



LASTO
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HB 695/ACT 421 Summary:

Please help me thank the following LASTO members for traveling to Baton Rouge to join me in working to develop a strategy to correct errors made in the original ACT 654.

- Mr. George Horne – Horne Enterprises
- Mr. Steve Vales – St. John the Baptist Parish
- Mr. Eric Johnson – East Baton Rouge Parish
- Ms. Kathy Gonzales – St. Bernard Parish (retired)
- Mr. Raymond Noel – Iberia Parish



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Please help me thank the following LASTO members for traveling to Baton Rouge to join me in working with legislators to correct the errors made in the original ACT 654.

- Mr. Otis Jones – Caddo Parish
- Mr. Steve Vales – St. John the Baptist Parish
- Mr. Steve Vampran – Livingston Parish



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Date	Chamber	Journal Page	Action
07/01	H		Signed by the Governor. Becomes Act No. 421
06/11	S	138	Signed by the President of the Senate
06/03	H	39	Received from the Senate with amendments
05/25	S	11	Reported with amendments
04/29	H	40	Reported with amendments (13-0)
	LASTO		Testified before House Committee
	LASTO		Met with Rep. Abramson in halls of Capitol
	LASTO		Traveled to Capitol to lobby for change
	LASTO		Multiple phones calls with LSBA attorney
	LASTO		Met with Senator Murray
	LASTO		Met with several LASTO members to draft strategy



- (2) Prohibit a bus driver from loading or unloading students at or near their homes while the bus is in a traffic lane of any type of street as defined in R.S. 32:1 and require that students be loaded or unloaded on a shoulder unless the governing authority determines that loading or unloading on a shoulder is less safe for the student. However, if there is no shoulder or if the shoulder is determined to be less safe, a bus driver may load and unload a student while the bus is in a lane of traffic but only if the bus is in the lane farthest to the right side of the road so that ~~the student does not need to cross any lane of traffic to get onto or off of the bus~~ there is not a lane of traffic between the bus and the right-side curb or other edge of the road.
- (3) Prohibit a bus driver from loading or unloading ~~students~~ a student, ~~either at school or at or near their homes in a manner or in a location that results in students crossing lanes of traffic on a state highway or any other type of street.~~ in a location on a divided highway such that a student, in order to walk between the bus and his home or school, would be required to cross a roadway of the highway on which traffic is not controlled by the visual signals on the school bus.



- unless the governing authority determines that loading or unloading on a shoulder is less safe for the student.
- LASTO recommends that each of you return to your district/business and document that loading or unloading on a shoulder is less safe for the student.
- This action will lend itself toward protecting your district in the event of an incident.



Seat Belts on School Buses

http://www.schoolbusfleet.com/channel/regulations/news/2015/11/08/nhtsa-chief-school-buses-should-have-seat-belts-period.aspx?ref=-20151109&utm_campaign=Conference-Daily-1-20151109&utm_source=Email&utm_medium=Enewsletter



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