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## DIGEST

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HB 306 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides an exception to the nepotism prohibitions to allow an immediate family member of a local school board member or superintendent to be employed as a certified bus operator.

Present law (ethics code) generally prohibits an immediate family member of an agency head from being employed in his agency, but present law has a general exception to allow the continued employment of an immediate family member of an agency head if the public employee has been employed in the agency for a period of at least one year prior to the public employee's immediate family member becoming the agency head.

Present law provides various exceptions regarding the employment by school boards of family members of school board members and school superintendents. Requires any board member or superintendent whose family member is employed by the board to disclose such employment to the Bd. of Ethics. Provides penalties for failure to disclose such employment.

Proposed law retains present law and provides an additional exception to allow an immediate family member of a local school board member or superintendent to be employed as a certified bus operator by that board. Further provides that such school board member or superintendent shall not participate in employment related decisions of such family member.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 42:1119(B)(2)(a)(vi))