

**Top 20 Education Bills – 2009 Regular Legislative Session
Week of June 22, 2009**

<u>House (HB) & Senate (SB) Bill Numbers</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>History/Status</u>
HB 156‡	Harold Ritchie	Requires charter school teachers to be members of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana and any related cost be covered by additional employer contributions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filed on 3/31/2009 and assigned to the House Retirement Committee. • Louisiana Department of Education recommended that BESE oppose. • Opposed by BESE. • Involuntarily deferred on 5/13/2009.
HB 187‡	Patricia Smith	Permits, rather than requires, the local school board or state board to seek approval of the faculty, staff, and parents of the preexisting schools prior to the creation of Type 3 or Type 4 charter school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filed on 4/7/2009 and assigned to the House Education Committee. • Louisiana Department of Education recommended that BESE support. • Supported by BESE. • Reported favorably by the House Education Committee on 5/13/2009. • Adopted by the House on 5/20/2009. • Reported favorably by the Senate Education Committee on 6/4/2009. • Adopted by the Senate on 6/11/2009. • Adopted by the Louisiana Legislature and sent to the Governor on 6/19/2009.
HB 246‡	Thomas McVea & Mack	Permits, with voter approval, school systems created by legislature after January 1, 1999 and in parishes with	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filed on 4/9/2009 and assigned to the House Education Committee. • Reported favorably by the House Education Committee on

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	White	populations between 300,000 and 450,000, to incur bonded debt between 10% and 50% of the assessed valuation of the taxable property.	<p>5/18/2009.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopted by the House on 5/28/2009. • Reported favorably by the Senate Education Committee on 6/15/2009. • Adopted by the Senate on 6/24/2009. • Adopted by the Louisiana Legislature and sent to the Governor on 6/25/2009.
HB 371±	Steve Carter (Primary Author)	Strengthens nepotism laws as they relate to local school board members and superintendents. See Summary of School Board Reforms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filed on 4/14/2009 and assigned to the House & Governmental Affairs Committee. • Louisiana Department of Education recommended that BESE support. • Supported by BESE. • Voluntarily deferred by Representative Carter to make adjustments to the legislation after being heard by the House & Governmental Affairs Committee on 4/29/2009.
HB 495	Herbert Dixon	<p>Exempts a school, with the following criteria, from being placed in the RSD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student total of 1,300 in 2007-2008 school year; • Deemed academically unacceptable in August 2008 for the fourth consecutive year; • Placed under a Memorandum of Understanding by BESE in February 2009; • School Performance Score of 22.4 in 2008; and • In a parish with a population between 120,000 and 145,000. <p>This bill is set to be effective June 25, 2009.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filed on 4/15/2009 and assigned to the House Education Committee. • Louisiana Department of Education recommended that BESE oppose. • Opposed by BESE. • Reported favorably by the House Education Committee on 6/9/2009. • Adopted by the House on 6/16/2009. • Reported favorably by the Senate Education Committee on 6/18/2009. • Failed to pass the Senate on 6/21/2009 (15 yeas; 19 nays). • Reconsidered and adopted by the Senate on 6/22/2009. • Adopted by the Louisiana Legislature and sent to the Governor on 6/23/2009.

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HB 496	Joe Harrison	<p>Calls for a Constitutional Amendment to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abolish BESE and transfer its functions to the state superintendent of education. • Appointment of a state superintendent of education by the governor. • Proposal of the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) formula by the superintendent and legislative amendment of MFP formula. <p>2/3 of the members of each house must concur in sending this amendment to the citizens of the state for approval or rejection as provided by the Louisiana Constitution.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filed on 4/15/2009 and assigned to the House Education Committee. • Louisiana Department of Education recommended that BESE oppose. • Opposed by BESE. • Considered by the House Education Committee on 5/27/2009.
HB519‡	Walt Leger	<p>For a charter school’s second year of operation and each year after, allows a charter school authority to negotiate with the charter school a fee to cover administrative costs – between 2% and 3% of the per pupil funding amount received by the school.</p> <p>Removes the limit on the number of charter schools allowed in Louisiana. (amendment)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filed on 4/15/2009 and assigned to the House Education Committee. • Louisiana Department of Education recommended that BESE support. • No position taken by BESE. • Reported favorably by the House Education Committee on 5/27/2009. • Adopted by the House on 6/9/2009. • Reported favorably by the Senate Education Committee on 6/18/2009. • Adopted by the Senate on 6/21/2009. • Adopted by the Louisiana Legislature and sent to the Governor on 6/25/2009.
HB 525±	Billy Chandler	<p>Provides a \$5,000 annual salary supplement to full-time teachers employed in economically distressed school systems, as</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filed on 4/15/2009 and assigned to the House Education Committee. • Supported by the Louisiana Department of Education, if

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		defined by BESE, and effective 2009-2010 school year.	<p>amended to be effective upon availability of funding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supported by BESE if amended as above.
HB 571	Barbara Norton	Prohibits corporal punishment in any public elementary or secondary school and requires parent orientations to include policies on prohibition of corporal punishment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filed on 4/15/2009 and assigned to the House Education Committee. Louisiana Department of Education recommended that BESE support. Supported by BESE. Involuntarily deferred by the House Education Committee on 6/16/2009.
HB 664	Steve Carter	Establishes term limits for local school board members. See Summary of School Board Reforms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filed on 4/16/2009 and assigned to the House & Governmental Affairs Committee. Louisiana Department of Education recommended that BESE support. Supported by BESE. Involuntarily deferred by the House & Governmental Affairs Committee on 4/29/2009.
HB 686‡	Thomas Carmody	Requires BESE to engage in the National Association of Charter School Authorizers' application review process for the creation of a charter school and provide an independent evaluation of the charter proposal by a third party.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filed on 4/16/2009 and assigned to the House Education Committee. Reported favorably by the House Education Committee on 5/13/2009. Adopted by the House on 5/21/2009. Reported favorably by the Senate Education Committee on 6/4/2009. See SB 146.
HB 689‡	Karen Carter Peterson	Creates the Louisiana Statewide Educational Facilities Fund in the state treasury as a funding source solely for the Louisiana Statewide Education Facilities Authority. (See SB 90.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filed on 4/16/2009 and assigned to the House Appropriations Committee. Louisiana Department of Education recommended BESE that support if amended to clarify the purposes of the fund. The Department would also like to have \$40,000 placed in

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		Recreated as the Higher Education Restoration Fund. (amendment)	<p>the fund in order to set up the structure of the Louisiana Statewide Education Facilities Authority.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported by BESE if amended as above. • Reported favorably out of House Appropriations Committee on 5/18/2009. • Adopted by the House on 5/27/2009. • Reported favorably by the Senate Finance Committee on 6/16/2009. • Senate adopted HB 689 with an amendment that recreated the entire bill as the Higher Education Restoration Fund on 6/17/2009. • Pending in conference committee to determine the acceptance of Senate amendments made on 6/17/2009.
HB 808	Steve Carter	Makes changes to school board member compensation (both per diem and mileage reimbursements) and removes school board members from coverage of group insurance plans. See Summary of School Board Reforms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filed on 4/17/2009 and assigned to the House Education Committee. • Louisiana Department of Education recommended that BESE support. • Supported by BESE. • Voluntarily deferred by the author in the House Education Committee on 5/19/2009.
HB 821±	Steve Carter (Primary Author)	<p>Requires BESE to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit an annual written report on how funds were spent on material needed to support at-risk students, career and technical education course units, special education students, and gifted and talented students. • Assist school boards in making strategic fiscal decisions that support student achievement. • Annually publish related revenue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filed on 4/17/2009 and assigned to the House Education Committee. • Louisiana Department of Education recommended that BESE support. • No position taken by BESE. • Passed favorably by the House Education Committee. • Scheduled for floor debate on 5/21/2009. • Adopted by the House on 5/21/2009. • Reported favorably by the Senate Education Committee on 6/4/2009. • Adopted by the Senate on 6/22/2009.

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		and expenditure data.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopted by the Louisiana Legislature and sent to the Governor on 6/25/2009.
HB 839±	Patricia Smith	Requires the state superintendent to possess a Doctor of Education, forty-eight graduate credit hours in relative educational administration, additional qualifications, and any others BESE might establish.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filed on 4/17/2009 and assigned to the House Education Committee. Louisiana Department of Education recommended that BESE oppose. Opposed by BESE. Voluntarily deferred by the author in the House Education Committee on 5/12/2009.
HB 848	Patricia Smith	Reduces RSD's annual allocation equal to the per pupil retiree health care cost multiplied by the number of pupils in prior system under current RSD jurisdiction.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filed on 4/17/2009 and assigned to the House Education Committee. Louisiana Department of Education recommended that BESE oppose. Opposed by BESE unless amended. BESE gave the State Superintendent of Education the authority to negotiate with the drafters of the bill to create amendments. Voluntarily deferred by the author in the House Education Committee on 6/2/2009. Replaced with HCR 164. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported favorably by the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs on 6/9/2009. Adopted by the House on 6/16/2009. Reported favorably by the Senate Education Committee on 6/18/2009. Adopted by the Senate on 6/23/2009. Signed by the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate.
HB 851	Steve Carter	Requires a 2/3 vote by the school board to elect or remove a superintendent and makes interference with certain personnel decisions a crime of malfeasance in office.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filed on 4/17/2009 and assigned to the House Education Committee. Louisiana Department of Education recommended that BESE support.

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SB 90	Cheryl Gray	Creates the Louisiana Statewide Education Facilities Authority within the Department of Education to provide funding, coordination, assistance, and oversight for the repair, renovation, and construction of public school facilities. The authority will consist of a 7-member board. The authority will be funded through the Louisiana Statewide Education Facilities Fund. (See HB 689.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filed on 4/14/2009 and assigned to the Senate Education Committee. • Louisiana Department of Education recommended that BESE support. • Supported by BESE. • Reported favorably by the Senate Education Committee on 5/14/2009. • Reported favorably by the Senate Finance Committee on 6/8/2009. • Adopted by the Senate on 6/17/2009. • Failed to pass out of the House Appropriations Committee on 6/21/2009.
SB 146±	Ann Duplessis (Primary Author)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows BESE to follow the charter school application review process set out by the National Association of Charter School Authorizers and provides for an independent evaluation of charter school proposals by a qualified third party. • Allows charter schools to give preference to siblings submitting applications to enroll in the same charter school. • Removes prohibition of support and affiliation with religion or religious organizations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filed on 4/15/2009 and assigned to the Senate Education Committee. • Louisiana Department of Education recommended that BESE support. • Supported by BESE. • Reported favorably by the Senate Education Committee on 5/11/2009. • Adopted by the Senate on 5/13/2009. • Reported favorably by the House Education Committee on 6/2/2009. • Adopted by the House on 6/11/2009. • Adopted by the Louisiana Legislature and sent to the Governor on 6/19/2009.

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SB 220	Jean-Paul Morrell	Requires that only local school boards located in parishes with a population greater than 470,000 be required to provide transportation to students attending public schools directly operated by the board.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filed on 4/16/2009 and assigned to the Senate Education Committee. • Louisiana Department of Education recommended that BESE oppose. • Opposed by BESE unless amended. • Considered by the Senate Education Committee on 5/28/2009.
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‡ Effective as law on July 1, 2009; if vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, effective July 1, 2009 or the day following such approval, whichever is later.

± Effective as law upon the signature of the governor, or if not signed by the governor, upon the expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature in accordance with the Louisiana Constitution (see below). If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, it is effective on the day following such approval.

In accordance with Article III, Section 19 of the Louisiana Constitution, all other bills become effective as law on August 15 of the calendar year of the regular session (August 15, 2009), unless the bill specifies otherwise.

Additionally, in accordance with Article III, Section 18 of the Louisiana Constitution, the governor has ten days after a bill is delivered to him to veto if the legislature is still in session on the tenth day after delivery. Otherwise, the governor has twenty days if on the tenth day after delivery the legislature has adjourned.