

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 3935
OFFERED BY MR. GOODEN OF TEXAS**

At the end of title VIII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 8 ____ . FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION ACADEMY**

2 **AND FACILITY EXPANSION PLAN.**

3 (a) PLAN.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—No later than 90 days after
5 the date of enactment of this section, the Adminis-
6 trator shall initiate the development of a plan to—

7 (A) expand overall FAA capacity relating
8 to facilities, instruction, equipment, and train-
9 ing resources to grow the number of develop-
10 mental air traffic controllers enrolled per fiscal
11 year and support increases in FAA air con-
12 troller staffing to advance the safety of the na-
13 tional airspace system; and

14 (B) establish a second FAA Academy.

15 (2) CONSIDERATIONS.—In developing the plan
16 under paragraph (1), the Administrator shall con-
17 sider—

18 (A) the resources needed to support an in-
19 crease in the total number of developmental air

1 traffic controllers enrolled at the FAA Acad-
2 emies;

3 (B) the resources needed to lessen FAA
4 Academy attrition per fiscal year;

5 (C) how to modernize the education and
6 training of developmental air traffic controllers,
7 including through the use of new techniques
8 and technologies to support instruction, and
9 whether field training can be administered more
10 flexibly, such as at other FAA locations across
11 the country;

12 (D) the equipment needed to support ex-
13 panded instruction, including air traffic control
14 simulation systems, virtual reality, and other
15 virtual training platforms;

16 (E) projected staffing needs associated
17 with FAA Academy expansion and the oper-
18 ation of virtual education platforms, including
19 the number of on-the-job instructors needed to
20 educate and train additional developmental air
21 traffic controllers;

22 (F) the use of existing FAA-owned facili-
23 ties and classroom space and identifying poten-
24 tial opportunities for new construction;

25 (G) the costs of—

1 (i) expanding FAA capacity (as de-
2 scribed in paragraph (1)(A)); and

3 (ii) establishing a second FAA Acad-
4 emy (as described in paragraph (1)(B));

5 (H) soliciting input from, and coordinating
6 with, relevant stakeholders as appropriate, in-
7 cluding the exclusive bargaining representative
8 of air traffic control specialists of the FAA cer-
9 tified under section 7111 of title 5, United
10 States Code; and

11 (I) other logistical and financial consider-
12 ations as determined by appropriate the Admin-
13 istrator.

14 (b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
15 of enactment of this section, the Administrator shall sub-
16 mit to the appropriate committees of Congress the plan
17 developed under subsection (a).

18 (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days after the
19 submission of the plan under subsection (b), the Adminis-
20 trator shall brief the appropriate committees of Congress
21 on the plan, including the implementation of the plan.

