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H.R. 1351
Strengthening Oversight of TSA Employee Misconduct Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security on May 3, 2017

H.R. 1351 would require the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to complete, by September 30, 2023, unannounced inspections at all airports of actions taken by TSA managers to address employee misconduct. The bill would specify procedures for TSA to follow in reporting the results of such inspections to both the Congress and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and would authorize TSA to implement any personnel-related recommendations that DHS makes after reviewing such results.

Based on an analysis of information from TSA, CBO estimates that inspecting all airports where TSA currently operates within the timeframe specified by the bill would require about five additional staff. Including increased administrative costs and travel expenses, CBO estimates that meeting the bill's inspection requirements would increase TSA's costs by $1 million annually and $5 million over the 2018-2022 period; that spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds. (That amount does not include any additional costs that the agency might incur to implement DHS-recommended changes to policies for addressing employee misconduct pursuant to reports of inspections carried out under the bill.)

Enacting H.R. 1351 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 1351 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

H.R. 1351 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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