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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 127

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections to study the implications and practicality of requiring oncoming traffic on a highway with two or more lanes in each direction and with a continuous two-way left turn lane to stop for school buses.

WHEREAS, oncoming traffic on a highway with two or more lanes in each direction and with a continuous two-way left turn lane that is approaching a school bus presents a safety issue for both the vehicle's driver, the bus, and the passengers; and

WHEREAS, school buses play an important role in lessening traffic on roadways and providing a safe means of transportation for students to get to and from school and home; and

WHEREAS, it is important that state and local governments protect the motoring public on all roads, including passengers of school buses; and

WHEREAS, the driver of a vehicle upon a highway that is approaching a school bus, from any direction should proceed with great caution and attention so as to prevent injury to all parties; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety and Corrections may include in their report how many accidents have occurred over the past five years that involved school buses or passengers being struck while the bus was stationary and passengers were entering or exiting the bus; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety and Corrections may also include in their report where these reported incidents occurred, particularly if it was on a highway with two or more lanes in each direction and with a continuous two-way left turn lane; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety and Corrections may also include what the implications and resulting consequences would be of requiring oncoming traffic to stop completely as they approach school buses; and

WHEREAS, as more school buses are added to Louisiana's roads and more families are relying on school buses as a safe means of transportation, it is important to take steps necessary to keep passengers and all motorists safe.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby request the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to study the implications and practicality of requiring oncoming traffic on a highway with two or more lanes in each direction and with a continuous two-way left turn lane to stop for school buses and submit their report to the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works and the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works no later than February 1, 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall receive input from the Department of Transportation and Development and the office of motor vehicles in conducting this study.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the director of the office of public safety and corrections, the secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development, and the commissioner of the office of motor vehicles.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE