

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 748

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRAUD

HIGHWAYS: Provides that any Louisiana school board-owned vehicles be exempt from paying tolls on any bridges and highways in the state

1 AN ACT

2 To amend R.S. 17:157 (A) and (B), relative to toll exemptions on ferries, bridges, and roads
3 for all Louisiana school board-owned or leased vehicles; to provide for the free
4 passage of all Louisiana school board-owned or leased vehicles over all public tolled
5 ferries operated by the state; to provide for the free passage of all Louisiana school
6 board-owned or leased vehicles over all public tolled roads and bridges operated by
7 the state; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 17:157(A) and (B) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §157. Ferries, roads, and toll bridges; free passage to students; free passage to
11 school board-owned or leased vehicles

12 A. The free right of passage over all public ferries which are leased out or
13 controlled by the state, parish, or municipality, excluding the Greater New Orleans
14 Expressway, for which license is paid or toll exacted, shall provide for free passage
15 of all students in their passage to and from school between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and
16 9:30 a.m., and between 2:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., and any other vehicle owned, or
17 leased, and operated by Louisiana school boards, provided that rules are adopted in
18 accordance with the provisions of Subsection C of this Section.

Proposed law retains present law and requires that all La. school board-owned or leased vehicles traveling over all public tolled bridges and roads operated by the state have free right of passage.

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

(Amends R.S. 17:157(Section heading), (A), and (B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Make technical changes.
2. Add motor vehicles leased by Louisiana school boards to the exemption from tolls within the state.
3. Add an upon signature of the governor effective date.