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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. SNOWE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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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. PASSENGER, BAGGAGE, AND CARGO SCREN-
4 ING.**

5 (a) REQUIREMENT FOR STUDY AND REPORT.—The
6 Secretary of Homeland Security shall—
7 (1) study the cost and feasibility of requiring
8 security screening for all passengers, baggage, and

1 mail, express, and other cargo on Amtrak trains;
2 and

3 (2) report the results of the study, together
4 with any recommendations that the Secretary may
5 have for implementing a rail security screening pro-
6 gram to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
7 Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on
8 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of
9 Representatives one year after the date of enactment
10 of this Act.

11 (b) PILOT PROGRAM.—As part of the study under
12 subsection (a), the Secretary shall conduct a pilot program
13 of random security screening of passengers and baggage
14 at 5 of the 10 busiest passenger rail stations served by
15 Amtrak (measured by the average number of boardings
16 of Amtrak passenger trains) and at up to five additional
17 rail stations served by Amtrak that are selected by the
18 Secretary. In selecting the additional train stations the
19 Secretary shall attempt to achieve a distribution of partici-
20 pating stations in terms of geographic location and size.

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