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Language within the 2017 National Defense Authorization Act could require the FAA to review procedural changes at commercial airports enacted after February 14, 2012. This could include Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport.

The ACT does not include any specific timelines or direct the FAA to revert to old flight paths, but does say if “significant effect on the human environment” is present from these changes, the FAA will work with the airport operator on mitigation measures and consider the use of alternative flight paths.

The specific language is located in subtitle E, sec.341, and starts on page 180 of the conference report, which can be found here: <http://docs.house.gov/billsthisweek/20161128/CRPT-114HRPT-S2943.pdf>