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Legislative Pay Raise Indelibly Marks Jindal's First Regular Session Plus Bills That Made It All The Way Through The Legislative Process

Despite many significant achievements, the 2008 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature will most likely be remembered for the controversial raise in legislative pay enacted in the waning days of the session, which ended June 23, 2008. The huge raise was subsequently vetoed by a conflicted Governor Jindal awash in bad press and voter outrage. The 2008 Session will hence forth be remembered as the session of passage and veto of an *eye popping salary increase*. Large raises were also enacted for Executive Branch positions as well. Most of those will stand.

There were significant other legislative instruments that made it all the way through the process and will likely affect state policy and public education for years to come.

Repeal of the Stelly Tax Plan (Act 51 of 2002) by Senate Bill 87 (Buddy Shaw) will allow taxpayers to retain more of their earned income beginning in 2009.

The Minimum Foundation Program (HCR 207 Donald Trahan) will increase state aid to public schools by 3% or \$90 million dollars. It will help fund a \$1,019 pay increase for teachers and other certificated public school personnel.

A phase in of universal preschool education for 4 year olds will be initiated by SB 286 (Ann Duplessis).

Senate Bill 733 by Ben Nevers creates the Louisiana Science Education Act that addresses evolution and global warming among other topics. Opponents suggest the act will lead to litigation over the separation of church and state.

Over strong opposition from public school advocates (Louisiana Association of School Executives, Louisiana Association of School Superintendents, Louisiana School Boards Association, Louisiana Federation of Teachers, Louisiana Association of Educators), HB 1347 (Austin Badon) passed House and Senate and creates the Scholarship/Voucher Program for Orleans students to attend nonpublic schools at public expense.

HB 89 (Jean Doerge) will allow payment of interest on DROP Accounts with Teachers Retirement and Louisiana State Employee Retirement Systems under certain conditions.

HB 321 (Donald Trahan) will allow expansion of Charter Schools by raising the maximum number from 42 to 70.

HB 757 (Donald Trahan) provides greater penalties for assault of or battery on a school teacher.

HB 926 (Jim Fannin) One time \$1,000 pay raise for school support workers.

HB 1075 (John LaBruzzo) provides initial eligibility for Tops Awards for certain students displaced by Katrina and Rita and renames *TOPS* the Taylor Opportunity Program.

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2008 REGULAR SESSION ENROLLED BILLS - LASE/LASS

An enrolled bill is a bill that has made it all the way through the legislative process, passed both bodies, and if it was changed in the process, both bodies have agreed to the changes. Enrollment means the bill is in its final form and is therefore sent to the governor. He can sign it, let it become law without his signature, or veto it.

Resolutions and constitutional amendments do not need the governor's signature.

For complete bill text, history, amendments, and votes, go to the LASE Website (www.laschex.org), click on *Legislative Updates* and then to *2008 Enrolled Bills Tracked by LASE*.

HB 1, Fannin Provides for general appropriations for fiscal year 2008-2009 June 22, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HB 89, Doerge Provides relative to the payment of interest on DROP account balances for DROP participants in the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System and the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana June 22, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HB 178, Gisclair Requires students to be vaccinated against meningococcal disease as a condition of entry into the ninth grade in public schools June 9, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HB 184, Katz Provides for the electronic filing of student immunization compliance reports for elementary and secondary schools June 5, 2008 Executive Becomes Act 73; Effective August 15, 2008

HB 197, Edwards Allows certain repair work on school buses to be performed at a repair shop which is not a manufacturer or distributor authorized provider June 12, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HB 200, Hazel Provides that certain children of military personnel shall be temporarily excused from school under specified circumstances June 12, 2008 Executive Becomes Act 142; Effective June 12, 2008

HB 230, Robideaux Provides relative to the automatic change to the maximum benefit to a retiree of the La. State Employees' Retirement System upon the death of his named beneficiary June 17, 2008 Executive Becomes Act 260; Effective June 17, 2008

HB 233, Doerge Provides relative to the calculation of disability benefits for certain retirees of the La. State Employees' Retirement System June 17, 2008 Executive Becomes Act 262; Effective June 17, 2008

HB 305, Badon, A. Removes exception for Orleans Parish relative to requirements that a local public school superintendent serve as the treasurer of certain school funds and perform specified duties related thereto June 5, 2008 Executive Becomes Act 77; Effective July 1, 2008

HB 306, Badon, A. Makes provisions relative to certain duties of a local public school superintendent, including but not limited to serving as school board secretary, applicable to Orleans Parish June 5, 2008 Executive Becomes Act 78; Effective July 1, 2008

HB 321, Trahan Deletes the limitation on the number of charter school proposals allowed June 9, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HB 349, Trahan Changes the charter school renewal period from 10-year periods to periods of up to 10 years June 13, 2008 Executive Becomes Act 202; Effective June 13, 2008

HB 350, Leger Authorizes the Recovery School District to contract with for-profit providers for the operation of Schools June 15, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HB 353, Richardson Authorizes the Central Community School Board to levy and collect an additional sales and use tax May 31, 2008 Executive Becomes Act 32; Effective 5/31/2008

HB 355, Pope Provides for redistricting of districts from which certain members of the La. School Employees' Retirement System board of trustees are elected by system members

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ENROLLED BILLS - LASE/LASS**

June 5, 2008 Executive Becomes Act 80; Effective January 1, 2009

HB 359, LaFonta Requires certain school boards to provide information to certain students relative to human papillomavirus (HPV) and immunization against it June 16, 2008 Executive Becomes Act 210; Effective August 15, 2008

HB 361, Smith, P. Provides relative to the conditions required for certain expelled students to be admitted or readmitted to public school June 12, 2008 Executive Becomes Act 145; Effective August 15, 2008

HB 371, Connick Prohibits the use of campaign funds to pay an immediate family member with certain exceptions June 23, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HB 378, Armes Provides relative to noncomplex health procedures performed by certain school employees June 23, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HB 392, Gallot Removes provision which allows a public body to take up a matter not on the agenda of a public meeting June 6, 2008 Executive Becomes Act 131; Effective August 15, 2008

HB 402, Foil Prohibit school bus operators from using cell phones while driving June 10, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HB 438, Ligi Provides relative to drug testing of employees of local governmental subdivisions June 17, 2008 Executive Becomes Act 277; Effective June 17, 2008

HB 463, Trahan Provides relative to the retention period for certain schools transferred to the Recovery School District and required reporting relative thereto June 15, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HB 505, Wooton Authorizes probation and parole officers to purchase their firearms upon retirement June 17, 2008 Executive Becomes Act 281; Effective August 15, 2008

HB 520, Montoucet Repeals the prohibition against membership in other systems for members of the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System June 17, 2008 Executive Becomes Act 282; Effective July 1, 2008

HB 522, Robideaux Provides for payment by certain employers with respect to the Unfunded Accrued Liability for LSERS June 20, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HB 574, Smith, G Prohibits interactions between students and school employees in public elementary and secondary schools except in accordance with specified guidelines and limitations adopted by BESE June 11, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HB 576, Trahan Re-creates the Department of Education June 5, 2008 Executive Becomes Act 83; Effective June 30, 2008

HB 581, Trahan Provides that chief administrators of schools responsible for ensuring the enforcement of immunization requirements by checking students' records must check such records annually June 12, 2008 Executive Becomes Act 152; Effective August 15, 2008

HB 583, Richardson Authorizes the Central Community School Board to exchange certain property and provides procedures approval of such an exchange June 22, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

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HB 598, Ligi Repeals the provision that if a member of the Jefferson Parish School Board qualifies for elective office, his school board office is thereby vacated June 23, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HB 610, White Provides for electronic bidding at the local level June 15, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HB 657, Trahan Prohibits requiring school employees to complete paperwork if the information provided for in such paperwork is available from another source June 10, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HB 671, Nowlin Requires the board of directors of the La. School of Math, Science, and the Arts to develop and adopt a policy for sabbatical leave for certified employees prior to the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year June 11, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HB 672, Trahan Changes the name of the list of teachers' rights from "Educators' Right to Teach" to "Teacher Bill of Rights" and provides relative to such rights June 12, 2008 Executive Becomes Act 155; Effective June 12, 2008

HB 718, Trahan Provides relative to the leave of absence granted by a local public school board to an employee who subsequently becomes employed in a charter school June 17, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HB 719, Carmody Provides relative to in-service training for teachers in suicide prevention June 16, 2008 Executive Becomes Act 219; Effective June 16, 2008

HB 721, Smiley Adds a member of the Nonpublic School Commission to the High School Redesign Commission June 12, 2008 Executive Becomes Act 156; Effective August 15, 2008

HB 734, Trahan Authorizes the public postsecondary education management boards to establish tuition and mandatory fee amounts for resident students June 22, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HB 754, Dixon Requires public school governing authorities to take certain actions relative to student awareness and understanding of school discipline rules and requirements June 10, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HB 757, Trahan Provides relative to penalties for crimes of assault of and for battery on a school teacher June 17, 2008 Executive Becomes Act 295; Effective June 17, 2008

HB 891, Fannin Provides relative to appeal and review procedures for state procurement of professional, personal, consulting, and social services June 23, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HB 909, Morrell Provides relative to the time period of jurisdiction of the RSD over a school transferred to it June 20, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HB 926, Fannin Provides one time \$1,000 pay raise for school support workers

HB 962, Peterson Establishes the Louisiana Statewide Educational Facilities Fund June 18, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HB 990, Barrow Allows voter registration in the office of a public high school guidance counselor June 17, 2008 Executive Becomes Act 310; Effective August 15, 2008

HB 996, Armes Provides for the rehiring of retired school bus drivers in LSERS June 22, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

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- HB 1014, Morris Provides relative to a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for certain members of the Assessors' Retirement Fund, Municipal Employees' Retirement System, and Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System June 9, 2008 Executive Becomes Act 113; Effective July 1, 2008
- HB 1018, Tucker Creates and establishes the Workforce Education Fund June 20, 2008 House Enrolled in the House
- HB 1053, Harrison Provides for comprehensive revision of the educational opportunities for children with exceptionalities provisions June 10, 2008 House Enrolled in the House
- HB 1054, Peterson Authorizes city, parish, and other local public school boards to create public benefit corporations June 20, 2008 House Enrolled in the House
- HB 1069, Williams Requires the board of the New Orleans Center for the Creative Arts/Riverfront (NOCCA) to develop a plan to enter into cooperative agreements to provide educational services to students in public school systems throughout the state June 23, 2008 House Enrolled in the House
- HB 1075, LaBruzzo Provides relative to initial eligibility for TOPS awards for certain students displaced by Hurricanes Katrina or Rita, or both and to change the name of TOPS to the Taylor Opportunity Program June 22, 2008 House Enrolled in the House
- HB 1077, Robideaux Provides for transfers of service for members of existing hazardous duty plans to the Hazardous Duty Services Plan under LASERS June 18, 2008 House Enrolled in the House
- HB 1078, Robideaux Provides with respect to the computation of benefits for non-qualified participants in the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System June 17, 2008 Executive Becomes Act 312; Effective June 17, 2008
- HB 1091, Peterson Creates the Louisiana High School Dropout Prevention Act of 2008 and provides for the circumstances under which certain students may withdraw from school June 22, 2008 House Enrolled in the House
- HB 1104, Tucker Creates the Louisiana Workforce Commission June 23, 2008 House Enrolled in the House
- HB 1105, Trahan Provides relative to charter school funding June 20, 2008 House Enrolled in the House
- HB 1133, Downs Provides relative to the habitual tardiness of students, including penalties for certain violations by parents and other persons having charge of habitually tardy students June 22, 2008 House Enrolled in the House
- HB 1145, Foil Authorizes the LSU Bd. of Supervisors to impose specific increases in tuition and nonresident attendance fee amounts for students at the Paul M. Hebert Law Center June 17, 2008 House Enrolled in the House
- HB 1149, Jackson, M. Authorizes the parish school board in certain parishes to name a stadium in honor of a former principal under certain circumstances June 20, 2008 House Enrolled in the House
- HB 1153, Hazel Prohibits wearing or possessing body armor on school property June 18, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

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HB 1156, Abramson Establishes the Grants for Grads Program and the Grants for Grads Fund for assistance to Louisiana college graduates in the purchase of their first home June 22, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HB 1164, Morris Authorizes school boards to name certain buildings after living persons June 17, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HB 1184, Leger Provides relative to certain entities that support public institutions of higher education June 17, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HB 1247, Richardson Provides relative to the classroom placement of certain children June 17, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HB 1256, Downs Provides relative to training and instruction for public school board members and requires that a certain number of hours focus on certain topics June 10, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HB 1278, Waddell Permits use of a TOPS-Tech Award at certain schools having a certificate of registration issued by the Bd. of Cosmetology and proprietary schools licensed by the Bd. of Regents June 19, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HB 1314, Jackson, M. Authorizes the Southern University Board of Supervisors to impose specific tuition increases at the law center June 18, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HB 1325, Dixon Provides relative to the use of sick leave for personal purposes by certain unclassified employees at public colleges and universities June 17, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HB 1347, Badon, A. Provides relative to student scholarships June 19, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HB 1367, Hardy Provides that school zones shall be no passing zones June 20, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HCR 2, Robideaux Grants approval of a cost-of-living increase requested by the board of trustees of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System May 22, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HCR 65, Tucker Requests the Board of Regents to consider specific factors in developing the postsecondary education funding formula and budget recommendations for FY 2009-2010 and subsequent years relative to the LCTCS June 20, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HCR 76, Guillory, M. Requests BESE to study the effectiveness of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library in improving literacy among the state's preschool children and to submit a written report to the House and Senate education committees prior to the 2009 Regular Session June 20, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HCR 77, Morris Requests BESE to study the national board certification processes for certain school employees June 20, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HCR 100, LaFonta Requests BESE to study the negative effects of high stakes testing relative to the state's students, including but not limited to negative impacts on student dropout, retention, and attendance rates June 20, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

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HCR 101, Hoffmann Requests city, parish, and other local public school boards to adopt policies recommending that classroom doors in certain schools be equipped with single action deadbolt locks that can be bolted from the inside June 20, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HCR 107, Downs Requests the Board of Regents, with public postsecondary education management boards, to study policies and practices relative to textbooks for use by blind students and to submit a written report to the House and Senate education committees June 20, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HCR 110, Smith, J. Provides relative to dates for administering LEAP tests and for the start of a school year by public elementary and secondary schools June 20, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HCR 114, Trahan Provides relative to the postsecondary education funding formula recommended by the Bd. of Regents June 20, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HCR 115, Trahan Requests BESE, in consultation with the LHSAA, to study and make recommendations relative to minimum academic eligibility requirements for student participation in interscholastic athletics and other extracurricular activities June 20, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HCR 116, Trahan Requests BESE, the Bd. of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges, and the Bd. of Regents to study transferring the administration of adult education programs from BESE to the Bd. Of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges June 20, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HCR 132, Smith, J. Requests BESE to study best practices and make certain determinations relative to the use on school buses of additional safety devices to alert motor vehicle drivers to the presence of a school bus stopped on a roadway June 20, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HCR 151, Hoffmann Requests BESE, in conjunction with the High School Redesign Commission, to develop and implement two separate curricular strands and related diplomas for high school students June 20, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HCR 153, Dixon Requests the High School Redesign Commission to consider and make recommendations relative to certain in-service training for teachers and other staff June 18, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HCR 160, Leger Requests BESE to study the issue of harassment, intimidation, and bullying of students and to report written findings to the House and Senate education committees at least 60 days prior to the beginning of 2009 R.S. June 18, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HCR 168, Trahan Requests BESE to study collaboration among early childhood education programs June 18, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HCR 170, Morrell Requests BESE to study giving equal weight to science and social studies in administering the LEAP tests June 18, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HCR 180, Perry Urges and requests LSU to report on social and economic issues relative to the implementation of regulations of the National Flood Insurance Program affecting rebuilding efforts in coastal Louisiana June 5, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

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HCR 191, Tucker Approves a proposed amendment, Action Plan Amendment Number 19, to the Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2006 Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Funds for the Long Term Community Recovery Program and the Local Government Emergency Infrastructure Program: Primary and Secondary Education Infrastructure June 19, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HCR 200, Hines Requests DHH and BESE jointly to study the feasibility and advisability of prohibiting public schools from serving foods containing trans fat to students June 18, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HCR 202, Dixon Requests BESE to study the feasibility of establishing a statewide minimum salary schedule for school support personnel June 18, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HCR 207, Trahan Provides legislative approval of the MFP formula for FY 08-09 adopted by BESE on June 6, 2008 June 20, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HCR 219, Trahan Requests BESE to study the certification process for foreign associate teachers June 20, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HR 108, Barrow Requests governing authorities of public secondary schools to offer for credit an elective course that teaches, in an objective, academic, and non-secular manner, literature or history or both from a biblical perspective June 15, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HR 109, Barrow Requests BESE to study and make recommendations relative to the state's participation in the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children June 23, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HR 110, Henry Requests BESE to study and make recommendations relative to participation in public school interscholastic athletic activities by students in state-approved home study programs June 16, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HR 114, Morrell Requests BESE to conduct a formal review of certain issues regarding special incentives and benefits offered by the RSD and RSD schools after Hurricane Katrina to recruit and retains school employees for Orleans Parish schools June 16, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HR 126, Harrison Requests the Board of Regents, in consultation with the La. Student Financial Assistance Commission to formulate, develop, and make recommendations relative to a limited tuition waiver program at public postsecondary education institutions for certain volunteer emergency personnel June 15, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HR 130, Morrell Requests BESE to study negative impacts on local school systems of leaves of absence granted to school employees for employment at charter schools and to report findings to the House Education Committee at least 60 days prior to 2009 R.S. June 23, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HR 145, Barrow Requests BESE to study requiring governing authorities of K-12 public schools to record, maintain, and share certain personnel information relative to a determination that a school employee has committed misconduct with a student June 23, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HR 147, Chandler Requests BESE to study and identify disparities among starting salaries of teachers in local school systems, especially economically distressed systems June 23, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

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HR 150, Monica Requests the Bd. of Regents to study benefits, costs, and program implications of expanding TOPS to provide an additional two semesters of eligibility for certain students to pursue a post-baccalaureate academic degree June 23, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HR 151, Smith, P. Requests BESE to study the financial impact of retiree health care on the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board in light of dramatic reductions in student population as a result of new school systems and charter schools June 23, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HR 153, Morrell Requests BESE to study the financial impact of the state retaining control of all Type 5 charter schools June 23, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HR 154, Hoffmann Requests BESE to study certain issues relative to prohibiting inappropriate communications between students and public elementary and secondary school employees June 23, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HR 155, Leger Requests BESE to study certain issues relative to funding for charter schools June 23, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HR 157, Trahan Requests the Bd. of Regents to study certain issues relative to increasing costs for required textbooks and instructional materials at La. public colleges and universities June 23, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HR 170, Trahan Requests public postsecondary education management boards to take certain actions relative to providing information to students on textbooks that have been approved for courses June 22, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HR 174, Trahan Requests BESE, in consultation with the LHSAA, to study and examine all issues relative to nonfaculty serving as coaches for interscholastic athletic activities in public schools June 23, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HR 175, Trahan Requests BESE to study all issues relative to reciprocity agreements between states relative to teacher certification June 23, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

HR 182, Hardy Requests BESE to study certain issues relative to staffing academically unacceptable public elementary and secondary schools with highly qualified instructional personnel June 23, 2008 House Enrolled in the House

SB 87, Shaw Reduces individual income tax rates and brackets, and restores the full deduction for excess federal itemized personal deductions, to the same amounts as provided for prior to the enactment of the Stelly Plan (Act 51 of 2002) except for the reduction in rates for the lowest brackets June 11, 2008 Senate Enrolled in the Senate

SB 99, Gautreaux, B. Prohibits transfer of employer contributions except in certain circumstances June 11, 2008 Senate Enrolled in the Senate

SB 180, Michot Transfers the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL) to the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism June 17, 2008 Senate Enrolled in the Senate

SB 181, Cassidy Allows boards of trustees of state retirement systems to require payment of additional employer contributions June 17, 2008 Senate Enrolled in the Senate

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SB 201, Alario Includes pay to school bus drivers for certain school-related extracurricular activities in the definition of earnable compensation June 17, 2008 Senate Enrolled in the Senate

SB 275, Mount Authorizes, subject to the adoption of school board policies, the denial or suspension of driving privileges to a minor who fails to meet compulsory school attendance requirements and has withdrawn from school or is habitually absent or truant June 19, 2008 Senate Enrolled in the Senate

SB 286, Duplessis Provides for phased in universal access to the LA 4 Early Childhood Program and for participation by non-school system providers of early childhood education June 23, 2008 Senate Enrolled in the Senate

SB 291, Donahue Renames the East Florida Parishes Retirement District as La.'s I-12 Retirement District June 11, 2008 Senate Enrolled in the Senate

SB 363, Nevers Provides relative to the La. Commission on Civic Education and to the nature of student applications, related information, and interviews seeking appointment to the Legislative Youth Advisory Council June 23, 2008 Senate Enrolled in the Senate

SB 388, Donahue Provides standards for compensating public school personnel for developing, calibrating, or administering certain standardized tests June 23, 2008 Senate Enrolled in the Senate

SB 405, Broome Creates and provides for the Louisiana Financial Literacy and Education Commission June 23, 2008 Senate Enrolled in the Senate

SB 416, Murray Enacts the Louisiana Unincorporated Association Act. (8/15/08)

SB 440, Duplessis Requires public schools to provide parents with information regarding making complaints or requesting information June 20, 2008 Senate Enrolled in the Senate

SB 447, Cassidy Allows the parent or legal guardian of a student assigned to attend a school in a Recovery School District the option to enroll their child in any school operated by the original school system if sufficient capacity exists June 23, 2008 Senate Enrolled in the Senate

SB 465, Walsworth Provides that the driver education programs approved by BESE, be in consultation with the La. Highway Safety Commission June 23, 2008 Senate Enrolled in the Senate

SB 473, Jackson Provides for extended sick leave for employees who are not teachers June 17, 2008 Senate Enrolled in the Senate

SB 475, Gray Requires charter schools receiving transportation services from a local school board to reimburse the board for the actual cost of providing such transportation June 17, 2008 Senate Enrolled in the Senate

SB 482, Cassidy Provides for the participation of certain students in the Board of Regents' dual enrollment program June 17, 2008 Senate Enrolled in the Senate

SB 537, Nevers Establishes a specific date by which an articulation system for transferring college credits between and among secondary and post-secondary schools must be in place June 17, 2008 Senate Enrolled in the Senate

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SB 541, Smith Provides relative to the bonded debt limit of certain school districts June 23, 2008 Senate Enrolled in the Senate

SB 548, Nevers Requires BESE to adopt rules requiring local school systems to conduct exit interviews for teachers who leave their employ June 17, 2008 Senate Enrolled in the Senate

SB 549, Cassidy Requires, by the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year, that all children attending public schools have the opportunity to study the "critical languages" in addition to the traditional languages currently offered June 23, 2008 Senate Enrolled in the Senate

SB 582, Nevers Provides for a program to identify and provide assistance to low-performing schools that are at risk of failing June 23, 2008 Senate Enrolled in the Senate

SB 590, Broome Authorizes the establishment of a program for mortgage foreclosure counseling and education June 16, 2008 Executive Becomes Act 228; Effective June 16, 2008

SB 632, Gray Establishes and provides for the Louisiana Statewide Educational Facilities Authority June 17, 2008 Senate Enrolled in the Senate

SB 672, Duplessis Provides for a pay raise for legislators June 17, 2008 Senate Enrolled in the Senate

SB 718, Martiny Provides relative to financial disclosure requirements of members of state boards and commissions June 23, 2008 Senate Enrolled in the Senate

SB 719, Nevers Provides relative to a universal dyslexia screening and intervention pilot program in grades K-3 June 23, 2008 Senate Enrolled in the Senate

SB 733, Nevers Provides for the La. Science Education Act June 17, 2008 Senate Enrolled in the Senate

SB 749, Cravins Authorizes the Juvenile Justice Reform Act Implementation Commission to make recommendations concerning the Jetson Youth Center-East Baton Rouge Parish Unit June 18, 2008 Senate Enrolled in the Senate

SB 769, Chaisson Provides relative to the Code of Governmental Ethics June 23, 2008 Senate Enrolled in the Senate

SCR 1, Gautreaux, B. Authorizes the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana to grant a cost-of-living increase from the employee experience account May 8, 2008 Senate Enrolled in the Senate

SCR 30, Duplessis Requests BESE to study and determine the feasibility of incorporating school leadership accountability factors into the computation of School Performance Scores. June 18, 2008 Senate Enrolled in the Senate

SCR 46, Chaisson Requests Board of Regents to consider specific factors in developing the postsecondary education funding formula and budget recommendations for FY 2009-2010 and subsequent years relative to the LCTCS June 19, 2008 Senate Enrolled in the Senate

SCR 47, Gray Requests the governor and the Board of Regents to support continued operational and capital outlay funding needs for public higher education institutions in Southeast Louisiana June 19, 2008 Senate Enrolled in the Senate

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SCR 59, Nevers Requests BESE and the Board of Regents to develop an equitable funding mechanism for dually enrolled students June 18, 2008 Senate Enrolled in the Senate

SCR 68, Chaisson Memorializes Congress to provide funding for the Louisiana University of Medical Sciences, Inc., College of Primary Care Medicine May 14, 2008 Senate Enrolled in the Senate

SCR 69, Cheek Requests the Board of Regents to approve the expanded role, scope and mission to include selected doctoral degrees at LSU-Shreveport June 18, 2008 Senate Enrolled in the Senate

SCR 83, Jackson Requests state agencies to participate in BrightStart to coordinate policy, budget planning and services that support early childhood development June 19, 2008 Senate Enrolled in the Senate

SCR 93, Broome Requests the Nursing Supply and Demand Commission, the Louisiana State University System, and the Southern University System to study whether any educational obstacles exist which prevent a licensed practical nurse from becoming a licensed registered nurse June 19, 2008 Senate Enrolled in the Senate

SCR 96, Nevers Requests BESE to study the feasibility of requiring compulsory kindergarten attendance June 23, 2008 Senate Enrolled in the Senate

SCR 97, Nevers Requests the Board of Regents to establish a group to review and make recommendations regarding the core curriculum and other eligibility requirements for the TOPS-Tech Award June 11, 2008 Senate Enrolled in the Senate

SR 117, Shepherd Requests BESE to adopt a policy requiring local school boards to require students committing certain offenses to wear a hot pink jump suit June 16, 2008 Senate Enrolled in the Senate

SR 147, Cassidy Requests the Department of Health and Hospitals office of public health immunization program to work with health care centers in schools in Baton Rouge to conduct a demonstration program in the fall of 2008 to immunize children against influenza June 23, 2008 Senate Enrolled in the Senate

31st Annual LASE Conference

“Creating Successful Students and Schools through Leadership and Motivation”



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Tuesday, November 18, 2008



The Executive Committee of the Louisiana Association of School Executives has prepared a slate of speakers and conference activities to engage and challenge administrators statewide. The 31st Annual LASE Conference will be November 16, 17 and 18, 2008, at the Holiday Inn Select Executive Center, I-10 and College in Baton Rouge.

Vicki Sanderson will be the featured speaker for the first full day of the conference, Monday, November 17, 2008. Ms. Sanderson is a former classroom speech and debate teacher who now conducts highly motivating and content filled presentations and in-service programs to administrators, teachers and support staff. Her enthusiasm and entertaining style make her a successful speaker and motivator. Audiences have commented that her thoughtful and humorous presentations have inspired them to work better together, take risks, build stronger relationships and take a closer look at themselves. Educators have noted that she empowers them to motivate and inspire their students. Her full day presentation to the LASE membership on multiple topics will no doubt be a thoughtful and energizing event.

The LASE business meeting will be conducted following lunch on the first day of the session on Monday, November 17, 2008. All conference participants will be welcomed to the President's Reception at 7:30 p.m. on Monday evening.

Governor Bobby Jindal is tentatively scheduled to address the LASE membership on Tuesday, November 18, 2008. The State's Chief Executive will have an opportunity to address the educational leaders who are responsible to move forward the reform efforts he seeks for the citizens of Louisiana.

The closing keynote address on Tuesday, November 18, 2008, will be delivered by John W. Hodge. Mr. Hodge is the former director of a nationally recognized urban school featured on CBS. He is a leader in helping schools reach achievement goals for all students. His motivational presentations often serve as the spark for many schools in their quest to meet state and federal accreditation standards.

Additional conference information may be found on the following pages.

Conference Brochure

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Louisiana Association of School Executives

All Teachers, Administrators, and Partners in Education are invited to attend the conference.

*“Creating Successful Students and Schools
through Leadership and Motivation”*

**2008
November 16-18, 2008
Holiday Inn Select Executive Center
(I-10 and College Drive)
Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

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Agenda-at-a-Glance

Sunday, November 16, 2008

- LASE Legal Counsel Pre-Conference Session.....2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Registration.....4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
- Reception.....5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Monday, November 17, 2008

- Conference Sessions.....8:30 a.m.-12:00p.m.
- LASE Business Meeting.....1:15 p.m-2:15 p.m.
- Conference Sessions.....2:15 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
- President’s Reception.....7:30 p.m.- midnight

Tuesday, November 18, 2008

- Conference Sessions.....8:30 p.m.-12:30 p.m.

Hotel Information

The Holiday Inn Select Executive Center has set the following rates for the LASE Conference for reservations made by October 24, 2008:

Single: \$94 Double: \$94

Hotel accommodations are to be made directly with the hotel. Please specify that you are attending the LASE Conference when making reservations by calling the hotel at (225) 925-2244.

Mail the completed Registration Form and payment of Registration Fees to LASE, P.O. Box 40217, Baton Rouge, LA 70835-0217 for receipt in the LASE office no later than 11/10/08.

For additional information, call the LASE office at (225) 791-0365.

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Registration Form

Name	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
School/District	
Position	
Work Telephone	()
Home Telephone	()
E-mail Address	
Spouse/Guest Name (optional)	

Registration Fees

LEGAL COUNSEL PRE-CONFERENCE SESSION..\$50 _____

LASE MEMBERS REGISTRATION

Registration Fee (prior to 11/14/08).....\$150 _____

Onsite Registration Fee (after 11/14/08).....\$175 _____

One Day Conference Fee.....\$ 90 _____

Onsite One Day Conference Fee.....\$110 _____

Spouse/Guest (Sunday Evening Event).....\$ 25 _____

NON-MEMBERS REGISTRATION

Registration Fee (prior to 11/14/08).....\$175 _____

Onsite Non-members Registration Fee.....\$200 _____

Onsite One Day Conference Fee.....\$125 _____

LASE MEMBERSHIP DUES..... \$150 _____

TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED _____

DEADLINE FOR REFUNDS: NOVEMBER 10, 2008

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Paul H. Fouquier Educational Leadership Award

Nominations are now being accepted for the prestigious "LASE Educator of Distinction Award." LASE annually recognizes outstanding educators for their contributions to their profession.

The Selection Criteria for the award shall include evidence of:

- Leadership for learning,
- Professionalism, and
- Community.

The Qualifications for Nominations for this award are a person who:

- Is currently serving in an educational leadership position,
- Has a minimum of five years experience in an educational setting,
- Is currently a member of LASE, and
- Is nominated by a member of LASE.

The following Nomination Notice must be attached to the Nomination:

Nomination Notice

1. Information about the Nominator:

- Nominator's Name
- School System
- Mailing Address
- Telephone: ()
- FAX: ()

2. Information about the Nominee:

- Nominee's Name
- School System
- Mailing Address
- Telephone: ()
- FAX: ()

3. Permission for Nomination

_____ I have spoken with this educator who agrees for me to place his/her name in nomination.

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1. **Attach the Nomination Notice.**
2. **Limit your letter to two (2), double-spaced, typed pages.**
3. **Attach two (2) letters of support. Each letter is to be one (1) double-spaced, typed page. No other material will be accepted.**
4. **Address the following:**
 - Action taken by the nominee in the last three years to improve teaching and learning,
 - Obstacles encountered and how they were overcome,
 - Evidence of success in terms of the vision for education,
 - Participation in professional and civic organizations (status, roles responsibilities), and
 - Other exceptional awards, contributions, or facts.
5. **Send an original and 5 copies to:**

Debi K. Faucette, Conference Planner
 12615 Stoneway Place
 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70818

DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING NOMINATIONS IS 4:00 P.M., FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2008.

Selection Process:	Selection will be made by the Professional Growth and Recognition Committee. No nomination materials will be returned. A request to review the selection may be made to Debi Faucette within 10 working days of the announcement.	
Scoring Process:	Leadership for Learning.....	60 points
	Professionalism	20 points
	Community Involvement	20 points

For additional information and instructions to nominate an educational leader for this award, call Debi K. Faucette at (225) 342-3336.

Memorial Service

Please notify the LASE office if you know of any LASE members who have died since November of last year so we may include them in the memorial service at our upcoming conference November 16-18, 2008. The memorial service will be held at the opening session Monday, November 16, at the Holiday Inn Select Executive Center, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

**Have You Paid Your
LASE Membership ?**