

Regular Session, 2008

HOUSE BILL NO. 736

BY REPRESENTATIVE SIMON

SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS: Provides for an increase in the rate of compensation for school bus operators that shall be subject to the appropriation of funds for that purpose

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:497(G), relative to the compensation of school bus operators; to provide
3 for an increase in the rate of compensation for the operation of a school bus in public
4 school systems; to provide that such increase shall be subject to the appropriation of
5 funds for that purpose; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:497(G) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §497. School bus drivers; operational schedules

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11 G. Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year and continuing thereafter,
12 subject to the appropriation of funds for that purpose, rates paid by school systems
13 to operators for the operation of school buses pursuant to this Section as of July 1,
14 2008, shall be increased by four percent.

15 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
16 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
17 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
18 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
19 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for a 4% increase in the rate of compensation for school bus operators, subject to the appropriation of funds for that purpose.

Present law provides, relative to the compensation of school bus operators, that there shall be paid to operators a rate of compensation in accordance with a schedule based on a cents-per-mile basis. Defines "operator" as any individual or school board who owns and is responsible for the operation, maintenance, and replacement of a school bus operated in the state public schools (including certain public postsecondary institutions). Provides that such compensation shall be paid for a minimum of 180 days during the nine-month school year and for the number of days of actual operation for any summer semester. Present law also provides that only when funds become available, there shall be paid to such operators a rate of compensation in accordance with a different compensation schedule; however, until such funds become available, provides that payment shall be made as provided in the former schedule.

Proposed law retains present law and provides, effective for the 2008-2009 school year and thereafter, subject to the appropriation of funds for that purpose, that rates paid to such operators by such school systems as of July 1, 2008, shall be increased by 4%.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 17:497(G))