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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Clarifies that the student toll exemption applies to all students traveling via public ferry and to all students on school buses traveling on a road or bridge between certain hours.

Present law (R.S. 17:157(A)) provides for the free passage of students over all public ferries, bridges, and roads which are leased out or controlled by the state or political subdivision for which the license is paid or toll demanded in the students passage to and from school between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. and between 2:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., provided necessary rules are adopted.

Proposed law modifies present law by restricting the free passage of students provision to ferries only. Also, removes a provision that specified present law applied to the Crescent City Connection.

Proposed law provides for the free passage of students specifically riding on a school bus over all bridges and roads which are leased out or controlled by the state or political subdivisions for which the license is paid or toll demanded in the students passage to and from school between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. and between 2:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., provided necessary rules are adopted.

Present law (R.S. 17:157(C)) requires the Dept. of Transportation and Development adopt rules and regulations to implement and enforce present law.

Proposed law modifies present law by authorizing, instead of requiring, the adoption of rules and regulations.

(Amends R.S. 17:157)