(e)   (1)   In addition to the requirements contained in subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this section, an operator must obtain State–issued endorsements of an operator's commercial driver's license to operate commercial motor vehicles which are:

(i)   Double/triple trailers;

(ii)   Vehicles designed to transport 16 or more passengers including the driver (passenger vehicles);

(iii)   School buses; or

(iv)   Tank vehicles.

(2)   A school bus endorsement authorized under this subsection is also an endorsement for vehicles designed to transport 16 or more passengers including the driver (passenger vehicles).

(f)   (1)   In addition to the requirements contained in subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this section, an operator must obtain a State–issued endorsement of an operator's commercial driver's license to operate a commercial motor vehicle that is required to be placarded for hazardous materials.

(2)   Before an operator can obtain a State–issued endorsement under this subsection, the operator shall apply to the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository for a national and State criminal history records check.

(3)   The Administration may not issue a hazardous materials endorsement of a commercial driver's license without the approval of the Transportation Security Administration of the federal Department of Homeland Security.

(4)   The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and the Director of the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository, in consultation with the Administration, may adopt regulations to carry out this section.

(g)   (1)   In this subsection, "Central Repository" means the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

(2)   An operator requesting a State–issued endorsement under subsection (f) of this section shall apply to the Central Repository for a national and a State criminal history records check.

(3)   As part of the application for a criminal history records check, the operator shall submit to the Central Repository: