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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** 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.

Present law provides that a school bus operator shall serve a probationary term of three years reckoned from the date of his first employment. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that during the probationary term, the school board may dismiss or discharge an operator upon the written recommendation of the superintendent accompanied by valid reasons therefor. Proposed law instead allows the superintendent to discipline, dismiss, or discharge the operator and requires the superintendent to provide the reasons in writing to the operator.

Present law requires the school board to immediately dismiss or discharge an operator who is convicted of or has pled nolo contendere to certain offenses. Proposed law instead applies this requirement to the superintendent.

(Amends R.S. 17:492(A)(intro. para.))