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Proposed law requires BESE to adopt rules and regulations (in accordance with the APA and any applicable federal standards) to require the following:

(1) On and after August 1, 2024, every new or used school bus purchased by the governing authority of each public elementary and secondary school and each nonpublic elementary and secondary school used primarily for the transportation of students be equipped with passenger compartment heating and air conditioning systems.

(2) On and after August 1, 2027, every school bus used primarily for the transportation of students shall be equipped with passenger compartment heating and air conditioning systems.

Proposed law provides that notwithstanding certain provisions of present law relative to the construction, design, equipment, and operation of school buses, BESE must require each governing authority of each public elementary and secondary school and each nonpublic elementary and secondary school approved by the board to comply with such rules and regulations.

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

(Adds R.S. 17:164.3)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the engrossed bill

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