

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law (R.S. 17:81) provides for the general powers and duties of local public school boards.

New law requires each public school governing authority to establish a policy for carpool and bus lines at schools with any of the grades kindergarten through five; applies to charter schools.

At a minimum, the policy shall:

- (1) Require students to remain a safe distance from the pick up area behind something material or immaterial intended to block passage.
- (2) Require students wait in the pick up area and wait for vehicles to come to a complete stop.
- (3) Require a student being dropped off to remain in a passenger restraint until the vehicle in which he is a passenger comes to a complete stop.
- (4) Require that students in grades kindergarten through three be accompanied by a school employee while walking to and from a pick up area.
- (5) Require school administrators to post signage regarding the policy.

Existing law (R.S. 17:158) provides relative to transportation of students in grades kindergarten through 12. Requires a public school board to provide transportation to any student attending a school that is approved by the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education and that is within the jurisdictional boundaries of the board.

New law applies to any nonpublic school for which a public school board provides transportation.

Effective August 1, 2023.

(Adds R.S. 17:81(CC), 158(K), and 3996(B)(75))