

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

TRANSPORTATION: Increases the speed limit for school buses on highways and interstates

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To amend and reenact LAC 28:CXIII.907(C)(1) and(D)(2), which provides for school bus  
3 driving speeds on highways and interstates; to increase the speed limit for school  
4 buses on highways or interstates to the posted speed limit or sixty-five miles per  
5 hour, whichever is less; to direct the Office of the State Register to print the  
6 amendments in the Louisiana Administrative Code; and to provide for related  
7 matters.

8 WHEREAS, during the 1960's and 1970's, school buses were transporting students  
9 safely at speeds ten to fifteen miles per hour slower than the posted speed limit on all types  
10 of roadways; and

11 WHEREAS, in recent years, safer designs of modern school buses, as well as more  
12 successful route planning and upgraded school bus driver training, have aided in the  
13 reduction of school bus passenger injuries; and

14 WHEREAS, eight other states have expressly provided for an increased speed limit  
15 for school buses on highways and interstates; and

16 WHEREAS, numerous school buses travel on interstate highways with a posted  
17 speed limit of seventy-five miles per hour or greater, and with school buses traveling at fifty-  
18 five miles per hour, this creates a safety hazard; and



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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes a school bus to operate at the posted speed limit, or sixty-five miles per hour, whichever is less, during highway and interstate highway travel.

Present LAC 28:CXIII.907(C)(1) specifies that a school bus must operate at 55 mph on the highway.

Proposed LAC 28:CXIII.907(C)(1) increases the speed for a school bus to operate on the highway from 55 mph to the posted speed limit, or 65 mph, whichever is less.

Present LAC 28:CXIII.907(D)(2) specifies that a school bus cannot operate in excess of 55 mph, including interstate highway travel.

Proposed LAC 28:CXIII.907(D)(2) increases the speed for a school bus to operate on an interstate highway from 55 mph to the posted speed limit, or 65 mph, whichever is less.

(Amends LAC 28:CXIII.907(C)(1) and (D)(2))