Landry (HB 507) **Act No. 193**

Existing law provides that an "S" endorsement may be issued to an applicant who would have been disqualified from driving a school bus for certain convictions or violations relating to driving under the influence had he had an "S" endorsement at the time of the conviction or violation.

New law provides an applicant shall not be issued an "S" endorsement if he has certain convictions or violations relating to driving under the influence prior to the date of application for the "S" endorsement.

Existing law reduces disqualification period after, among other conditions, completing medical treatment or medically approved group therapy or special education courses for or about the disease of alcoholism, alcohol abuse, or drug abuse.

New law clarifies that the treatment or group therapy required by existing law must be completed after the disqualifying offense and that an endorsement shall be denied or canceled if the applicant is disqualified for conviction of driving under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance while operating a commercial vehicle or a noncommercial motor vehicle or refuses to submit to a chemical test for the purpose of determining the alcoholic content of his blood when arrested for an offense arising out of acts alleged to have been committed while the driver was driving or in actual physical control of a commercial motor vehicle or noncommercial motor vehicle while believed to be under the influence of alcoholic beverages or a controlled substance.

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(Amends R.S. 32:408(B)(3)(f) and 414.2(E)(1)(intro. para.) and (2)(intro. para.) and (c))