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SENATE STUDY REQUEST NO. 1

BY SENATOR OWEN

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SCHOOLS. Requests study of the cost of installing safety barriers for carpool and bus lines at certain public schools.

A STUDY REQUEST

2	To request the Senate Committee on Education to study the costs of installing safety barriers
3	for carpool and bus lines at public schools with students in grades kindergarten
4	through third.
5	WHEREAS, it is a well recognized fact that traffic safety at schools is a paramount
6	consideration in carpool and bus lines; and
7	WHEREAS, parents are transporting kids to and from school in private vehicles
8	more than ever before, and rely on a fast and safe way to drop off and pick up their kids; and
9	WHEREAS, when asked, by several studies on traffic congestion around schools,
10	parents who choose to take their children by car cite distance, traffic hazards, time
11	constraints, and bad weather as the most common reasons for driving their kids to school;
12	and
13	WHEREAS, with a significant number of private vehicles and school buses
14	transporting kids in school parking lots, many factors affecting traffic risks cause the
15	potential for accidents; and
16	WHEREAS, many schools with students in kindergarten through third grade do not
17	have any safety barriers in place during drop off and pick up times; and
18	WHEREAS, recent accidents in carpool or bus lines have caused serious injury and

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1	death to students primarily in elementary schools; and
2	WHEREAS, placing modern traffic barriers, delineator posts, channelizer cones,
3	portable safety barriers, or permanent crowd control barriers will better serve the students
4	of this state; and
5	WHEREAS, an in-depth study of the cost to install safety barriers for carpool and
6	bus lines throughout the state for schools with students in kindergarten through third grade
7	is deemed advisable.
8	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
9	requests that the Senate Committee on Education study all aspects of the financial feasibility
10	of installing safe barriers for carpool and bus lines at all public schools attended by students

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED a copy of this Study Request shall be transmitted to the superintendent of the state Department of Education.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michael Bell.

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