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AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: To direct the Comptroller General of the United States to study school bus safety, reliability, and best practices.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—114th Cong., 1st Sess.

S. 1732

A bill to authorize elements of the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. MARKEY

Viz:

- 1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:
- 2 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . GAO REVIEW OF SCHOOL BUS SAFETY.**
- 3 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
- 4 of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States
- 5 shall submit, to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
- 6 Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on
- 7 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
- 8 resentatives, a review of the following:
- 9 (1) Existing Federal and State rules and guid-
- 10 ance, as of the date of the review, concerning school
- 11 bus transportation of elementary school and sec-

1       ondary school students engaging in home-to-school  
 2       transport or other transport determined by the  
 3       Comptroller General to be a routine part of kinder-  
 4       garten through grade 12 education, including regula-  
 5       tions and guidance regarding driver training pro-  
 6       grams, capacity requirements, programs for special  
 7       needs students, inspection standards, vehicle age re-  
 8       quirements, best practices, and public access to in-  
 9       spection results and crash records.

as defined  
 by FMCSA  
 Regulation  
 390.5

10               (2) Any correlation between public or private  
 11       school bus fleet operators whose vehicles are involved  
 12       in ~~major~~ <sup>an</sup> accidents and each of the following:

involving  
 serious injuries  
 or fatalities.

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

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

18               (C) Violations of Federal laws adminis-  
 19       tered by ~~the Occupational Safety and Health~~  
 20       ~~Administration~~, the Department of Transpor-  
 21       tation, ~~or the National Labor Relations Board,~~  
 22       or of State law equivalents of such laws.

(D) Violations  
 of state or local  
 law relating to  
 illegal passing of  
 a school bus.  
 Insert:

23       (4) ~~(X)~~ Expert recommendations on best practices  
 24       for safe and reliable school bus transportation, in-  
 25       cluding driver training programs, inspection stand-

~~Regulation of~~  
~~comparison of~~  
~~and~~

(3) A regulatory  
 framework comparison  
 of public and private  
 school bus operations

- 1 ards, school bus age and odometer reading maxi-
- 2 mums for retirement, the percentage of buses in a
- 3 local bus fleet needed as spare buses, and capacity
- 4 levels per school bus for different age groups.