

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 156

2019 Regular Session

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MTR VEHICLE/BUSES-SCHOOL: Revises provisions related to school buses.

DIGEST

Present law requires the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to adopt regulations for the construction, design, equipment, and operation of school buses. Provides that a school bus that meets the latest revised minimum standards for school buses adopted and recommended by certain national entities is in compliance with the BESE regulations. Proposed law changes present law references to the national groups and associations that have adopted and recommended the most recent revised minimum standards for school buses. Otherwise retains present law.

Proposed law provides that BESE rules and regulations relative to school bus specifications and inspection requirements, operational procedures, and school bus operator and bus attendant pre-employment screening and training requirements apply to charter schools.

Proposed law provides that charter schools shall comply with R.S. 17:164.

(Amends R.S. 17:164; Adds R.S. 17:3996(A)(18), (19), and (20), and (B)(54))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Add that a device with a push-to-talk function is not a cellular radio telecommunication device.
2. Make technical changes.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Make technical changes.
2. Remove language relative to push-to-talk radios.
3. Add requirement that school bus-related laws and regulations apply to charter schools.