

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS****HB 345****2022 Regular Session****Orgeron**

HIGHWAYS/INTERSTATE: Provides an exemption from tolls on La. Hwy. 1 bridge for certain school personnel

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Makes a technical changes.
2. Changes the reference in present law from school bus drivers to school bus operators.
3. Changes the reference for the exemption in proposed law from the employees employed by the Grand Isle School System within the Jefferson Parish School Board to the employees employed by the Grand Isle School System under the jurisdiction of the Jefferson Parish School Board.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Present law requires every teacher, school bus driver, and other school employee employed by the Lafourche Parish School Board to have free and unhampered passage crossing La. Hwy. 1 Bridge, also known as the Tomey J. Doucet Bridge, when traveling to and from their work place on a scheduled work day, as prescribed by the school board, not to exceed two toll-free crossings in one day. Requires the state Dept. of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to adopt rules and regulations to implement present law.

Present law specifies that exemptions from the payment of tolls on the La. Hwy. 1 Bridge are effective on Aug. 1, 2023, or the date of the adoption of final rules by DOTD, whichever date is sooner.

Proposed law modifies present law to exempt every teacher, school bus operator, and other school employees employed by the Grand Isle School System under the jurisdiction of the Jefferson Parish School Board.

Specifies that proposed law supercedes applicable provisions of present law and become effective on Aug. 1, 2023.

(Amends R.S. 17:426(A))