

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 421 (HB 695)

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Abramson

Existing law requires the governing authority of each public school, including charter schools, to adopt policies or to make provision in bus transportation service agreements relative to the loading/unloading of students.

- (1) At school: Existing law prohibits loading/unloading students while the bus is in a traffic lane of a street unless the shoulder of a municipal road is the only available alternative and the municipality has not designated that shoulder for loading/unloading students during school zone hours.
- (2) At or near home: Existing law requires loading/unloading students on a shoulder unless there is no shoulder. New law provides as an exception to existing law that using the shoulder is not required if it is less safe for the student. Existing law requires that the bus be in the lane farthest to the right side of the road if the loading/unloading must occur in a lane of traffic.
- (3) At school or at or near home: Prior law prohibited loading/unloading students in a manner or in a location that resulted in students crossing lanes of traffic on a state highway or any other type of street. New law instead prohibits loading/unloading in a location on a divided highway such that a student would be required to cross a roadway of the highway on which traffic is not controlled by the visual signals on the school bus.

Effective upon signature of governor (July 1, 2015).

(Amends R.S. 17:158(J)(2) and (3))