

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS****HB 169****2023 Regular Session****Robert Owen**

SCHOOLS: Provides for safety protocols for elementary school students when being dropped off at and picked up from school

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Applies proposed law to charter schools and nonpublic schools.
2. Removes proposed law requirement that at a minimum, the policy be established by public school governing authorities require that:
  - (a) Students remain behind a barrier before entering a pick up area.
  - (b) Students remain a safe distance from the pick up area and wait for vehicles to come to a complete stop.
  - (c) School employees working in the pick up area wear traffic vest
  - (d) Students in grades kindergarten through five be accompanied by a school employee while walking to and from a vehicle.
3. Adds requirement that children remain in passenger restraints until vehicle comes to complete stop.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

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 policy for carpool and bus lines at schools with grades kindergarten through five. Includes charter schools.

Requires a person operating a motor vehicle in a carpool area do the following:

- (1) Comply with the policy.
- (2) Ensure all children in the vehicle remain in passenger restraints until the vehicle comes to a complete stop.

Requires signage regarding the policy in the carpool area.

(Adds R.S. 17:81(CC) and 3996(B)(75))