
DIGEST

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HB 169 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Requires public school governing authorities to establish carpool and bus line safety policies.

Present law provides for the general powers and duties of local public school boards.

Proposed law requires each public school governing authority to establish a safety policy for carpool and bus lines at schools with grades kindergarten through five.

At a minimum, the policy shall:

- (1) Require students to remain behind a barrier before entering a pick up area.
- (2) Require students to remain a safe distance from the pick up area and wait for vehicles to come to a complete stop.
- (3) Require a student being dropped off to remain in a passenger restraint until the vehicle in which he is a passenger comes to a complete stop.
- (4) Require school employees working in the pick up area to wear traffic vests.
- (5) Require that students in grades kindergarten through five be accompanied by a school employee while walking to and from a vehicle.
- (6) Require school administrators to post signage regarding the policy.

(Adds R.S. 17:81(CC))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Remove the proposed law requirement that:
 - a. A student not enter the pick up area until the vehicle picking him up is in park.
 - b. A student under the age of 10 years old be accompanied by a school employee

while he is walking to and from a vehicle.

2. Add the proposed law requirement that:
 - a. Students remain a safe distance from the pick up area and wait for vehicles to come to a complete stop.
 - b. A student being dropped off remain in a passenger restraint until the vehicle in which he is a passenger comes to a complete stop.
 - c. School administrators post signage regarding the policy.
 - d. A student in grades kindergarten through five be accompanied by a school employee.