

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 600

BY REPRESENTATIVE ABRAMSON

SCHOOLS/TRANSPORTATION: Prohibits school bus drivers in certain parishes from picking up or dropping off children at school while the bus is in a lane of traffic

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:158(J) and 3996(B)(34), relative to the loading and unloading of school
3 busses at schools in certain parishes; to provide relative to adoption of policies and
4 procedures by school governing authorities regarding such loading and unloading;
5 and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:158(J) and 3996(B)(34) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §158. School buses for transportation of students; employment of bus operators;
9 alternative means of transportation; improvement of school bus turnarounds

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11 J.(1) The governing authority of each public school in a parish that contains
12 a municipality with a population of three hundred thousand or more persons
13 according to the latest federal decennial census shall adopt policies and procedures
14 to prohibit a school bus driver from loading or unloading students at the school while
15 the bus is in a traffic lane and to require that such loading and unloading be done on
16 the shoulder of the road, in a school parking lot, or other appropriate off-road
17 location at the school as determined by the governing authority.

18 (2) The prohibition in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall not apply if the
19 shoulder of a municipal road is the only available alternative and the municipality

available alternative and the municipality has not made the shoulder available by designating that area for loading and unloading students during designated school zone hours.

(Adds R.S. 17:158(J) and 3996(B)(34))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill.

1. Provides that the proposed law prohibition does not apply if the shoulder of a municipal road is the only available alternative and the municipality has not made it available for loading and unloading students during designated school zone hours.