

SEC. 1058. REPORT ON DEFENSE TRAVEL SIMPLIFICATION.

(a) Report Required- Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report setting forth a comprehensive plan to simplify Department of Defense travel procedures.

(b) Elements- The report required under subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) A comprehensive discussion of aspects of the Department of Defense travel procedures that are most confusing, inefficient, and in need of revision.

(2) A critical review of opportunities to streamline and simplify defense travel policies and to reduce travel-related costs to the Department of Defense.

(3) A discussion of any actions to incorporate permanent duty travel that are being undertaken by the Secretary of Defense as of the date of the enactment of this Act.

(4) A plan to gather data on the number of manual temporary duty vouchers processed by the Department of Defense.

(5) Options to leverage industry capabilities and technologies that could enhance management responsiveness to changing markets.

(6) A discussion of pilot programs that the Secretary of Defense could carry out to demonstrate the merit of improvements identified pursuant to preparing the report required by this section, including a discussion of--

(A) recommendations for legislative authority; and

(B) how the systems developed for purposes of such a pilot program would interact with the automated Defense Travel System in effect as of the date of the enactment of this Act.

(7) Such recommendations and an implementation plan for legislative or administrative action as the Secretary of Defense considers appropriate to improve defense travel.