

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS****HB 748****2026 Regular Session****Braud**

HIGHWAYS: Provides that any Louisiana school board-owned vehicles be exempt from paying tolls on any bridges and highways in the state

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Makes technical changes.
2. Inserts present law regarding free transportation of students via school buses and modifies the reference to present law regarding exempted students attending a nonpublic school.

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

Present law requires free right of passage over all public tolled ferries which are leased out and controlled by the state, parish, or municipality, excluding the Greater N.O. Expressway, to all students in their passage to and from school between 6:00 a.m and 9:30 a.m. and between 2:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., provided that rules are adopted in accordance with present law.

Proposed law retains present law and requires that all La. school board-owned or leased vehicles traveling over all public tolled ferries operated by the state have free right of passage. Maintains the exception applicable to the Greater N.O. Expressway.

Present law requires free right of passage over all public tolled bridges and roads which are leased out and controlled by the state, parish, or municipality, excluding the Greater N.O. Expressway, to all students in their passage to and from school between 6:00 a.m and 9:30 a.m. and between 2:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., provided that rules are adopted in accordance with present law.

Proposed law retains present law and requires that all La. school board-owned or leased vehicles traveling over all public tolled bridges and roads operated by the state have free right of passage. Maintains the exception applicable to the Greater N.O. Expressway.

Present law requires that each city, parish, and other local public school board provide free transportation via school buses for any student attending a school of suitable grade approved by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education within the jurisdictional boundaries of the local board if the student resides more than one mile from such school, with the exceptions in present law. Specifies this requirement does not apply to any student attending a nonpublic school pursuant to present law.

Proposed law retains present law and modifies the reference to present law regarding exempted students attending a nonpublic school via the La. Giving All True Opportunity to Rise Program.

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

(Amends R.S. 17:157(Section heading), (A), and (B) and 158(A)(1))