

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 620

BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS

TRAFFIC: Establishes procedures to eliminate traffic congestion in neighborhoods surrounding certain schools in Shreveport, Louisiana

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 32:475, relative to traffic congestion in neighborhoods surrounding certain
3 schools in Shreveport, Louisiana; to require the Caddo Parish School Board
4 implement the proposed solutions for Caddo Middle Magnet and Eden Gardens
5 Elementary Schools; to require the solutions be safe and cost effective; to require the
6 comprehensive solutions align with the goal of promoting public safety; and to
7 provide for related matters.

8 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
9 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
10 Louisiana.

11 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

12 Section 1. R.S. 32:475 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

13 §475. Comprehensive solutions for traffic congestion; Caddo Parish

14 A. The Caddo Parish School Board shall be responsible for developing and
15 implementing their own solutions to address traffic congestion, accident rates, and
16 emergency vehicle response times in areas surrounding Caddo Middle Magnet and
17 Eden Gardens Elementary schools in Shreveport, Louisiana. When developing these
18 solutions, the school board shall take all necessary measure to ensure that the
19 following issues are fully resolved:

1 (1) That the following pathways be restricted from use during drop-off and
2 pick up times:

3 (a) Rainbow Drive.

4 (b) Hoover Drive.

5 (c) Terrell Drive,

6 (d) Babylon Street.

7 (e) Palestine Street.

8 (f) East 73rd Street.

9 (g) Bethany Street.

10 (h) Liberty Street.

11 (i) East 71st Street.

12 (2) That transfer drop-off locations be used, with a special emphasis on
13 parents dropping their kids off at the fairgrounds or other designated areas to be
14 transported by bus to Caddo Middle Magnet and Eden Gardens Elementary Schools.

15 (3) That circling the parking lot during drop-off and pick-up times be
16 prohibited. Parents and guardians should be required to drop off their children
17 directly in front of the school, in designated areas, to ensure safety and maintain
18 traffic flow.

19 B.(1) The Caddo Parish School Board shall use existing local and state
20 traffic engineer studies to create the most effective methods of ensuring the safety
21 of the students, family, faculty, and residents who use the roadways neighboring the
22 Caddo Middle Magnet and Eden Gardens Elementary Schools.

23 (2) The Department of Transportation and Development shall also lend its
24 expertise to contribute to meaningful, permanent solutions to the public safety and
25 traffic problems in these neighborhoods.

26 (3) The Department of Transportation and Development shall collaborate
27 with the Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments regarding their findings.

28 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
29 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

1 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
2 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
3 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the Caddo Parish school district implement traffic congestion solutions to promote public safety in neighborhoods surrounding Caddo Middle Magnet and Eden Gardens Elementary schools.

Proposed law specifies that the Caddo Parish School Board should be responsible for developing and implementing their own solutions to address traffic congestion, accident rates, and emergency vehicle response times in areas surrounding Caddo Middle Magnet and Eden Gardens Elementary Schools in Shreveport, La. Additionally, specifies that when developing these solutions, the school board shall take all necessary measure to ensure that the following issues are fully resolved:

- (1) The restriction of certain pathways from use during drop-off and pick-up times.
- (2) The utilization of the transfer drop-off locations.
- (3) The prohibition against circling the parking lot during drop-off and pick-up times.

Proposed law requires the Caddo Parish School Board to use existing local and state traffic engineer studies to create the most effective methods of ensuring the safety of the students, family, faculty, and residents who use the roadways neighboring the Caddo Middle Magnet and Eden Elementary Schools.

Proposed law requires that the DOTD lend its expertise to contribute to meaningful, permanent solutions to the public safety and traffic problems in neighborhoods surrounding Caddo Middle Magnet and Eden Garden Elementary Schools.

Proposed law requires the DOTD collaborate with Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments regarding their findings.

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

(Adds R.S. 32:475)