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HOUSE BILL NO. 934

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MTR VEHICLE/BUSES-SCHOOL: Requires on-coming traffic on a two lane road with a continuous left turn lane to stop for school buses

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:80(C) and 83(A)(2), relative to overtaking and passing school
3 buses; to provide that a highway with two or more lanes in each direction and with
4 a designated two-way left-turn lane is not a divided highway with separate roadways;
5 to require on-coming traffic on a two lane road with a continuous left lane to stop for
6 school buses; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 32:80(C) and 83(A)(2) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
9 follows:

10 §80. Overtaking and passing school buses

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12 C. The driver of a vehicle upon a highway with separate roadways need not
13 stop upon meeting or passing a school bus which is on a different roadway or when
14 upon a controlled access highway and the school bus is stopped in a loading zone
15 which is part of or adjacent to such highway and where pedestrians are not permitted
16 to cross the roadway. A highway with two or more lanes in each direction and with
17 a designated two-way left-turn lane shall not be considered a divided highway with
18 separate roadways.

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1 §83. Driving on highways with two-way left-turn lanes and dedicated left-turn lanes

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4 (2) A highway with two or more lanes in each direction and with a
5 designated two-way left-turn lane shall not be considered a divided highway with
6 separate roadways. A median or neutral ground is an indicator of a divided highway
7 with separate roadways. Turning lanes or double yellow lines shall not be considered
8 a median.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Clarifies that the only reason the driver of a vehicle does not have to stop for a school bus stop signal is if there is a median or neutral ground between the driver and the bus.

Present law (R.S. 32:80(C)) provides that the driver of a vehicle upon a highway with separate roadways need not stop upon meeting or passing a school bus which is on a different roadway.

Proposed law specifies that a highway with two or more lanes in each direction and with a designated two-way left-turn lane is not considered a divided highway with separate roadways and provides that the driver of a vehicle traveling on such highway would be required to stop for a school bus.

Present law (R.S. 32:83(A)(2)) provides that a highway with two or more lanes in each direction and with a designated two-way left-turn lane is considered a divided highway with separate roadways. Proposed law modifies present law by specifying that highway with two or more lanes in each direction with designated two-way left-turn lanes is not considered a divided highway with separate roadways.

Proposed law provides that turning lanes or double yellow lines are not considered a median, which is an indicator of a divided highway with separate roadways.

(Amends R.S. 32:80(C) and 83(A)(2))