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DIGEST

Brown (SB 594)

Proposed law:

1. Authorizes each city, parish, and other local public school board to provide transportation to any student who is 20 years of age or younger and attending a technical college campus that is part of the La. Community and Technical College System and located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the board. Provides that if the closest technical college campus is located outside the jurisdictional boundaries of the local school board, such board shall coordinate with neighboring boards to facilitate transportation to the technical college campus.
2. Authorizes each local public school board to assess a fee to each student utilizing the transportation services provided by the board, not to exceed the actual cost of providing the transportation, including administrative costs.
3. Requires BESE to adopt rules in accordance with the APA to implement proposed law.
4. Exempts from proposed law:
 - (a) Local public school boards in a parish with a population of more than 300,000, according to the most recent federal decennial census.
 - (b) Local public school boards in any parish that operates a parish-wide public transit system that provides sufficient service to meet the needs of students attending technical colleges located in the parish.

Effective August 1, 2012.

(Adds R.S. 17:158(I))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Authorizes local school boards to provide transportation to certain technical college students instead of requiring them to do so.

2. Deletes the requirement that local school boards provide free transportation to students and authorizes local school boards to assess a fee to students utilizing their transportation services.
3. Provides that a technical college student must be a full-time student to be eligible to utilize transportation services provided by local school boards and reduces the maximum age to be eligible to utilize such transportation services from 22 to 20.
4. Requires BESE to promulgate rules to implement proposed law.
5. Exempts school boards in parishes with a population of 300,000 or more and school boards in parishes that provide a specified level of public transportation from proposed law.