

2025 FSANA Congressional Leave-Behind

FSANA Mission

The Flight School Association of North America (FSANA) represents independent flight schools across the nation. FSANA works to expand pilot training access, reduce regulatory barriers, and promote aviation safety and workforce development.

Key Asks

1. FAA Flight Testing Reform

- Request the FAA ensure all airman practical test candidates can secure a flight test within 14 calendar days of instructor approval and require all FAA Designated Pilot Examiners (DPEs) to conduct at least 120 tests annually.
- Delays remain widespread despite the new FAA Centralized Airman Testing Office created under the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024.
- DPE numbers have stagnated while demand has doubled, causing 4–12 week waits and higher costs.

2. Expand Veterans' Flight Training Benefits

- Request the Veterans Administration permit FAA Part 141 flight schools to enroll veterans starting at the Private Pilot level.
- Current VA policy discriminates against vocational flight schools and delays veterans' airline readiness by 4+ years.

3. Protect General Aviation from ADS-B Monetization

- Support S.2175 (Sen. Ted Budd) to prohibit use of "Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast" (ADS-B) data for assessing fees or charges on general aviation aircraft.
- ADS-B was created for flight safety (not profit) and monetization could add \$2,500–\$3,500 to student pilot costs.

Why It Matters

- National pilot shortage worsens with each delay and cost increase.
- Pilot training generates significant economic value across communities.
- Equal access to training supports veteran reintegration and national workforce needs.
- Upholding ADS-B's safety purpose ensures a fair and secure aviation system.

FAA Testing Data Snapshot

Year	DPEs	Certificates Issued
2011	944	60,621
2015	804	71,807
2020	948	96,377
2024	1,035	129,112

DPE Utilization (FY 2024)

Number of Practical Flight Tests Given	Percentage of Tests Given Per DPE in 2024
<25	17%
26-50	10%
51-75	9%
76-100	9%
101-150	17%
151-200	14%
200+	24%