

1 “(j) DEFINITION.—In this section, ‘employee’ means
2 a driver of a commercial motor vehicle (including an inde-
3 pendent contractor when personally operating a commer-
4 cial motor vehicle), a mechanic, a freight handler, or an
5 individual not an employer, who—

6 “(1) directly affects commercial motor vehicle
7 safety or security in the course of employment by a
8 commercial motor carrier; and

9 “(2) is not an employee of the United States
10 Government, a State, or a political subdivision of a
11 State acting in the course of employment.”.

12 **SEC. 1537. UNIFIED CARRIER REGISTRATION SYSTEM**
13 **AGREEMENT.**

14 (a) REENACTMENT OF SSRS.—Section 14504 of title
15 49, United States Code, as that section was in effect on
16 December 31, 2006, shall be in effect as a law of the
17 United States for the period beginning on January 1,
18 2007, ending on the earlier of January 1, 2008, or the
19 effective date of the final regulations issued pursuant to
20 subsection (b).

21 (b) DEADLINE FOR FINAL REGULATIONS.—Not later
22 than October 1, 2007, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety
23 Administration shall issue final regulations to establish
24 the Unified Carrier Registration System, as required by
25 section 13908 of title 49, United States Code, and set fees

1 for the unified carrier registration agreement for calendar
2 year 2007 or subsequent calendar years to be charged to
3 motor carriers, motor private carriers, and freight for-
4 warders under such agreement, as required by 14504a of
5 title 49, United States Code.

6 (c) **REPEAL OF SSRS.**—Section 4305(a) of the Safe,
7 Accountable, Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity
8 Act: A Legacy for Users (119 Stat. 1764) is amended by
9 striking “the first January” and all that follows through
10 “this Act” and inserting “January 1, 2008”.

11 **SEC. 1538. SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION SECURITY.**

12 (a) **SCHOOL BUS SECURITY RISK ASSESSMENT.**—
13 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this
14 Act, the Secretary shall transmit to the appropriate con-
15 gressional committees a report, including a classified re-
16 port, as appropriate, containing a comprehensive assess-
17 ment of the risk of a terrorist attack on the Nation’s
18 school bus transportation system in accordance with the
19 requirements of this section.

20 (b) **CONTENTS OF RISK ASSESSMENT.**—The assess-
21 ment shall include—

22 (1) an assessment of security risks to the Na-
23 tion’s school bus transportation system, including
24 publicly and privately operated systems;