
DIGEST

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Abstract: Revises the authorities from which regulations relating to construction, design, equipment, and operation of school buses are derived. Adds areas to the list from which charter school operations are not exempt.

Present law provides regulations relating to construction, design, equipment, and operation of school buses.

Proposed law modifies present law by changing the authorities for which the standards are adopted and recommended from the National Conference on School Transportation, the National Council of Chief State School Officers, the American Assn. of School Administrators, NEA, the Dept. of Rural Education, NEA, and the U.S. Office of Education to the National Congress on School Transportation, the National Assn. of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services, the National Assn. for Pupil Transportation, the National School Transportation Assn., the School Transportation section of the National Safety Council and the School Bus Manufacturers' Technical Council.

Proposed law further provides that the adopted regulations must not conflict with the La. Dept. of Education or statutory requirements for the design, construction, and operation of school buses or requirements for bus operators.

Present law provides a list or rules and regulations for which charter school operations are not exempt.

Proposed law adds La. school bus specifications and inspection requirements, La. school bus operational procedures, and school bus driver and bus attendant pre-employment screening and training requirements as specified in the La. Board of Elementary and Secondary Education Bulletin 119 and 126 to the list of rules and regulations for which charter school operations are not exempt.

(Amends R.S. 17:164; Adds R.S. 17:3996(A)(18), (19), and (20))