

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law provides relative to school buses and the operation thereof.

Existing law and new 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. New law excludes charter buses and transit buses from the definition.

Prior law included school bus operators in the definition of "chauffeur". New law excludes school bus operators from the definition.

Existing 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/unload students. New law limits the applicability of existing law to school buses used to transport students to and from home or school bus stops.

Existing law requires that a school bus be painted a specific shade of yellow. New law limits this requirement to school buses used to transport students to and from home or school bus stops.

Existing law prohibits a bus used for a purpose other than transporting students to and from school from being painted the specific shade of yellow and from having certain other school bus devices. New law expands this prohibition to apply to school buses not used to transport students to and from home or school bus stops.

Prior law required public school governing authorities to adopt bus transportation policies and to have such policies require loading/unloading a student on the shoulder of a road when at or near the student's home. New law removes this requirement.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(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)