



Associated Professional Educators of Louisiana

2010 Legislative Wrap-up

Session Summary:

- Convened on March 29, 2010
- Adjourned on June 21, 2010
- 1,493 House bills filed
- 808 Senate bills filed
- 1,053 bills became laws or ACTS
- 18 bills vetoed by Gov. Jindal
(includes line item vetoes)

ACCOUNTABILITY

- **HB 433** (ACT 701) by Rep. Hardy requires BESE to establish a uniform grading scale for use in public schools.
- **HB 925** (ACT 718) by Rep. Austin Badon provides relative to school and district accountability in elementary and secondary education.
- **HB 1225** (ACT 742) by Rep. Dixon provides relative to BESE standards for approving alternative schools and alternative education programs for students suspended or expelled from public k-12 schools.
- **HB 1442** (ACT 534) by Rep. Carmody provides relative to reporting by public school employees of irregularities or improprieties in the administration of standardized tests.
- **SB 112** (ACT 122) by Sen. Long prohibits inclusion of performance data related to students educated in secure facilities under the jurisdiction of the office of juvenile justice in the school or district performance scores of the public school system is located.
- **SB 490** (ACT 445) by Sen. Nevers provides that Career Diploma curriculum end-of-course exam questions reflect course content and method of instruction.

ATHLETICS

- **HB 303** (ACT 691) by Rep. Henry provides relative to eligibility of certain home study students to participate in interscholastic athletics at secondary schools that are members of the LHSAA.

ATTENDANCE

- **HB 421** (ACT 699) by Rep. Michael Jackson provides relative to the authority of a local school board to deny admission or readmission to school of certain students.
- **HB 648** (ACT 927) by Rep. Sam Jones repeals provisions relative to permitting certain children to withdraw from school.
- **SB 309** (ACT 644) by Sen. LaFleur provides relative to habitual absence or tardiness of students.
- **SB 701** (ACT 666) by Sen. Marionneaux requires persons who do not graduate from high school to serve a minimum of two years in the armed forces.

CHARTER SCHOOLS

- **HB 388** (ACT 324) by Rep. Patricia Smith provides relative to teachers transferring to a charter school from a local school system.
- **HB 420** (ACT 370) by Rep. Leger provides relative to charter school funding.
- **HB 962** (ACT 722) by Rep. Carter provides relative to the review process for charter school applications.

- **HB 1487** (ACT 656) by Rep. Leger provides relative to charter schools. Substitute for HB 1128.
- **SB 274** (ACT 999) by Sen. Heitmeier requires a charter school teacher who is an active member of the system to remain an active member for the duration of employment at the charter school under certain circumstances.
- **SB 344** (ACT 334) by Sen. Duplessis provide relative to submission and review of charter school proposals and charter renewals.
- **SB 492** (ACT 786) by Sen. Nevers brings the governing boards of charter schools under the financial disclosure requirements of the Ethics Code.

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

- **HB 43** (ACT 506) by Rep. Hardy expands drug free zones from 1,000 feet to 2,000 feet from designated properties.
- **HB 556** (ACT 925) by Rep. Wooton amends firearm-free zone provisions with respect to concealed handgun permit holders.
- **HB 1155** (ACT 400) by Rep. Connick provides relative to sex offender registration and notification provisions.

CURRICULUM

- **HB 46** (ACT 321) by Rep. Hutter requires instruction with respect to dating violence in public schools.
- **HB 1029** (ACT 327) by Rep. Hoffman provides relative to instruction in Civics and Free Enterprise.
- **SB 533** (ACT 659) by Sen. LaFleur requires BESE to increase the availability of electronic textbooks and instructional materials.
- **SCR 19** by Sen. Crowe memorializes congress to utilize the power of technology to boost American productivity and performance by consulting with state legislatures, education and computer organizations to ensure that every student has access to a laptop.

DISCIPLINE

- **HB 405** (ACT 698) by Rep. Dixon requires BESE to adopt rules and regulations for the use of seclusion and physical restraint of students.
- **HB 1239** (ACT 404) by Rep. Dixon requires the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to adopt rules and regulations relative to the physical abuse of public school teachers and employees by students.
- **HB 1458** (ACT 755) by Rep. LaBruzzo provides relative to cyberbullying and student codes of conduct adopted by local school boards.

FINANCE

- **HB 32** (ACT 455) by Rep. Thierry changes the allowable purposes for expenditures from the St. Landry Parish Education Excellence Fund.
- **HCR 20** by Rep. Carter requests the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to make changes to the Minimum Foundation Program formula beginning with the formula adopted for the 2010-2011 school year.
- **SB 285** (ACT 131) by Sen. Donahue includes students educated in secure facilities under the jurisdiction of the office of juvenile justice in the MFP.
- **SB 509** (ACT 656) by Sen. Long includes the Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts in the MFP.

HEALTH

- **HB 1141** (ACT 737) by Rep. Landry requires certain public school governing authorities with a policy of denying nutrition to students to implement certain procedures.
- **SB 262** (ACT 498) by Sen. Nevers regulates collection of student biometric information.

NON-PUBLIC

- **HB 216** (ACT 515) by Rep. Foil provides for a school choice pilot program for certain students with exceptionalities.
- **HB 1376** (ACT 750) by Rep. Hines requires local school boards to provide free transportation for students attending BESE-approved schools within the local board's jurisdictional boundaries if the student resides more than 1,000 feet from school.

RECOVERY SCHOOL DISTRICT

- **HB 923** (ACT 717) by Rep. Leger authorizes the Recovery School District to contract with outside legal counsel for certain purposes.
- **HB 1093** (ACT 735) by Rep. Fannin requires legislative approval of certain construction contracts and changes to construction contracts issued by the Recovery School District.
- **SB 240** (ACT 640) by Sen. Murray allows the Orleans Parish School Board to exclude certain costs from the amount of local funds that it would otherwise be required to transfer to the RSD.

RETIREMENT

- **HB 229** (ACT 1048) by Rep. Pearson relative to public retirement systems, requires a 2/3 vote to enact any changes to retirement provisions having an actuarial cost. (Constitutional Amendment)
- **HB 519** (ACT 921) by Rep. Cortez provides relative to the Teachers' Retirement System of La. and provides relative to rehired retirees.
- **HB 1337** (ACT 992) by Rep. Robideaux relative to the state retirement systems, makes changes to the benefits for persons hired on or after January 1, 2011.
- **HB 1461** (ACT 318) by Rep. Pearson relative to La. School Employees' Retirement System (LSERS), makes changes to provisions relating to employee contributions, benefit calculation, and retirement eligibility. Substitute for HB 230.
- **SB 191** (ACT 637) by Sen. Butch Gautreaux provides relative to compliance with applicable federal tax qualification requirements for Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana, Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System, and State Police Pension and Retirement System.
- **SB 274** (ACT 999) by Sen. Heitmeier requires a charter school teacher who is an active member of the system to remain an active member for the duration of employment at the charter school under certain circumstances.
- **SB 594** (ACT 1004) by Sen. Butch Gautreaux relative to public retirement systems, provides relative to investments.

SCHOOL BOARDS / LA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- **HB 251** (ACT 323) by Rep. Patricia Smith requires the state superintendent of education to possess certain qualifications at the time of appointment by BESE.
- **HB 403** (ACT 697) by Rep. Pearson requires BESE to broadcast on the Internet the audio and video of all board and committee meetings conducted in Baton Rouge and to archive the audio and video of such meetings.
- **HB 437** (ACT 251) by Rep. Richardson provides relative to the publishing deadlines for proceedings of any municipal corporation, police jury, or school board.
- **HB 488** (ACT 705) by Rep. Harrison provides relative to continuing education requirements for school board members.
- **HB 729** (ACT 526) by Rep. Carmody provides with respect to the sale of surplus property by school boards.
- **HB 745** (ACT 598) by Rep. White provides for transfer of certain 16th section land from EBR Parish School System to Central Community School System and makes related changes to geographic boundaries between the systems.
- **HB 942** (ACT 720) by Rep. Carter provides relative to the employment of the local public school superintendent and the authority of the superintendent and the school board for personnel matters.
- **HB 1180** (ACT 328) by Rep. Patricia Smith authorizes local public school boards to use state funds to purchase instructional technology and related hardware.
- **HB 1368** (ACT 749) by Rep. Jane Smith authorizes BESE to exempt a school district from certain laws, rules, and regulations pursuant to a request and proposal for increasing quality of instruction and academic achievement from the school district.
- **HB 1481** (ACT 757) by Rep. Landry provides relative to the notification given to parents regarding school dress code policies. Substitute for HB 1025.
- **SB 420** (ACT 650) by Sen. Marionneaux provides for the number of members on the Iberville Parish School Board.
- **SB 448** (ACT 652) by Sen. LaFleur repeals requirement that BESE, regents, and postsecondary management boards develop an academic assistance program in public high schools for college bound students unprepared for college work.
- **SB 487** (ACT 444) by Sen. Nevers re-creates the Department of Education.
- **SB 568** (ACT 552) by Sen. Lydia Jackson authorizes school board members to obtain training or instruction at certain national and regional conferences in meeting the requirements for annual training of school board members upon verification of attendance.

- **SB 753** (ACT 557) by Sen. Peterson provides relative to publication and parental notification of information relative to school system cohort graduation and dropout rates.

SCHOOLS

- **HB 580** (ACT 325) by Rep. Patricia Smith authorizes certain special schools to share services and functions under certain conditions.
- **SB 89** (ACT 117) by Sen. Long removes unnecessary statutory provision that placed the La. School of Math, Science, and the Arts within the Dept. of Education.
- **SB 527** (ACT 136) by Sen. Broome requires local school districts to provide certain classroom management training to school personnel.

STUDENTS

- **SB 447** (ACT 544) by Sen. LaFleur repeals requirement for establishment of certain high school student database.
- **SB 486** (ACT 647) by Sen. Nevers allows an alternative eligibility requirement of attainment of the WorkKeys silver level score, in lieu of the minimum ACT score required of students for a TOPS-Tech Award.
- **SB 553** (ACT 660) by Sen. LaFleur requires BESE to develop an early high school graduation policy.
- **SB 798** (ACT 677) by Sen. Walsworth provides that a high school diploma awarded by an approved home study program shall receive the same recognition as one awarded by an approved nonpublic school. Substitute for SB 517.

TEACHERS AND PERSONNEL

- **HB 468** (ACT 470) by Rep. Hoffman provides eligibility for sabbatical leave for certified school nurses employed by state special schools and by city, parish, and other local public school systems.
- **HB 486** (ACT 704) by Rep. Harrison requires school guidance counselors to complete academic profiles for ninth grade students.
- **HB 974** (ACT 326) by Rep. Hoffman provides relative to the employment experience necessary for certain principals to be exempt from certain testing requirements relative to certification.
- **HB 1033** (ACT 54) by Rep. Hoffman provides relative to evaluation and assessment programs for teachers and administrators.
- **SB 728** (ACT 669) by Sen. Broome reduces the number of years of teaching experience needed by an out-of-state teacher to qualify for a La. teaching certificate without taking the PRAXIS from 4 to 3.

TESTING AND TOPS

- **HB 1491** (ACT 758) by Rep. Downs provides relative to the high school core curriculum requirements for certain students to be eligible for a TOPS Opportunity, Performance, or Honors award. Substitute for HB 1399.
- **SB 83** (ACT 116) by Sen. Appel expands the test type options used in grades three, five, six, seven, and nine as part of LEAP.