DIGEST

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HB 620 Engrossed

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Abstract: Requires the Caddo Parish school district implement traffic congestion solutions to promote public safety in neighborhoods surrounding Caddo Middle Magnet and Eden Gardens Elementary schools.

<u>Proposed law</u> specifies that the Caddo Parish School Board should be responsible for developing and implementing their own solutions to address traffic congestion, accident rates, and emergency vehicle response times in areas surrounding Caddo Middle Magnet and Eden Gardens Elementary schools in Shreveport, La. Additionally, specifies that when developing these solutions, the school board must take all necessary measure to ensure that the following issues are fully resolved:

- (1) The restriction of certain roadways from use during drop-off and pick-up times.
- (2) The utilization of the transfer drop-off locations.
- (3) The prohibition against circling the parking lot during drop-off and pick-up times.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the Caddo Parish School Board to use existing local and state traffic engineer studies to create the most effective methods of ensuring the safety of the students, family, faculty, and residents who use the roadways neighboring the Caddo Middle Magnet and Eden Elementary schools.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires that the DOTD lend its expertise to contribute to meaningful, permanent solutions to the public safety and traffic problems in neighborhoods surrounding Caddo Middle Magnet and Eden Garden Elementary schools.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the DOTD collaborate with Northwest La. Council of Governments regarding their findings.

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

(Adds R.S. 32:475)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Transportation</u>, <u>Highways and Public Works</u> to the <u>original</u> bill:

- 1. Make technical changes.
- 2. Add additional roadways to the access restrictions applicable during drop-off and pick-up times.