

Regular Session, 2009

HOUSE BILL NO. 518

BY REPRESENTATIVE AUSTIN BADON

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

TRANSPORTATIONDEPT: Revises definitions relative to the Parish Transportation Fund and the distribution formula

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 48:756(C) and to enact R.S. 48:756(G), relative to the Parish  
3 Transportation Fund; to provide for definitions of certain terms relative to the  
4 distribution formula; to exempt certain transit systems with a limited number of bus  
5 waivers from certain reporting requirements; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 48:756(C) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 48:756(G) is  
8 hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §756. Distribution formula

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11 C. ~~Operating expenses, operating revenues, and number of passengers shall~~  
12 ~~be defined as provided in Part 630 of Chapter 6 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal~~  
13 ~~Regulations as published in Volume 42, Number 13 of the Federal Register dated~~  
14 ~~Wednesday, January 19, 1977. For purposes of Subsection B of this Section, the~~  
15 following terms shall have the following meanings:

16 (1) "Number of passengers" shall mean the annual total of the unlinked  
17 passenger trips, defined as the number of passengers who board public transportation  
18 vehicles, for each mode of service reported on that National Transit Database  
19 pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5335.

20 (2) "Operating expenses" shall mean the total modal expenses for each mode  
21 of service reported on the National Transit Database pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5335.

1                   (3) "Operating revenue or income" shall mean any operating revenue or  
2                   income, exclusive of federal and state funds, reported on the National Transit  
3                   Database pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5335, including total directly generated funds and  
4                   total local funds.

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6 G. Transit systems with nine or fewer bus waivers shall be exempt from the  
7 National Transit Database reporting requirements. These transit systems shall report  
8 data on the number of passengers, operating expenses, and operating revenue or  
9 income in accordance with the requirements of the current National Transit Database  
10 Reporting Manual. The data shall be reported by these transit systems to the  
11 Department of Transportation and Development.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2009; if vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2009, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

# DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for definitions of operating expenses, operating revenue or income, and number of passengers. Exempts transit systems with fewer busses from the National Transit Database reporting requirements.

Present law provides that operating expenses, operating revenues, and number of passengers are defined by the Code of Federal Regulations.

Proposed law provides definitions for operating expenses, operating revenue or income, and number of passengers.

Proposed law exempts transit systems with nine or fewer bus waivers from the National Transit Database reporting requirements. Requires such transit systems to report data on the number of passengers, operating expenses, and operating revenue or income in accordance with the requirements of the current National Transit Database Reporting Manual. Further requires the data to be reported by these transit systems to the Dept. of Transportation and Development.

Effective July 1, 2009.

(Amends R.S. 48:756(C); Adds R.S. 48:756(G))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill.

1. Adds a requirement that exempts transit systems with fewer busses from the National Transit Database reporting requirements.