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

SEC. 5515. GAO REVIEW OF SCHOOL BUS SAFETY.

Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a review of the following:

(1) Existing Federal and State rules and guidance, as of the date of the review, concerning school bus transportation of elementary school and secondary school students engaging in home-to-school transport or other transport determined by the Comptroller General to be a routine part of kindergarten through grade 12 education, including regulations and guidance regarding driver training programs, capacity requirements, programs for special needs students, inspection standards, vehicle age re-
quirements, best practices, and public access to in-
spection results and crash records.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(4) Expert recommendations on best practices
for safe and reliable school bus transportation, in-
cluding driver training programs, inspection stand-
ards, school bus age and odometer reading maxi-
mums for retirement, the percentage of buses in a
local bus fleet needed as spare buses, and capacity levels per school bus for different age groups.