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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Adds an appeal step to the school bus operator disciplinary process in certain circumstances.

Present law provides for the removal of a permanent school bus operator by the local school board if the bus operator is found guilty on written and signed charges of certain offenses, including:

- (1) Willful neglect of duty.
- (2) Incompetence.
- (3) Immorality.
- (4) Drunkenness while on duty.

Present law provides that a permanent school bus operator has 10 calendar days from receipt of the written notice of charges to respond either in person or in writing. Authorizes the superintendent to take interim disciplinary action including placing the bus operator on administrative leave without pay.

Proposed law retains present law except authorizes a bus operator to appeal an interim disciplinary action.

(Amends R.S. 17:493(C)(1))