

48633, set out as a note under section 301 of Title 3, The President.

**§ 1778. Vulnerability and threat assessment**

**(a) Study**

The Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Border and Transportation Security, in consultation with the Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Science and Technology and the Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection, shall study the technology, equipment, and personnel needed to address security vulnerabilities within the United States for each field office of the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection that has responsibility for any portion of the United States borders with Canada and Mexico. The Under Secretary shall conduct follow-up studies at least once every 5 years.

**(b) Report to Congress**

The Under Secretary shall submit a report to Congress on the Under Secretary's findings and conclusions from each study conducted under

subsection (a) together with legislative recommendations, as appropriate, for addressing any security vulnerabilities found by the study.

**(c) Authorization of appropriations**

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Department of Homeland Security Directorate of Border and Transportation Security such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2006 through 2011 to carry out any such recommendations from the first study conducted under subsection (a).

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**Editorial Notes**

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the REAL ID Act of 2005, and also as part of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief, 2005, and not as part of the Enhanced Border Security and Visa Entry Reform Act of 2002 which comprises this chapter.