

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Urges and requests the Dept. of Transportation and Development to study the safety and operational impacts of differential speed limits on interstate highways.

Requires the study include consideration and determination of the following:

- (1) What impact and to what extent do uniform speed limits and differential speed limits have on traffic safety, specifically, the type and number of accidents, the type of vehicles involved in these accidents, the severity of the accidents, and driver behavior in the state of Louisiana?
- (2) Whether safety and mobility will improve as a result of adopting differential speed limits on interstate highways across the state, considering traffic volume, variability in traffic speeds, crash history, and roadway geometry?
- (3) Whether requiring school buses, truck-tractors, semi-trailers, or any combination of these vehicles to travel at a speed not to exceed ten miles per hour below the posted speed limit will improve traffic conditions and safety on interstate highways of the state?
- (4) Whether the gross weight of the motor vehicle should determine whether differential speed limits should apply?
- (5) Whether differential speed limits will yield fuel and emissions savings resulting in energy conservation and environmental improvements in the state?

Requires the Dept. of Transportation and Development to submit a written report to the Senate and House committees on transportation, highways and public works and the member of the House of Representatives representing House District No. 68 detailing its findings regarding the safety and operational impacts of differential speed limits on or before Jan. 1, 2018.