANCE OB-**
3 **JECTIVES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall establish
5 performance objectives for the testing and verification of
6 security technology, including testing and verification con-
7 ducted by third parties under section 211, to ensure that
8 progress is made, at a minimum, toward—

9 (1) reducing time for each phase of testing
10 while maintaining security (including testing for de-

1 tection testing, operational testing, testing and
2 verification framework, and field testing);

3 (2) eliminating testing and verification delays;
4 and

5 (3) increasing accountability.

6 (b) PERFORMANCE METRICS.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out subsection
8 (a), the Administrator shall establish and continually
9 track performance metrics for each type of security
10 technology submitted for testing and verification, in-
11 cluding testing and verification conducted by third
12 parties under section 211.

13 (2) MEASURING PROGRESS TOWARD GOALS.—
14 The Administrator shall use the metrics established
15 and tracked under paragraph (1) to generate data
16 on an ongoing basis and to measure progress toward
17 the achievement of the performance objectives estab-
18 lished under subsection (a).

19 (3) REPORT REQUIRED.—

20 (Δ) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years
21 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
22 Administrator shall submit to the appropriate
23 committees of Congress a report assessing the
24 extent to which the performance objectives es-
25 tablished under subsection (a), as measured by

1 the performance metrics established and
2 tracked under paragraph (1), have been met.

3 (B) ELEMENTS.—The report required by
4 subparagraph (A) shall include—

5 (i) a list of the performance metrics
6 established under paragraph (1), including
7 the length of time for each phase of testing
8 and verification for each type of security
9 technology; and

10 (ii) a comparison of the progress
11 achieved for testing and verification of se-
12 curity technology conducted by the TSA
13 and the testing and verification of security
14 technology conducted by third parties.

15 (C) PROPRIETARY INFORMATION.—The re-
16 port required by subparagraph (A) shall—

17 (i) not include identifying information
18 regarding an individual or entity or equip-
19 ment; and

20 (ii) protect proprietary information.