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The Fallout: How Legislative Initiatives Drive Action

Panelist Introductions

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Previous Legislative Victories

- 2018 FAA Reauthorization Bill
 - Joined industry stakeholders to craft and advocate for legislation to fund aviation technical workforce development (what is today the FAA workforce grant)
 - Incorporated a directive putting a timeline on part 147 promulgation
- When the deadline passed, successfully advocated for language ultimately included in COVID relief legislation directing promulgation of the industry-crafted regulation (what is now the new part 147)



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2024 FAA Reauthorization

- Passed once every five-years (or so) to provide funding for the FAA
- The bill is the vehicle for big aviation policy provisions, the current text is the result of years-long collaboration with Congress and industry stakeholders
- Current FAA authorization extended through May 10 (third extension)
- Despite current differences between House and Senate versions, there is a bipartisan effort to pass a long-term bill



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Workforce Provisions

(with some differences between the House and Senate)

- Directs the FAA to ensure it maintains and updates the ACS in collaboration with industry stakeholders.
- Allocates funding for the FAA workforce grant programs.
- Directs the FAA to create a military competency ACS (and associated test) to aid service member transition.
- Directs research and “evaluation” of opportunities to allow a high school student to take the general knowledge exam.



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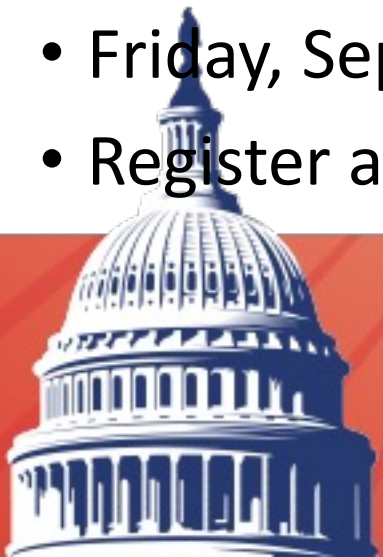


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ATEC Fly-In Sept. 17-19

- Wednesday, September 18
 - FAA Meetings
 - Brief on ATEC and industry stakeholder legislative issues
 - Hill meeting preparation
- Thursday, September 19
 - Congressional Meetings on Capitol Hill (ATEC schedules)
 - ATEC Pipeline Report Media Release
- Friday, September 20: Board Meeting (open to all)
- Register at www.atec-amt.org/events/2024-flyin



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