

ACT No. 645

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 434

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILDER

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:492(A)(introductory paragraph), relative to school bus
3 operators; to provide for the probationary term of employment for school bus
4 operators; to provide for the authority of the superintendent relative to their
5 discharge or dismissal; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:492(A)(introductory paragraph) is hereby amended and reenacted
8 to read as follows:

9 §492. Probation and tenure of bus operators

10 A. Each school bus operator shall serve a probationary term of three years
11 reckoned from the date of his first employment in the city, parish, or other local
12 public school system in which the operator is serving his probation. During the
13 probationary term, the superintendent city, parish, or other local public school board
14 may dismiss or discharge any operator upon ~~the written recommendation of the local~~
15 ~~superintendent of schools accompanied by valid reasons therefor~~ providing the
16 operator with written reasons therefor and providing the operator with the
17 opportunity to respond. The operator shall have seven calendar days from such
18 written notice to respond, in person or in writing, and such response shall be included
19 in the operator's personnel file. A school board shall immediately dismiss or
20 discharge an operator who is convicted of or has pled nolo contendere to a violation
21 of a parish or municipal ordinance that prohibits operating a vehicle while
22 intoxicated or any of the following offenses relative to operating a vehicle while
23 intoxicated, regardless of whether the violation occurred while the operator was

1 performing an official duty or responsibility as a school bus operator at the time of
2 the offense:

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____