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SB 416 Reengrossed

DIGEST
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Bouie

Present law provides that each city, parish, and other local public school board is to provide free school bus transportation for any student attending a public school within the jurisdictional boundaries of the local school board if the student resides more than one mile from the school. Provides that the requirement to provide free transportation does not apply to any student attending a nonpublic school. Provides for the requirements with respect to school buses, required equipment on the buses, and required conduct of school bus drivers.

Proposed law retains present law but requires that each public city, parish, and other local school board also provide a bus monitor, who may be a disciplinarian or other school administrator to ride on each school bus transporting students to and from school to enhance the safety of each student.

Proposed law authorizes a school board to provide a bus monitor on a school bus only when the students cause a disturbance while on the bus and requires the monitor to ride on the bus for the remainder of the year.

Proposed law defines disturbance as doing any of the following:

- (1) Engaging in a fistic encounter.
- (2) Addressing any offensive, derisive, or annoying words to any other person who is lawfully in any street, or other public place; or call him by any offensive or derisive name, or make any noise or exclamation in his presence and hearing with the intent to deride, offend, or annoy him, or to prevent him from pursuing his lawful business, occupation, or duty.
- (3) Appearing in an intoxicated condition.
- (4) Engaging in any act in a violent and tumultuous manner by any three or more persons.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 17:158(K); adds (L))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Makes technical change.
2. Allows for a bus monitor to be a disciplinarian or another school administrator.
3. Requires a bus monitor only when a disturbance or bodily injury occurs on the bus.
4. Requires the monitor to ride on the bus for the remainder of the school year.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Limits the requirement of a monitor to incidents that take place on a bus that cause a disturbance.
2. Defines disturbance.