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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 91

## BY REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD

MTR VEHICLE/BUSES: Urges the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to study the safety implications and practicality of requiring vehicles in adjacent lanes to stop for all city buses loading or unloading passengers

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections to study the
3	implications and practicality of requiring vehicles in adjacent lanes to stop for all city
4	buses loading or unloading passengers.
5	WHEREAS, vehicles in adjacent lanes approaching a stationary bus that has stopped
6	for the purpose of receiving or discharging passengers presents a safety issue for both the
7	vehicle's driver, the bus, and the passengers; and
8	WHEREAS, city buses play an important role in lessening traffic on roadways and
9	providing a means of transportation for citizens to get to and from their places of
10	employment; and
11	WHEREAS, it is important that state and local governments protect the motoring
12	public on all roads, including passengers of city buses; and
13	WHEREAS, the driver of a vehicle upon a highway meeting or overtaking, from any
14	direction, any city bus that has stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging
15	passengers should proceed with great caution and attention so as to prevent injury to all
16	parties; and
17	WHEREAS, in conducting this study, the Department of Public Safety and
18	Corrections may study the practicality and implications of applying the rules applicable to
19	drivers approaching stopped school buses to stopped city buses; and

1	WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety and Corrections may include in their
2	report how many accidents have occurred over the past five years that involved a bus or
3	passenger being struck while the bus was stationary and passengers were entering or exiting
4	the bus; and
5	WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety and Corrections may also include in
6	their report where these reported incidents occurred, particularly if it was near a busy
7	intersection or on a high traffic volume road; and
8	WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety and Corrections may also include
9	suggestions as to how to reduce the number of reported accidents resulting from the ingress
10	and egress of passengers on city buses; and
11	WHEREAS, as more buses are added to Louisiana's metropolitan areas and more
12	passengers use these city buses as a means of travel, it is important to take steps necessary
13	to keep passengers and all motorists safe.
14	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
15	request the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to study the implications and
16	practicality of requiring all motorists in adjacent lanes to stop for all buses that are loading
17	or unloading passengers and submit their report to the House Committee on Transportation,
18	Highways and Public Works and the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and
19	Public Works no later than October 1, 2014.
20	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety and Corrections
21	shall receive input from the Department of Transportation and Development and the office
22	of motor vehicles in conducting this study.
23	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
24	to the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, the secretary of the
25	Department of Transportation and Development, and the commissioner of the office of
26	motor vehicles.

## **DIGEST**

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## Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Transportation, Highways</u> and <u>Public Works</u> to the <u>original</u> concurrent resolution.

1. Changed "director" to "commissioner".