
DIGEST

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HB No. 358

Abstract: Exempts, under certain circumstances, school boards in certain parishes from the requirement that they provide free transportation for nonpublic school students.

Present law requires each local public school board to provide free transportation for students attending any school (public or nonpublic) that is approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and located within the school board's jurisdictional boundaries if the student resides more than one mile from the school. Excepts students attending nonpublic schools through the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program.

Proposed law creates an additional exception to present law for a school board in a parish with a population between 110,000-115,000 persons by providing that it shall not be required to provide free transportation for any student attending a nonpublic school if either the cost incurred or distance traveled exceeds that for providing transportation for students attending public schools.

(Amends R.S. 17:158(A)(1); Adds R.S. 17:158(J))