2020 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

TRANSPORTATION: Increases the speed limit for school buses on highways and interstates

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To amend and reenact LAC 28:CXIII.907(C)(1) and(D)(2), which provides for school bus
3	driving speeds on highways and interstates; to increase the speed limit for school
4	buses on highways or interstates to the posted speed limit or sixty-five miles per
5	hour, whichever is less; to direct the Office of the State Register to print the
6	amendments in the Louisiana Administrative Code; and to provide for related
7	matters.
8	WHEREAS, during the 1960's and 1970's, school buses were transporting students
9	safely at speeds ten to fifteen miles per hour slower than the posted speed limit on all types
10	of roadways; and
11	WHEREAS, in recent years, safer designs of modern school buses, as well as more
12	successful route planning and upgraded school bus driver training, have aided in the
13	reduction of school bus passenger injuries; and
14	WHEREAS, eight other states have expressly provided for an increased speed limit
15	for school buses on highways and interstates; and
16	WHEREAS, numerous school buses travel on interstate highways with a posted
17	speed limit of seventy-five miles per hour or greater, and with school buses traveling at fifty-
18	five miles per hour, this creates a safety hazard; and

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1	WHEREAS, R.S. 49:969 provides that "the legislature, by Concurrent Resolution		
2	may suspend, amend, or repeal any rule or regulation or body of rules or regulations adopted		
3	by a state department, agency, board, or commission"; and		
4	WHEREAS, increasing the maximum speed of school buses on highways or		
5	interstate highways from fifty-five miles per hour to the posted speed limit or sixty-five		
6	miles per hour, whichever is less, would enable school buses to maintain, or travel closer to,		
7	the speed of the faster flow of traffic, thereby reducing the opportunity for accidents created		
8	by vehicles unexpectedly slowing down or changing lanes.		
9	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature Louisiana that LAC 28:		
10	CXIII.907(C)(1) and (D)(2) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:		
11	§907. Intersections, Turns, Driving Speeds, and Interstate Driving		
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13	C. Driving Speeds		
14	1. School buses must shall not be driven faster than 55 mph the posted speed		
15	limit or sixty-five miles per hour if the posted speed limit exceeds sixty-five miles		
16	per hour, and no faster than legal speeds on city streets, in school zones, etc.		
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18	D. Interstate Driving		
19	* * *		
20	2. At no time shall a school bus be operated in excess of 55 miles per hour		
21	the posted speed limit or sixty-five miles per hour if the posted speed limit exceeds		
22	sixty-five miles per hour, including interstate highway travel.		
23	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the		
24	secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development.		
25	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the		
26	Office of the State Register.		
27	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of the State Register is hereby		
28	directed to have the amendments to LAC 28:CXIII.907(C)(1) and (D)(2) printed and		
29	incorporated into the Louisiana Administrative Code.		

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes a school bus to operate at the posted speed limit, or sixty-five miles per hour, whichever is less, during highway and interstate highway travel.

Present LAC 28:CXIII.907(C)(1) specifies that a school bus must operate at 55 mph on the highway.

<u>Proposed LAC</u> 28:CXIII.907(C)(1) increases the speed for a school bus to operate on the highway from 55 mph to the posted speed limit, or 65 mph, whichever is less.

<u>Present LAC</u> 28:CXIII.907(D)(2) specifies that a school bus cannot operate in excess of 55 mph, including interstate highway travel.

<u>Proposed LAC</u> 28:CXIII.907(D)(2) increases the speed for a school bus to operate on an interstate highway from 55 mph to the posted speed limit, or 65 mph, whichever is less.

(Amends LAC 28:CXIII.907(C)(1) and (D)(2))