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2016 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 204

BY SENATOR CARTER

MOTOR VEHICLES. Requires occupant restraint systems on certain school buses. (8/1/16)

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To amend and reenact R.S. 17:164.2(A), and to repeal R.S. 17:164.2(C), relative to occupant restraint systems on school buses; to require use of occupant restraint systems on certain school buses; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:164.2(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows: §164.2. Additional regulations; occupant restraint systems required; compliance

A. In addition to any regulations adopted by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 17:164 relative to the construction, design, equipment, and operation of school buses used in the transportation of students, **and notwithstanding any other law to the contrary**, the board also shall adopt rules and regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act and any applicable federal standards to require that every bus used primarily for the transportation of students **that is manufactured and purchased for use on or after January 1, 2017**, shall be equipped with occupant restraint systems by not later than June 30, 2004.

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Section 2. R.S. 17:164.2(C) is hereby repealed.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Sharon F. Lyles.

DIGEST

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<u>Present law</u> requires every bus used primarily for the transportation of students to be equipped with occupant restraint systems not later than June 30, 2004, subject to appropriation of funds.

<u>Proposed law</u> makes <u>present law</u> applicable to every school bus that is manufactured and purchased for use on or after January 1, 2017, and repeals <u>present law</u> that requires appropriation of funds for occupant restraint systems.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 17:164.2(A); repeals R.S. 17:164.2(C))