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HOUSE BILL NO. 776

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SCHOOLS/TRANSPORTATION: Provides relative to school buses

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:158.2(A), (B), and (C)(introductory paragraph) and 158.5,  
3 relative to school buses; to provide relative to the purchase and resale of school  
4 buses; to provide relative to rules and regulations of the State Board of Elementary  
5 and Secondary Education with respect to school bus specifications; to provide for  
6 technical corrections; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:158.2(A), (B), and (C)(introductory paragraph) and 158.5 are  
9 hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §158.2. Purchase of school buses; resale to bus operators

11 A. The purpose of this Section shall be to assist ~~city and parish~~ city, parish,  
12 and other local public school boards in providing school bus transportation by  
13 facilitating the acquisition of new and used school buses by school bus operators.

14 The legislature hereby declares that the purchase of school buses by school boards  
15 and the resale thereof to school bus operators in order to facilitate such acquisition  
16 is a public purpose.

17 B. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, especially R.S. 49:125 and R.S.  
18 42:1113, each ~~city and parish~~ city, parish, and other local public school board is  
19 hereby authorized to purchase school buses and to resell such buses to any school  
20 bus operator employed by the board or with whom the board has contracted to

1 provide transportation services for students. Any such school bus shall be used by  
2 the operator to transport students on the operator's assigned bus route.

3 C. Any school bus resold pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall be  
4 sold only after the ~~city or parish~~ city, parish, or other local public school board has  
5 complied with the following procedure:

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7 §158.5. Purchase of school buses; specifications required

8 Any school bus purchased for the transportation of ~~schoolchildren~~ students  
9 shall meet or exceed specifications established ~~by the Department of Education in~~  
10 rules that the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall develop,  
11 adopt, and promulgate in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to the purchase and resale of school buses.

Present law, relative to the purchase and resale of school buses, provides that its purpose is to assist city and parish school boards in providing school bus transportation by facilitating the acquisition of new and used school buses by school bus operators. Authorizes school boards to purchase school buses and to resell them to certain school bus operators. Provides procedures for such resale.

Proposed law retains present law but changes references to school boards from "city and parish" school boards to "city, parish, and other local public" school boards.

Present law requires school buses purchased for the transportation of schoolchildren to meet or exceed specifications established by the Dept. of Education (DOE).

Proposed law refers to "students" instead of "school children" and requires such specifications to be established in State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) rules rather than by DOE.

(Amends R.S. 17:158.2(A), (B), and (C)(intro. para.) and 158.5)