

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 156

BY REPRESENTATIVE PUGH

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

MTR VEHICLE/BUSES-SCHOOL: Revises provisions related to school buses

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:164 and R.S. 32:289(B) and to enact R.S. 17:3996(A)(18),  
3 (19), and (20), relative to school buses; to provide relative to regulations for the  
4 construction, design, equipment, and operation of school buses; to provide that  
5 certain rules and regulations relative to school buses and school bus operators shall  
6 apply to charter schools; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:164 is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:3996(A)(18),  
9 (19), and (20) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §164. Regulations relating to construction, design, equipment, and operation of  
11 school ~~busses~~ buses

12 ~~The Louisiana state board of education is authorized, directed and~~  
13 ~~empowered to~~ The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, hereafter  
14 referred to in this Section as the "state board", shall establish and adopt regulations  
15 ~~relating to~~ for the construction, design, equipment, and operation of school ~~busses~~  
16 buses used in transportation of students to and from school. Such regulations shall  
17 be provided to encourage competition and in no event shall be devised, worded, or  
18 construed so as to restrict competition among manufacturers of school bus bodies,  
19 chassis, or other equipment or to benefit or favor in any way a particular  
20 manufacturer or group of manufacturers of such bus bodies, chassis, or other

1 equipment, ~~either directly~~ including by reference to detail of design ~~peculiar~~ specific  
2 to a particular manufacturer or group of ~~manufacturers; providing, any school bus~~  
3 manufacturers. A school bus body, chassis, or equipment that meets the latest  
4 revised minimum standards for school buses adopted and recommended by the  
5 National ~~Conference~~ Congress on School Transportation, sponsored by the National  
6 ~~Council of Chief State School Officers, the American Association of School~~  
7 ~~Administrators, NEA, the Department of Rural Education, NEA, and the U.S. Office~~  
8 ~~of Education~~ National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation  
9 Services, the National Association for Pupil Transportation, the National School  
10 Transportation Association, the School Transportation section of the National Safety  
11 Council, and the School Bus Manufacturers Technical Council, shall be deemed in  
12 compliance with ~~any such regulations adopted by the Louisiana state board of~~  
13 ~~education; providing such rules and regulations as heretofore provided for shall not~~  
14 ~~apply to any feeder busses in operation in the State. the regulations adopted pursuant~~  
15 ~~to this Section. Such regulations shall not apply to feeder buses in operation in this~~  
16 state.

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§3996. Charter schools; exemptions; requirements

19 A. Notwithstanding any state law, rule, or regulation to the contrary and  
20 except as may be otherwise specifically provided for in an approved charter, a  
21 charter school established and operated in accordance with the provisions of this  
22 Chapter and its approved charter and the school's officers and employees shall be  
23 exempt from all rules and regulations of the state board and those of any local school  
24 board that are applicable to public schools and to public school officers and  
25 employees except for the following rules and regulations otherwise applicable to  
26 public schools regarding:

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(18) School bus specifications and inspection requirements.

(19) School bus operational procedures.



citizens band radios and citizens band radio hybrids are not cellular radio telecommunication devices. Proposed law adds that a device with a push-to-talk function used in a similar manner as a citizens band radio or a citizens band radio hybrid is not a cellular radio telecommunication device.

(Amends R.S. 17:164 and R.S. 32:289(B); Adds R.S. 17:3996(A)(18), (19), and (20))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Add that a device with a push-to-talk function is not a cellular radio telecommunication device.
2. Make technical changes.