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HOUSE BILL NO. 66

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BY REPRESENTATIVE MAGEE

SCHOOLS/TRANSPORTATION: Requires public school governing authorities to allow students to walk to school under certain circumstances

AN ACT

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 17:158(A)(2), relative to the transportation of public school
3	students; to provide relative to public school governing authorities; and to provide
4	for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 17:158(A)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
7	§158. School buses for transportation of students; employment of bus operators;
8	alternative means of transportation; improvement of school bus turnarounds;
9	loading and unloading students
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12	(2)(a) A city, parish, or other local public school board may provide
13	transportation for any student attending a school of suitable grade approved by the
4	State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education within the jurisdictional
15	boundaries of the local board who resides one mile or less from the school when the
16	school board determines that conditions exist to warrant such transportation.
17	Transportation of students residing one mile or less from their school shall be at no
18	cost to the state.
19	(b) A city, parish, or other local public school board shall allow a student
20	who resides within one mile from school and who has permission from his parent or

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legal guardian to walk to and from school or to use means other than a school bus for
transportation to and from school. A student who is enrolled in elementary school
shall be accompanied by a responsible individual when walking to or from school.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires a public school governing authority to permit a student who lives within one mile from school to walk to and from school with the parent's permission.

<u>Present law</u> requires each city, parish, and other local public school board to provide free transportation to and from school to students who live within the board's jurisdiction and more than one mile from school. Authorizes school boards to provide free transportation to students who live within one mile of the school if the board determines that conditions warrant such transportation.

Proposed law retains present law.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires that, with the consent of a student's parent, a public school governing authority shall allow a student who lives within one mile from school to walk to and from school or arrive and depart by means other than a school bus. Further requires a student enrolled in grades K through fifth to be accompanied by a responsible individual when walking to and from school.

(Amends R.S. 17:158(A)(2))