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Abstract: Provides relative to requirements for school bus equipment and certain procedures for school bus operators.

Present law provides relative to school buses and school bus operators. Proposed law provides revisions of present law, applicable to school buses used for the transportation of public school students, including charter school students, and school bus operators transporting such students.

Specific changes include the following:

- (1) Repeals present law provision requiring loading/unloading a student on the shoulder of a road when at or near the student's home.
- (2) Exempts certain busses from requirements that buses be equipped with certain safety features: amber lights, red lights, crossing control devices, and stop signal arms.
- (3) Clarifies that the passenger capacity of school buses includes the school bus operator.
- (4) Requires school buses to be painted "national school bus yellow", formerly known as "national school bus chrome".

(Amends R.S. 17:158(J)(2) and 161(A) and R.S. 32:1(14) and (75), 80(B)(2)(b), 318(B), 328(B), and 378(A) and (B); Adds R.S. 17:161(C) and 164.1(C) and R.S. 32:80(E))