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Proposed law authorizes a city, parish, or other local public school board to contract with a transportation network company to transport riders under the age of 18 to or from school, a school related or sanctioned activity.

Proposed law requires the transportation company to meet the following:

- (1) The driver is at least 23 years of age and possesses a valid driver's license for a minimum of 3 years.
- (2) The driver has undergone a background check process that includes a national and state fingerprint based criminal background check against Louisiana State Police and Federal Bureau of Investigation databases.

Proposed law provides for an end-to-end viability of the ride and Global Positioning System (GPS) tracking of the ride in real-time for the company, the passenger's legal guardian, and, if different from the legal guardian, the person or entity who scheduled the ride.

Proposed law provides for vehicles originally designed for not more than 8 passengers, including the driver and that the vehicles will be no more than 13 model years old.

Proposed law requires a driver to complete and document a daily pre-trip inspection before providing a ride pursuant to proposed law. Further, proposed law provides that the driver, on the pre-trip inspection, must list any defects or deficiencies which would affect the safety of operation of the vehicle and if no defects or deficiencies are discovered by or reported to the driver, the documented inspection shall so indicate.

Proposed law requires for the company to maintain commercial automotive insurance that does not contain an exclusion for the transportation of an unaccompanied minor.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 17:166.1)