

Did Not Pass the Louisiana Legislature

Bills:

HB 6 (P. Smith) – This bill serves to increase the tax credit for children’s educational expenses from the current \$25 to \$100. Eligible taxpayers would be entitled to this amount, per child, for educational and related expenses.

HB 46 (Richardson) – This bill proposes an income tax deduction for enrollment tuition in LA 4 classes, certain early childhood development and enrichment activity classes.

HB 47 (Hardy) – This bill proposes that public school students in grades 6 through 12 be required to hold at least a 2.0 GPA in order to participate in interscholastic athletics and other extracurricular activities.

HB 89 (Burford) – This bill serves to delete the requirement of LA 4 classes to maintain the required level of funding from any source for any early childhood education, in each year of participation, as provided in the previous year.

HB 103 (LaBruzzo) – This bill proposes a refundable credit against the individual income tax of a foster parent to provide for their child’s education in a nonpublic elementary or secondary school.

HB 114 (Hardy) – This bill prohibits retirees who are reemployed in any position other than classroom teacher from receiving retirement benefits during the period of reemployment, relative to the TRSL.

HB 156 (Ritchie) – This bill requires certain charter school employees to be members of the TRSL.

HB 209 (Williams) – This bill proposes that LEAP test requirements for 4th and 8th grade students to be promoted to the 5th and 9th grades shall not apply to students with exceptionalities.

HB 308 (LeBas) – This bill serves to allow eligible students in Louisiana nonpublic high schools or home study programs to participate in dual enrollment program at postsecondary education institutions as applicable to a student in a Louisiana public high school.

HB 343 (Dixon) – This bill authorizes a corporate income tax deduction for employers who grant their employees paid leave to participate in parental involvement in schools during working hours.

HB 371 (Carter) – This bill removes exceptions to nepotism provisions relative to the employment or promotion of the family member of a superintendent who is employed by the school board.

HB 440 (Barrow) – This bill prohibits the use of test scores, including LEAP test scores, as the sole criteria of student promotion to the succeeding grade.

HB 461 (Aubert) – This bill requires the dissemination of information concerning consumer credit cards to undergraduate students be restricted by the public postsecondary school. It provides an exception for information concerning consumer credit cards provided to an undergraduate student when such information is a component of the student's course of study.

HB 496 (Harrison) – This bill abolishes BESE, transfers its functions to the state superintendent of education, provides for appointment of superintendent by governor, provides for proposal of the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) formula by superintendent, and permits legislative amendment of MFP formula.

HB 498 (Doerge) – This bill permits a local superintendent of schools to provide services, contractual or otherwise, to the state Department of Education, BESE, or the RSD, or any combination of such entities.

HB 511 (Harrison) – This bill provides that the requirement for enactment of a law by a two-thirds vote of the legislature for the state to impose any new fee or increase in an existing fee shall not apply to new or increases in tuition amounts or mandatory fees imposed by a public postsecondary education management board.

HB 525 (Chandler) – This bill serves to provide a \$5,000 annual salary supplement to full-time teachers employed in economically distressed school systems, effective for the 2009-2010 school year and thereafter. It will be subject to the appropriation of funds for such purpose.

HB 531 (Henry) – This bill provides eligibility for certain home study students to participate in public school interscholastic extracurricular activities.

HB 571 (Norton) – This bill prohibits corporal punishment in public elementary and secondary schools, beginning with the 2009-2010 school year.

HB 616 (Honey) – This bill permits students not initially eligible for Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) award to be eligible for the award based on the student meeting all requirements established for a person who initially receives the program award.

HB 664 (Carter) – This bill provides term limits for members of city, parish, and other local public school boards.

HB 686 (Carmody) – This bill requires authorizing entities to engage in an application review process for the creation of a charter school that complies with specified principles and standards. It will also allow for the independent evaluation of a qualified third party.

HB 689 (Carter Peterson) – This bill creates the Statewide Educational Facilities Fund in the state treasury.

HB 752 (A. Badon) – This bill allows the Recovery School District (RSD) to enroll certain students in a virtual or cyber school or educational program under certain circumstances.

HB 808 (Carter) – This bill provides relative to compensation and benefits for local school board members.

HB 830 (Tucker) – This bill establishes a board to possess, use, control, and manage the Medical Center of Louisiana at New Orleans.

HB 839 (P. Smith) – This bill requires state superintendent to possess specific minimum qualifications provided by law at the time of appointment. It also authorizes BESE to establish by rule minimum qualifications not inconsistent with those required by law.

HB 848 (P. Smith) – This bill provides for certain reductions to the Recovery School District's (RSD) annual appropriation with regard to certain retiree health care costs of a school system in which one or more of its schools has been transferred to the RSD and for allocations of such amount to the prior school system.

HB 851 (Carter) – This bill is relative to the powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of city, parish, and other local public school boards including prohibitions on the involvement of members of local school boards in certain administrative matters. It provides for the vote required for hiring and removal of a local school superintendent.

SB 19 (Crowe) – This bill creates the TOPS-Tech Plus Award for recipients who have been awarded an associate degree with a minimum 2.5 GPA on a 4.00 scale and who will enroll in an eligible college or university to pursue an academic associate or undergraduate degree.

SB 85 (B. Gautreaux) – This bill proposes a cap on TOPS awards, beginning 2010-2011 school year; the amount would be exclusive of any additional payments awarded to students who qualify to receive a Performance or Honors award.

SB 87 (Long) – This bill allows the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to determine the requirements for experience teachers' participation in the Teacher Assistance and Assessment Program.

SB 90 (Gray-Evans) – This bill creates the Louisiana Statewide Education Facilities Authority within the Department of Education. The purpose of the authority is to provide funding, coordination, assistance, and oversight for the repair, renovation, and construction of public school facilities.

SB 161 (Marionneaux) – This bill deletes a requirement that, to obtain the deduction for elementary and secondary school expenses, payments for school uniforms, certain instructional materials, and school supplies, the payments must be made to public schools. It requires actual payment to obtain the deduction; and limits the deduction to \$5,000 per student who is a dependent of the taxpayer.

SB 183 (Appel) – This bill exempts certain higher education tuition and fee amounts at certain public institutions designated as research universities from the requirements for imposing and increasing fees.

SB 213 (Claitor) – This bill creates a higher education academic endowment fund from unused monies in the Insure Louisiana Incentive Program Fund.

SB 220 (Morrell) – This bill provides that local school boards located in parishes with a population greater than 470,000 are required to provide bus transportation only to students attending public schools directly operated by the local school board.

Resolutions:

HCR 2 (A. Badon) – This resolution invokes the Clyburn Amendment of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) that would secure federal stimulus monies not otherwise accepted by the Governor.

HCR 41 (J.H. Smith) – This resolution requests the Louisiana School Board Association to make available to members of public school boards copies of current law relative to reviewing a person's criminal history prior to hiring.

HCR 217 (Hoffman) – This resolution requests BESE to revise the LEAP testing schedule to provide for the administration of the LEAP tests at the end of the school year.

SCR 26 (Broome) – This resolution requests BESE to ensure that a comprehensive study is conducted to determine a base per pupil expenditure that is equitable and adequate to provide the quality of education necessary for all students to meet the state's academic standards and testing requirements.

SCR 83 (Duplessis) – This resolution urges and requests BESE to adopt a policy relative to appropriate and acceptable administrative overhead costs for which fees may be charged to a charter school by the chartering authority.