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## DIGEST

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

Present law and proposed law define school bus so that it includes buses used to transport students to and from home or school bus stops as well as buses used to transport students in connection with school activities.

Present law requires that school buses have certain equipment including amber and red signal lamps, stop signal arms, and a crossing control device. Provides relative to the operation of such equipment when a school bus is stopping to load and unload students. Proposed law limits the applicability of present law to school buses used to transport students to and from home or school bus stops.

Present law requires school buses to be painted national school bus yellow.

Present law requires buses used for purposes other than transporting students to and from school to be painted a color other than national school bus yellow. Proposed law makes this requirement applicable to buses that are not school buses as defined by present law and proposed law.

Proposed law repeals present law provision requiring loading/unloading a student on the shoulder of a road when at or near the student's home.

(Amends R.S. 17:158(J)(2) and 164.1(A) and R.S. 32:1(14) and (75), 80(B)(1) and (2)(b), 318(B), 328(B), and 378(A) and (B); Adds R.S. 32:80(E); Repeals R.S. 17.161)