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## DIGEST

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HB 748 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Exempts any motor vehicle owned or leased by Louisiana school boards from paying tolls on all ferries, bridges, and roads in Louisiana, except the Greater New Orleans Expressway.

Present law requires free right of passage over all public tolled ferries which are leased out and controlled by the state, parish, or municipality, excluding the Greater N.O. Expressway, to all students in their passage to and from school between 6:00 a.m and 9:30 a.m. and between 2:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., provided that rules are adopted in accordance with present law.

Proposed law retains present law and requires that all La. school board-owned or leased vehicles traveling over all public tolled ferries operated by the state have free right of passage. Maintains the exception applicable to the Greater N.O. Expressway.

Present law requires free right of passage over all public tolled bridges and roads which are leased out and controlled by the state, parish, or municipality, excluding the Greater N.O. Expressway, to all students in their passage to and from school between 6:00 a.m and 9:30 a.m. and between 2:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., provided that rules are adopted in accordance with present law.

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.

