

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 449 (HB 215)

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Existing law provides for compensation of school bus operators transporting public school students on a per-mile-driven basis.

Prior law provided that the per mile rate of compensation was based on the length of the bus and in some cases on the total number of miles driven. The highest per mile rate provided by prior law was \$1.178.

New law provides the following as minimum per mile rates for compensation of bus operators:

- (1) \$1.4683 for a bus with a capacity of 48 or fewer students.
- (2) \$1.756 for a bus with a capacity of more than 48 students.

Existing law provides that the compensation shall be paid for a minimum of 180 days during a regular school year and for the number of days of actual operation during the summer. New law specifically requires compensation for days of actual operation in excess of 180 during the regular school year.

New law requires a public school governing authority to establish supplemental payments for a school bus operator whom the governing authority requires to purchase certain equipment or supplies related to transporting students with disabilities or air conditioning equipment.

Requires implementation of new law beginning with the 2022-2023 school year.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 15, 2022).

(Amends R.S. 17:497)