## **ACT No. 362**

HOUSE BILL NO. 169

BY REPRESENTATIVES ROBERT OWEN, AMEDEE, BRASS, EMERSON, FREIBERG, JEFFERSON, CHARLES OWEN, ST. BLANC, AND TARVER

1	AN ACT
2	To enact R.S. 17:81(CC), 158(K), and 3996(B)(75), relative to the powers and duties of
3	public school governing authorities; to require public schools and school districts to
4	establish carpool and bus line safety policies; to provide for applicability to
5	nonpublic schools; and to provide for related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 17:81(CC), 158(K), and 3996(B)(75) are hereby enacted to read as
8	follows:
9	§81. General powers of local public school boards
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11	CC. Each public school governing authority shall establish a policy that
12	includes the following procedures for carpool and bus lines at any school that
13	includes any of the grades kindergarten through five:
14	(1) Students shall remain a safe distance from the pick up area behind
15	something material or immaterial intended to block passage, as deemed appropriate
16	for the particular school building.
17	(2) Students shall wait in the pick up area and wait for vehicles to come to
18	a complete stop.
19	(3) A student being dropped off shall remain in the appropriate passenger
20	restraint until the vehicle in which he is a passenger comes to a complete stop.
21	(4) A student in grades kindergarten through three shall be accompanied by
22	a school employee while he is walking to and from a pick up area.
23	(5) School administrators shall post signage regarding the carpool and bus
24	line policy.
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1 §158. School buses for transportation of students; employment of bus operators; 2 alternative means of transportation; improvement of school bus turnarounds; 3 loading and unloading students 4 K. The provisions of R.S. 17:81(CC) relative to carpool and bus line policies 5 6 apply to any nonpublic school for which transportation of students is provided by a 7 city, parish, or other local public school board. 8 9 §3996. Charter schools; exemptions; requirements 10 11 B. Notwithstanding any state law, rule, or regulation to the contrary and 12 except as may be otherwise specifically provided for in an approved charter, a 13 charter school established and operated in accordance with the provisions of this 14 Chapter and its approved charter and the school's officers and employees shall be 15 exempt from all statutory mandates or other statutory requirements that are 16 applicable to public schools and to public school officers and employees except for 17 the following laws otherwise applicable to public schools with the same grades: 18 19 (75) Carpool and bus line policies, R.S. 17:81(CC). 20 21 Section 2. This Act shall be known and may be cited as "The Safe Path from School 22 Act". SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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