DIGEST

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HB 345 Reengrossed

2022 Regular Session

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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.

<u>Present law</u> 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.

<u>Present law</u> 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.

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

Specifies that <u>proposed law</u> shall supercede applicable provisions of <u>present law</u> 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 <u>from</u> the Jefferson Parish School Board <u>to</u> the employees of the Grand Isle School System within the Jefferson Parish School Board.