

SENATE BILL NO. 128

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

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:434(A) and to enact R.S. 17:426, relative to teachers and other school employees; to provide relative to planning time and lunch periods for teachers; to provide for an uninterrupted planning period for teachers; to delete requirements for a duty-free lunch period for teachers; to provide for an exemption from tolls on the Louisiana Highway 1 Bridge for teachers, school bus drivers, and other school employees; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:434(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§434. Planning time ~~and lunch periods~~ for teachers; required

A.~~(1)~~ The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall adopt necessary rules and regulations requiring, ~~beginning with the 2000-2001 school year,~~ each city and parish school board to provide a minimum of forty-five minutes daily **uninterrupted** planning time, or its weekly equivalent, ~~and a minimum of thirty minutes for lunch each day which shall be duty-free~~ for every teacher actively engaged in the instruction and supervision of students in the public schools. Implementation of planning time ~~and lunch periods~~ as required in this Section for teachers shall not result in a lengthened school day **or a reduction in student daily instructional time.**

~~(2) The provisions of this Subsection shall be subject to the availability of state funds for this purpose.~~

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Section 2. R.S. 17:426 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

**§426. Free and unhampered passage on the Louisiana Highway 1 Bridge;
teachers, school bus drivers, and other school employees**

A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, every teacher, school bus driver, and other school employee employed by the Lafourche Parish School Board shall have free and unhampered passage crossing the Louisiana Highway 1 Bridge, also known as the Tomey J. Doucet Bridge, when traveling to and from their work place on a scheduled work day, as prescribed by the school board, not to exceed two toll-free crossings in one day.

B. The Department of Transportation and Development shall adopt rules and regulations to implement and enforce the provisions of this Section in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

Section 3. The provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2022.

Section 4. The provisions of Section 2 of this Act shall become effective on August 1, 2023, or upon the adoption of final rules and regulations by the Department of Transportation and Development to implement the Section, whichever date is sooner.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____