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At the end of subtitle E of title V, insert the following new section:

1 SEC. 5515. GAO REVIEW OF SCHOOL BUS SAFETY.

2 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
3 of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States
4 shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
5 Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on
6 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
7 resentatives a review of the following:

8 (1) Existing Federal and State rules and guid-
9 ance, as of the date of the review, concerning school
10 bus transportation of elementary school and sec-
11 ondary school students engaging in home-to-school
12 transport or other transport determined by the
13 Comptroller General to be a routine part of kinder-
14 garten through grade 12 education, including regula-
15 tions and guidance regarding driver training pro-
16 grams, capacity requirements, programs for special
17 needs students, inspection standards, vehicle age re-

1 requirements, best practices, and public access to in-
2 spection results and crash records.

3 (2) Any correlation between public or private
4 school bus fleet operators whose vehicles are involved
5 in an accident as defined by section 390.5 of title
6 49, Code of Federal Regulations, and each of the
7 following:

8 (A) A failure by those same operators of
9 State or local safety inspections.

10 (B) The average age or odometer readings
11 of the school buses in the fleets of such opera-
12 tors.

13 (C) Violations of Federal laws adminis-
14 tered by the Department of Transportation, or
15 of State law equivalents of such laws.

16 (D) Violations of State or local law relat-
17 ing to illegal passing of a school bus.

18 (3) A regulatory framework comparison of pub-
19 lic and private school bus operations.

20 (4) Expert recommendations on best practices
21 for safe and reliable school bus transportation, in-
22 cluding driver training programs, inspection stand-
23 ards, school bus age and odometer reading maxi-
24 mums for retirement, the percentage of buses in a

- 1 local bus fleet needed as spare buses, and capacity
- 2 levels per school bus for different age groups.

