

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 365

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION

SCHOOLS/BUS OPERATORS: Grants certain powers, duties, and responsibilities relative to a school bus operator's probationary term of employment to the superintendent instead of the school board

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:492(A)(introductory paragraph), relative to school bus
3 operators; to provide for the probationary term of employment for school bus
4 operators; to provide for the authority of the superintendent relative to their
5 discipline, discharge, or dismissal; to require the superintendent to dismiss or
6 discharge a school bus operator under certain circumstances; and to provide for
7 related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 17:492(A)(introductory paragraph) is hereby amended and reenacted
10 to read as follows:

11 §492. Probation and tenure of bus operators

12 A. Each school bus operator shall serve a probationary term of three years
13 reckoned from the date of his first employment in the city, parish, or other local
14 public school system in which the operator is serving his probation. During the
15 probationary term, the ~~city, parish, or other local public school board~~ superintendent
16 may discipline, dismiss, or discharge any operator ~~upon the written recommendation~~
17 ~~of the local superintendent of schools accompanied by valid~~ and shall provide to the
18 operator in writing the reasons therefor. A ~~school board~~ superintendent shall
19 immediately dismiss or discharge an operator who is convicted of or has pled nolo

