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Present law (R.S. 32:80(A)(1)) requires the driver of a vehicle upon a highway meeting or overtaking from any direction any school bus that has stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging any school children to stop the vehicle not less than thirty feet from the school bus before reaching such school bus when there are in operation on said school bus visual signals as required by R.S. 32:318, and provides that said driver shall not proceed until such bus resumes motion or the visual signals are no longer activated.

Present law (R.S. 32:80(C)) provides that the driver of a vehicle upon a highway with separate roadways need not stop upon meeting or passing a school bus which is on a different roadway.

Proposed law specifies that a highway with one or more lanes in each direction and with a dedicated two-way left-turn lane is not a divided highway with separate roadways for purposes of present law and requires the driver of a vehicle upon any highway with a dedicated two-way left-turn lane to stop upon meeting or passing a school bus as provided in present law.

Present law (R.S. 32:83(A)(2)) provides that a highway with two or more lanes in each direction and with a designated two-way left-turn lane is considered a divided highway with separate roadways.

Proposed law modifies present law by specifying that a highway with two or more lanes in each direction with designated two-way left-turn lanes is not considered a divided highway with separate roadways except when it is divided by a median or neutral ground.

Proposed law provides that dedicated two-way left-turn lanes, dedicated left-turn lanes, and double yellow lines shall not be considered a median.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 32:80(C) and 83(A)(2))