



any other person who may have direct contact with or may have supervisory responsibility over a student participating in the released time course.

Proposed law provides that the written parental consent or authorization to attend the released time course is to include a notice that contains all of the following:

- (1) That the school and school board has no liability for any injury that occurs while the student is at an off-campus released time course.
- (2) That the school and school board have no liability for the transportation to or from the released time course.
- (3) That the sponsoring entity is responsible for any liability associated with the released time course.
- (4) That any liability for injuries that occur during the transportation to or from the released time course shall be solely the responsibility of the sponsoring entity, the parent, or whoever the parent authorizes to transport the child.

Proposed law provides that the sponsoring entity of the released time course maintains attendance records and makes them available to the school that the student attends.

Proposed law provides that released time course is to be between one and five hours per school week and that if the student is absent from the course or not at school, then the student will be counted as absent for truancy purposes.

Proposed law provides that the La. Dept. of Education is to provide a course credit code that participating schools may use to award academic credit for the completion of a released time course or the schools may use the academic credit for the course taught on the history and literature of the Bible, under present law.

Proposed law provides that the released time courses are not to be held on school property unless permitted under a neutral policy of equal access that opens school property for use by secular community groups.

Proposed law provides that proposed law is to be known as and may be cited as the "School Released Time Education Act".

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

(Adds R.S. 17:288.1-288.4 and R.S. 17:3996(B)(92))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Adds the requirement that a sponsoring entity that transports students must have auto liability insurance in the amount required by school bus drivers.
2. Makes technical changes.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Adds requirement that all persons who have direct or supervisory contact with the student to obtain a criminal background check.