

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 748

BY REPRESENTATIVES BRAUD AND CHASSION

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:157 (A) and (B) and 158(A)(1), relative to toll exemptions  
3 on ferries, bridges, and roads for all Louisiana school board-owned or leased  
4 vehicles; to provide for the free passage of all Louisiana school board-owned or  
5 leased vehicles over all public tolled ferries operated by the state; to provide for the  
6 free passage of all Louisiana school board-owned or leased vehicles over all public  
7 tolled roads and bridges operated by the state; to provide for technical changes; to  
8 provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 17:157(A) and (B) and 158(A)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted  
11 to read as follows:

12 §157. Ferries, roads, and toll bridges; free passage to students; free passage to  
13 school board-owned or leased vehicles

14 A. The free right of passage over all public ferries which are leased out or  
15 controlled by the state, parish, or municipality, excluding the Greater New Orleans  
16 Expressway, for which license is paid or toll exacted, shall provide for free passage  
17 of all students in their passage to and from school between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and  
18 9:30 a.m., and between 2:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., and any other vehicle owned, or  
19 leased, and operated by Louisiana school boards, provided that rules are adopted in  
20 accordance with the provisions of Subsection C of this Section.

21 B. The free right of passage over all bridges and roads which are leased out  
22 or controlled by the state, parish, or municipality, excluding the Greater New Orleans  
23 Expressway, for which license is paid or toll exacted, shall provide for free passage  
24 of all students on a school bus, as defined in R.S. 32:1, in their passage to and from  
25 school between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m., and between 2:30 p.m. and 9:30  
26 p.m., and any other vehicle owned, or leased, and operated by Louisiana school

