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H. R. 1510

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 13, 2011

Mr. CHAFFETZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

A BILL

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “TSA Screening of Mi-
5 nors Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON PAT DOWN SEARCHES OF MINORS**
2 **WITHOUT THE CONSENT AND PRESENCE OF**
3 **PARENT.**

4 Section 44901 of title 49, United States Code, is
5 amended—

6 (1) by striking so much as precedes the first
7 sentence and inserting the following:

8 “(b) SCREENING OF PASSENGERS.—

9 “(1) SUPERVISION OF SCREENING.—”; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following new
11 paragraph:

12 “(2) SCREENING OF MINORS.—

13 “(A) PROHIBITION.—A screening of a pas-
14 senger who is a minor may not include a pat
15 down search of the passenger unless such
16 search—

17 “(i) is conducted with the consent,
18 and in the presence, of a parent of the
19 minor; or

20 “(ii) in the case of a minor who is not
21 accompanied by a parent, is conducted in
22 the presence of a representative of the air
23 carrier or foreign air carrier undertaking
24 to provide air transportation or foreign air
25 transportation, respectively, for which the
26 search is conducted.

1 “(B) PARENT DEFINED.—In this para-
2 graph the term ‘parent’ includes a person who
3 is authorized to act in loco parentis for pur-
4 poses of providing consent with respect to a pat
5 down search under this section.”.

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