

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 345

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON

HIGHWAYS/INTERSTATE: Provides an exemption from tolls on La. Hwy. 1 bridge for certain school personnel

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:426(A), relative to toll exemptions for certain school
3 personnel; to provide an exemption from tolls on the Louisiana Highway 1 Bridge
4 for teachers, school bus drivers, and other school employees; to provide for
5 effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:426(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

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

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

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18 Section 2. The provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall supersede the provisions of
19 Section 2 of Act No. 392 of the 2021 Regular Session of the Legislature that amend and
20 reenact R.S. 17:426(A).

1 Section 3.(A) Section 1 of this Act shall become effective when Section 2 of Act No.
2 392 of the 2021 Regular Session of the Legislature becomes effective.

3 (B) Section 2 and Section 3 of this Act shall become effective on August 1, 2023 or
4 the date of the adoption of final rules by the Department of Transportation and Development,
5 whichever date is sooner.

DIGEST

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HB 345 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Provides for an exception from the payment of tolls on La. Hwy. 1 Bridge for employees of the Grand Isle School System within the Jefferson Parish School Board.

Present law requires every teacher, school bus driver, and other school employee employed by the Lafourche Parish School Board to have free and unhampered passage crossing La. Hwy. 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. Requires the state Dept. of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to adopt rules and regulations to implement present law.

Present law specifies that exemptions from the payment of tolls on the La. Hwy. 1 Bridge are effective on Aug. 1, 2023, or the date of the adoption of final rules by DOTD, whichever date is sooner.

Proposed law maintains present law and changes the exempted employees from the Lafourche Parish School Board employees to the employees of the Grand Isle School System within the Jefferson Parish School Board.

Specifies that proposed law shall supercede applicable provisions of present law and become effective on Aug. 1, 2023.

(Amends R.S. 17:426(A))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Change the exempted employees from the Jefferson Parish School Board to the employees of the Grand Isle School System within the Jefferson Parish School Board.