

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 83

BY REPRESENTATIVE PIERRE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

MTR VEHICLE/BUSES-SCHOOL: Provides relative to toll exemptions for students traveling on ferries, roads, and bridges

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:157, relative to toll exemptions on ferries, roads, and bridges;
3 to clarify that the free right of passage on public ferries applies solely to the passage
4 of students traveling during certain hours; to clarify that a toll exemption on roads
5 and bridges applies to all students traveling on school buses between certain hours;
6 to provide a special effective date; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:157 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §157. Ferries, roads, and toll bridges, ~~etc.~~; free passage to students

10 A. The free right of passage over all public ferries, ~~bridges, and roads~~ which
11 are leased out or controlled by the state, parish, or municipality, ~~including the~~
12 ~~Crescent City Connection~~ and excluding the Greater New Orleans Expressway, for
13 which license is paid or toll exacted, shall provide for free passage of all students in
14 their passage to and from school between the hours of ~~six o'clock~~ 6:00 a.m. and ~~nine~~
15 ~~thirty o'clock~~ 9:30 a.m., and between ~~two thirty o'clock~~ 2:30 p.m. and ~~nine thirty~~
16 ~~o'clock~~ 9:30 p.m., provided that rules are adopted in accordance with the provisions
17 of Subsection ~~B~~ C of this Section.

18 B. The free right of passage over all bridges and roads which are leased out
19 or controlled by the state, parish, or municipality, excluding the Greater New Orleans
20 Expressway, for which license is paid or toll exacted, shall provide for free passage

1 of all students on a school bus, as defined in R.S. 32:1, in their passage to and from
 2 school between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m., and between 2:30 p.m. and 9:30
 3 p.m., provided that rules are adopted in accordance with the provisions of Subsection
 4 C of this Section.

5 ~~B.~~ C. The Department of Transportation and Development ~~shall~~ may, in
 6 accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, adopt rules and regulations for
 7 the efficient implementation and enforcement of the provisions of this Section.

8 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 9 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 10 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 11 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 12 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Clarifies that the student toll exemption applies to all students traveling via public ferry and to all students on school buses traveling on a road or bridge between certain hours.

Present law (R.S. 17:157(A)) provides for the free passage of students over all public ferries, bridges, and roads which are leased out or controlled by the state or political subdivision for which the license is paid or toll demanded in the students passage to and from school between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. and between 2:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., provided necessary rules are adopted.

Proposed law modifies present law by restricting the free passage of students provision to ferries only. Also, removes a provision that specified present law applied to the Crescent City Connection.

Proposed law provides for the free passage of students specifically riding on a school bus over all bridges and roads which are leased out or controlled by the state or political subdivisions for which the license is paid or toll demanded in the students passage to and from school between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. and between 2:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., provided necessary rules are adopted.

Present law (R.S. 17:157(C)) requires the Dept. of Transportation and Development adopt rules and regulations to implement and enforce present law.

Proposed law modifies present law by authorizing, instead of requiring, the adoption of rules and regulations.

(Amends R.S. 17:157)