

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 83

BY REPRESENTATIVE PIERRE

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_