safety and health statutes and regulations, national industry and consensus standards, and Administration policies.

“(B) REMOVAL.—The Designated Agency Safety and Health Officer shall serve at the pleasure of the Administrator.”.

(b) DEADLINE FOR APPOINTMENT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall appoint an individual to serve as the Designated Agency Safety and Health Officer under section 106(u) of title 49, United States Code.

SEC. 2502. REPAIR STATIONS LOCATED OUTSIDE UNITED STATES.

(a) RISK-BASED OVERSIGHT.—Section 44733 is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (f) as subsection (g);

(2) by inserting after subsection (e) the following:

“(f) RISK-BASED OVERSIGHT.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of the Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Act of 2016, the Administrator shall take measures to ensure that the
safety assessment system established under subsection (a)—

“(A) places particular consideration on inspections of part 145 repair stations located outside the United States that conduct scheduled heavy maintenance work on part 121 air carrier aircraft; and

“(B) accounts for the frequency and seriousness of any corrective actions that part 121 air carriers must implement to aircraft following such work at such repair stations.

“(2) INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS.—The Administrator shall take the measures required under paragraph (1)—

“(A) in accordance with the United States obligations under applicable international agreements; and

“(B) in a manner consistent with the applicable laws of the country in which a repair station is located.

“(3) ACCESS TO DATA.—The Administrator may access and review such information or data in the possession of a part 121 air carrier as the Administrator may require in carrying out paragraph (1)(B).”; and
(3) in subsection (g), as redesignated—

(A) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively; and

(B) by inserting before paragraph (2), as redesignated, the following:

“(1) **Heavy maintenance work.**—The term ‘heavy maintenance work’ means a C-check, a D-check, or equivalent maintenance operation with respect to the airframe of a transport-category aircraft.”.

(b) **Alcohol and Controlled Substances Testing.**—The Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall ensure that—

(1) not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, a notice of proposed rulemaking required pursuant to section 44733(d)(2) of title 49, United States Code, is published in the Federal Register; and

(2) not later than 1 year after the date on which the notice of proposed rulemaking is published in the Federal Register, the rulemaking is finalized.

(c) **Background Investigations.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall ensure that each employee of a repair station certificated
under part 145 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, who performs a safety-sensitive function on an air carrier aircraft has undergone a pre-employment background investigation sufficient to determine whether the individual presents a threat to aviation safety, in a manner that is—

(1) determined acceptable by the Administrator;

(2) consistent with the applicable laws of the country in which the repair station is located; and

(3) consistent with the United States obligations under international agreements.

SEC. 2503. FAA TECHNICAL TRAINING.

(a) E-LEARNING TRAINING PILOT PROGRAM.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, in collaboration with the exclusive bargaining representatives of covered FAA personnel, shall establish an e-learning training pilot program in accordance with the requirements of this section.

(b) CURRICULUM.—The pilot program shall—

(1) include a recurrent training curriculum for covered FAA personnel to ensure that the covered FAA personnel receive instruction on the latest aviation technologies, processes, and procedures;