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HOUSE BILL NO. 169

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

SCHOOLS: Provides for safety protocols for elementary school students when being dropped off at and picked up from school

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:81(CC), relative to the powers and duties of public school governing
3 authorities; to require public schools and school districts to establish carpool and bus
4 line safety policies; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:81(CC) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §81. General powers of local public school boards

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9 CC. Each public school governing authority shall establish a policy that
10 includes the following procedures for carpool and bus lines at any school that
11 includes any of the grades kindergarten through five:

12 (1) Students must remain behind a physical barrier until they enter a separate
13 pick up area.

14 (2) No student shall enter the pick up area until the vehicle picking him up
15 is in park.

16 (3) A school employee working in the pick up area in any capacity shall
17 wear a traffic vest.

18 (4) A student under the age of ten years old shall be accompanied by a
19 school employee while he is walking to and from a vehicle.

1 Section 2. This Act shall be known and may be cited as "The Safe Path from School
2 Act".

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires public school governing authorities to establish carpool and bus line safety policies.

Present law provides for the general powers and duties of local public school boards.

Proposed law requires each public school governing authority to establish a safety policy for carpool and bus lines at schools with grades kindergarten through five.

At a minimum, the policy shall:

- (1) Require students to remain behind a barrier before entering a pick up area.
- (2) Prohibit students from entering the pick up area until the vehicle is in park.
- (3) Require school employees working in the pick up area to wear traffic vests.
- (4) Require that students under the age of 10 be accompanied by a school employee while walking to and from a vehicle.

(Adds R.S. 17:81(CC))