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SENATE BILL NO. 416

BY SENATOR BOUIE

SCHOOLS. Provides relative to a disciplinarian or other school administrator to ride on a school bus transporting students to and from school. (gov sig)

| 1 | AN ACT |
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| 2 | To amend and reenact R.S. 17:158(K) and to enact R.S. 17:158(L), relative to school buses; |
| 3 | to provide with respect to the operation of school buses that transport public school |
| 4 | students; to enhance the safety of students by requiring disciplinarians or other |
| 5 | school personnel to ride on the buses at certain times; and to provide for related |
| 6 | matters. |
| 7 | Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: |
| 8 | Section 1. R.S. 17:158(K) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:158(L) is |
| 9 | hereby enacted to read as follows: |
| 10 | §158. School buses for transportation of students; employment of bus operators; |
| 11 | alternative means of transportation; improvement of school bus |
| 12 | turnarounds; loading and unloading students |
| 13 | * * * |
| 14 | K. Each public city, parish, and other local school board that provides |
| 15 | free transportation on a school bus pursuant to this Section shall also provide |
| 16 | <u>a disciplinarian or other school administrator to ride on each school bus</u> |
| 17 | transporting students to and from school in order to enhance the safety of each |

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| 1 | student. |
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| 3 | <u>L</u> . The provisions of R.S. 17:81(CC) relative to carpool and bus line policies |
| 4 | apply to any nonpublic school for which transportation of students is provided by a |
| 5 | city, parish, or other local public school board. |
| 6 | Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not |
| 7 | signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature |
| 8 | by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If |
| 9 | vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become |
| 10 | effective on the day following such approval. |

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Carla S. Roberts.

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<u>Present law</u> provides that each city, parish, and other local public school board is to provide free school bus transportation for any student attending a public school within the jurisdictional boundaries of the local school board if the student resides more than one mile from the school. Provides that the requirement to provide free transportation does not apply to any student attending a nonpublic school. Provides for the requirements with respect to school buses, required equipment on the buses, and required conduct of school bus drivers.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> but requires that each public city, parish, and other local school board also provide a disciplinarian or other school administrator to ride on each school bus transporting students to and from school to enhance the safety of each student.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 17:158(K); adds (L))