

Bills of interest to the Louisiana Federation of Teachers

PARCC & "Standards"					
Bill #	Author	Description	Committee	Current Status	LFT position
HB 163	Henry Burns	Prohibits PARCC tests; continues LEAP and the standards upon which it is based	House Education	Filed	Watch
HB 378	Brett Geymann	Limitations and prohibitions on the sharing of student information	House Education	Filed	Watch
HB 379	Brett Geymann	Permits local school boards to develop and implement standards in lieu of state content standards	House Education	Filed	Watch
HB 380	Brett Geymann	Prohibits the use of state funds for PARCC or similar tests unless authorized by the legislature	House Education	Filed	Watch
HB 376	Brett Geymann	Requires that BESE place content standards into administrative law in accordance with the administrative procedures act.	House Education	Filed	Support
HB 377	Brett Geymann	Allows legislative oversight of implementation of state content standards by the Louisiana Department of Education	House Education	Filed	Watch
HB 379	Brett Geymann	Permits local school boards to develop and implement their own curriculum standards in lieu of state content standards	House Education	Filed	Watch
HB 380	Brett Geymann	Prohibits the use of state funds for certain assessments without legislative authority as it relates to college readiness assessment	House Education	Filed	Watch
HB 381	Brett Geymann	Creates the Student Standards Commission to develop state standards for required subjects	House Education	Filed	Support
HB 407	Steve Carter	Requires schools to admit students who meet certain criteria, and prohibits schools from denying admission to students based on certain characteristics	House Education	Filed	Support
HB554	Cameron Henry	Allows local school districts to develop and implement their own content standards and provides for legislative oversight of implementation of content standards and assessments.	House Education	Filed	Watch
HB556	Cameron Henry	Prohibits implementation of Common Core State Standards and returns to standards in use prior to adoption of CCSS.	House Education	Filed	Watch
HB557	Cameron Henry	Prohibits implementation of Common Core State Standards and creates the Student Standards Task force to study implementations of CCSS.	House Education	Filed	Watch
HB 558	Cameron Henry	Prohibits PARCC tests; continues LEAP and the standards upon which it is based	House Education	Filed	Watch
HB559	Barry Ivey	Requires implementation of Louisiana based standards and prohibits PARCC.	House Education	Filed	Watch

HB 867	Frank Hoffman	Significantly revises the procedures used to select textbooks and other educational materials	House Education	Filed	Watch
HB 953	Walt Leger	Prohibits BESE from requiring the use of federal or state endorsed textbooks or curriculum.	House Education	Filed	Watch
HB 993	John Schroder	Creates a single diploma track for all students, and provides for pupil progression policies for students with exceptionalities.	House Education	Filed	Support
HB 996	John Schroder	Prohibits the implementation of PARCC and requires use of LEAP tests.	House Education	Filed	Watch
HB 1054	Jerome Richard	Requires all teachers in voucher schools and public schools to take the state assesment aligned to Common Core State Standards prior to administering such assessment to students.	House Education	Filed	Watch
SB 83	Ben Nevers	Requires BESE to adopt a single, standard high school diploma with multiple endorsements	Senate Education	Filed	Support
SB 171	Conrad Appel	Requires that DOE, not BESE, implement and administer the Louisiana Competency-Based Educatino Program and assesments.	Senate Education	Filed	Watch
SB 405	Mike Walsworth	Requires use of LEAP and requires that BESE align LEAP to adopted standards	Senate Education	Filed	Watch
SB 668	A.G. Crowe	Create the EEXL Commission to write new K-12 Educational Standards for the state of Louisiana.	Senate Education	Filed	
SB 625	Francis Thompson	Provides relative to student standards and assessments to revert back to LEAP and provide for the creation of new state based standards.			
Student Data					
HB377	Brett Geymann	Limitations and prohibitions on the sharing of student information and penalties for violation.	House Education	Filed	Watch
HB 555	Cameron Henry	Limitations and prohibits the collection and sharing of student information and penalties for violation.	House Education	Filed	Watch
HB 384	Greg Cromer	Limitations and prohibitions on the sharing of student information and penalties for violation.	House Education	Filed	Watch
HB 946	John Schroder	Limitations and prohibits the collection and sharing of student information	House Education	Reported favorably with amendments	Support
HB 1007	John Schroder	Allows parents to have access to information about schools and instructional materials used by schools.	House Education	Filed	Watch
SB 449	Conrad Appel	Provides relative to provacy and protection of stduent data enrolled in public schools; no penalties for vilation.	Senate Education	Reported favorably	Oppose
SB 536	Eric LaFleur	Alligns state practices to the Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).	Senate Education	Filed	Oppose
Curriculum					

HB 407	Steve Carter	Allows some older students to return to school and provides for readmission guidelines and criteria.	House Education	Filed	Support
HB 481	Rob Shadoin	Requires development of curriculum guides prior to implementation of state standards for public schools and nonpublic schools participating in the voucher program.	House Education	Filed	Watch
HB 542	Tom Willmott	Adds instructional requirement relative to CPR and defibrillators in public high school.	House Education	Filed	Support
HB 845	Gene Reynolds	Requires La. DOE to develop curriculum guides for all public schools.	House Education	Filed	Watch
HB867	Frank Hoffman	Create alternative textbook review process, and delegates power to BESE to select reviewers.	House Education	Filed	Oppose
HB944	Jim Fannin	Creates high school "career option;" includes multiple diploma tracks, and allows BESE to select regional teams to provide technical education through a course-choice-like program.	House education	Reported favorably with amendments	Oppose
HB 953	Walt Leger	Prohibits BESE from requiring the use of federal or state endorsed textbooks or curriculum.	House Education	Filed	Watch
HB 988	John Schroder	Allows local districts to design, select, and implement their own curriculum.	House Education	Filed	Watch
SB 144	A.G. Crowe	Provides relative to review and adoption of textbooks; requires online review, and provides for approval of electronic only based textbooks.	Senate Education	Filed	Oppose
SB 336	Conrad Appel	Significantly revises the procedures used to select textbooks and other educational materials	Senate Education	Reported favorably	Watch
HB 1025	Gene Reynolds	Provides relative to textbooks and other instructional materials. Maintains the current textbook selection process, and rectifies it.	House Education		
Retirement and Benefits					
HB 38	Kevin Pearson	Makes future employees of LFT and other organizations ineligible for membership in the Teachers' Retirement System	House Retirement	Filed	Oppose
HB 43	Kevin Pearson	Sweep extra funds left in retirement system experience accounts; would lead to fewer COLAs	House Retirement	Filed	Oppose
HB 86	Barry Ivey	Raises threshold for placing investment returns in retirement system experience accounts; would lead to fewer COLAs	House Retirement	Filed	Oppose
Public Records and Meetings					
HB 218	Kirk Talbot	Allows courts to question the truthfulness of affidavits opposing injunctions because they may cause a budget deficit	House Civil Law	Filed	Support
HB 374	Brett Geymann	Constitutional amendment providing for the election of all BESE members.	House and Governmental Affairs	Filed	Support

HB 648	Nancy Landry	Provides relative to committees and subcommittees of certain elected public bodies	House and Governmental Affairs	Filed	Oppose
HB 649	Nancy Landry	Sets limits on the public's right to comment at governmental meetings	House and Governmental Affairs	Filed	Oppose
HB 922	Stuart Bishop	Prohibits public protests which impair persons in the course and scope of their work; prohibits labor protests.	House Labor and Industrial Relations	Filed	Oppose
SB 354	Bodi White	Constitutional amendment - any public school system established by the legislature shall have the authority granted parish school boards	Senate Education	Filed	Oppose
SB 551	Barrow Peacock	Prohibits labor protests.	Senate Labor and Industrial Relations	Filed	Oppose
School Safety					
HB 370	Jeff Thompson	Prohibits drivers from using certain cellular devices while traveling through school zones during effective hours	House Transportation	Filed	Watch
HB 707	Ray Garofalo	Allows teachers and administrators to carry concealed weapons at school	House Criminal Justice	Filed	Oppose
Pre-Kindergarten					
SB 50	Ben Nevers	Provides for universal access to the LA 4 Early Childhood Education Program	Senate Education	Filed	Support
HB 954	Walt Leger	Designs a way for private pre-k's to get access to state funding in accordance with accountability standards for pre-k recently adopted by BESE.	House Education	Filed	Oppose
SB 533	Eric LaFleur	Provides for a local enrollment coordination process for publicly funded early childhood care and education	Senate Education	Filed	Watch
Education Funding/Breakaways					
HB 491	Hunter Greene	Constitutional amendment removing geographic limitations on the legislature's authority to create new school boards	House Education	Filed	Oppose
HB 492	Hunter Greene	Constitutional amendment allowing breakaway school districts to receive Minimum Foundation Program funds	House Education	Filed	Oppose
HB 768	Ed Price	Sets procedures and time limits for petitions to incorporate unincorporated areas	House Municipal and Parochial Affairs	Filed	Support
SB 354	Bodi White	Constitutional Amendment to give any breakaway school district which is approved by the legislature the power to govern a new independent school district, automatically. Alleviates the need for specific CA's for each breakaway.	Senate Education	Reported Favor	Oppose

SB 385	Eric LaFleur	Allows Principals of "A" schools to declare their school as "Empowered Community Schools" and to be free from certain district and state requirements.	Senate Education	Reported Favord	Oppose
HB 1177	Steve Carter	Provides relative to the governance of schools systems with a population of over 440,000 and serving more than 40,000 students including financial requirements to set aside certain amounts of local revenue for administrative costs, and the creation of school board power of special oversight for actions of the Superintendent. Also requires the Supt. in these districts to comply with principal requests for contracting of services, special programming, etc.	House Education		
SCR 55	Conrad Appel	Provides for legislative approval of the minimum foundation program formula for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.	Senate Education	Filed	Oppose
Sick Leave					
SB 172	Page Cortez	Provides relative to sick leave for injured or disabled educators	Senate Education	Reported favoro	Oppose
HB 1253	Nancy Landry	Provides relative to the powers of local public school boards and superintendents with respect to extended sick leave for school bus drivers, teachers, and school employees and extends the current power of a board to challenge the certification of illness by a physician to the Superintendent as well.	House Education	Filed	
Charter Schools					
HB 128	Kenny Havard	The Privatization Review Act gives the legislature broad oversight when public agencies privatize services	House Appropriations	Filed	Support
HB948	Alfred Williams	Alters requirements to return an RSD school to the jurisdiction of the Local School Board.	House Education	Filed	Support
HB 999	Alfred Williams	Limits the percentage of its funding a charter school may ue to pay certain management fees	House Education	Filed	Support
SB 78	Bob Kostelka	Requires financial disclosure by members of charter school boards	Senate and Governmental Affairs	Filed	Support
SB 219	Ed Murray	Provides for the Recovery School District to return certain unused facilities and programs to the original school board	Senate Education	Filed	Support
SB 437	J.P. Morrell	Requires BESE to create a performance review commission in any public school district in which the RSD has initiated a takeover of schools for more than 5 years.	Senate Education	Filed	Support
HB 1208	Vincent Pierre	Requires that students attending a charter school be provided free transportation in certain parishes.	House Education	Filed	
HB 1243	Valarie Hodges	Provides conditions and prohibitions relative to approval of certain charter school proposals. Prevents the use of non legal citizens for labor in charters schools, by providing that no charter school proposing such employment be approved.	House Education	Filed	

SB 666	Page Cortez	Provides relative to charter school funding to prevent improper expenditure of the local portion of the MFP per pupil amount and to provide for allocation of funds to the local public school system to cover legacy costs and set Charter School and traditional school funding on equal footing.	Senate Education	Filed	
Elections and Redistricting					
HB 203	Jared Brossett	Provides for early voting on Sundays from 12:00 Noon until 5:00 PM	House and Governmental Affairs	Filed	Support
HB 273	Brett Geymann	Constitutional Amendment Abolishes State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, transfers BESE duties, functions to the state Superintendent and makes the Superintendent of Education an elected position.	House Education	Filed	Watch
HB 276	Brett Geymann	Makes the State Superintendent of Education an elective rather than appointive office	House Education	Filed	Support
HB 374	Brett Geymann	Constitutional Amendment - to make all BESE positions elected.	House and Governmental Affairs	Filed	Support
HB 593	Nancy Landry	Constitutional amendment to restructure the Lafayette School Board subject to voter approval	House Education	Filed	Oppose
Higher Education					
HB 6	Kevin Pearson	Increases the employer contribution on behalf of members of Teacher Retirement Systems' Optional Retirement Plan (ORP) to be more competitive with other public colleges and universities across the nation, and improve recruitment of Higher Education Instructional staff.	House Retirement	Reported favorably	Support
HB 588	Steve Carter	Constitutional amendment defining the qualifications to serve on the Board of Regents	House Education	Reported favorably	Watch
Payroll Deduction					
HB 172	Kirk Talbot	Prohibits payroll deduction of union dues for public employees	House Labor and Industrial Relations	Filed	Oppose
HB 451	Alan Seabaugh	Prohibits payroll deduction of union dues for public employees	House Labor and Industrial Relations	Filed	Oppose
HB 1059	Kirk Talbot	Prohibits payroll deduction of union dues for public employees; repeals provision of Title 17 specific to teachers and establishment of payroll deduction rights at the school district level.	House Labor and Industrial Relations	Filed	Oppose
SB 440	Danny Martiny	Prohibits payroll deduction of union dues for public employees	Senate Finance	Filed	Oppose
Teacher Evaluations and Measures of "Student Growth"					

HB 947	Kenny Havard	Lowers portion of Teacher Evaluations which is based on VAM.	House Education	Filed	Support
HB949	John Schroder	Lowers the portion of Teacher Evaluations which is based on VAM; requires written evidence of actual classroom observation	House Education	Filed	Support
HB 982	Randal Gaines	Includes certain due process requirements in the termination and tenure process including arbitration.	House Education	Filed	Support
HB 995	Alfred Williams	Provides for the Teacher Effectiveness and Measurement System (TEAM) to create Teacher Evaluation based upon multiple measures of effectiveness to be implemented in the 15-16 school year and beyond.	House Education	Filed	Support
HB 172	Wesley Bishop	Provides relative to due process rights for teachers, and creates classes of teachers who will receive different due process rights during the termination process based on experience and performance.	House Education	Filed	
Re-enact Sections of Act 1 of 2012					
HB 651	Nancy Landry	Restricts the authority of local school boards and grants it instead to superintendents	House Education	Filed	Oppose
HB 652	Nancy Landry	Bases teacher salaries mainly on evaluations, requires new salary schedules, prevents teachers rated "ineffective" from receiving raises	House Education	Filed	Oppose
HB 653	Nancy Landry	Requires teachers to be rated "highly effective" for five of six years to earn tenure, to immediately lose tenure if rated ineffective once, to make non-tenured teachers at-will employees, guts due-process protections	House Education	Filed	Oppose
HB 980	Nancy Landry	Creates a commission to present a plan to the voters of Lafayette Parish for reorganization of school governance, including the possible abolition of the Lafayette Parish School Board.	House Education	Filed	Oppose
HB 1022	Nancy Landry	Removes school boards from virtually all personnel decisions, grants that authority to superintendents, makes it very difficult for school boards to terminate superintendents	House Education	Filed	Oppose
HB 1232	Nancy Landry	Provides relative to the powers of local school boards and local superintendents with respect to the hiring, salaries, and dismissal of school employees. Makes any attempt by the to coerce a Supt. into a specific personnel decision by threat illegal.	House Education	Filed	Oppose