

2008 REGULAR SESSION LEGISLATION OF INTEREST

HIGHER EDUCATION PACKAGE

HB734 TRAHAN STUDENT/TUITION: Authorizes the public postsecondary education management boards to establish tuition and mandatory fee amounts for resident students up to 5% over a two year period

HB755 TUCKER STUDENT/TUITION: (Constitutional Amendment) Exempts, under specified circumstances, public postsecondary education tuition amounts and mandatory fees from legislative approval requirements for imposing a new or increasing an existing state tax or fee

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HB812 TRAHAN EDUCATION/FINANCE--8G: (Constitutional Amendment) Removes provision requiring, when the Permanent Trust Fund balance reaches \$2 billion, interest earnings to be credited to the Support Fund and recurring revenues to the State General Fund

HCR TBD TEXTBOOK AFFORDABILITY RESOLUTION Urge and Request Board of Regents to investigate the rising impact of textbook costs and to collaborate with Systems and Council of Student Body Presidents to jointly propose short and long term solutions

OTHER TUITION

HB677 P. SMITH COLLEGES/LSU: Authorizes the LSU Board of Supervisors to impose an increase in the operational fee for students

HB708 TRAHAN STUDENT/TUITION: Authorizes the Univ. of La. System Bd. of Supervisors to impose a 4% increase in tuition and mandatory attendance fee amounts for students attending the Univ. of La. at Lafayette

HB889 TRAHAN STUDENT/TUITION: Provides tuition and mandatory fee exemptions at public postsecondary education institutions for certain public school teachers who are certificated and teaching in schools identified as academically unacceptable

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

HB1018 TUCKER FUNDS/FUNDING: Creates and establishes the Workforce Education Fund

HB1104 TUCKER LABOR: Creates the Louisiana Workforce Commission

SB403 NEVERS COMMUNITY TECH SYSTEM: Requires the Louisiana Community and Technical College System to develop and institute a system of competency-based testing for community and technical college students who earn industry-based certifications.

SB420 CHAISSON FUNDS/FUNDING: Creates and establishes the Workforce Education Fund.

SB612 CHAISSON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT: Creates and provides for Louisiana Workforce Commission

CAPITAL OUTLAY

SB109 MORRISH CAPITAL OUTLAY: Increases the amount for projects for minor repairs, renovation, or construction of facilities or purchase of land and facilities which may be undertaken outside of the capital outlay process by higher education from \$350,000 to \$750,000

HB351 HINES BUILDING CODES: Creates green building standards for certain buildings

HB582 TUCKER CAPITAL OUTLAY: Revises the capital outlay process and the priorities and other content of the Capital Outlay Bill

HB850 FANNIN CAPITAL OUTLAY: Revises the capital outlay process

OTHER

HB179 CARTER EDUCATION/PERSONNEL: Provides for an alternative leave program for unclassified and academic personnel at public postsecondary education institutions

HB187 KATZ PUBLIC HEALTH: Requires the reporting and electronic filing of student immunization compliance reports for postsecondary institutions if such database exists

SB428 CASSIDY VOTERS/VOTING: Authorizes the registrars of colleges and universities to register citizens to vote.

SB537 NEVERS POSTSECONDARY ED - 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

TOPS

SB208 MARIONNEAUX TOPS: Converts TOPS to a loan forgiveness program beginning with students graduating during the 2008-2009 school year and thereafter

SB209 MARIONNEAUX TOPS: Establishes a maximum household income of less than \$250,000 as a TOPS eligibility requirement, beginning with students graduating during the 2008-2009 school year

SB362 NEVERS TOPS: Provides that the TOPS core curriculum shall be the same as the LA Core 4 Curriculum adopted by BESE beginning with the high school graduating class of 2011-2012

SB487 NEVERS CURRICULA: Requires the TOPS-Tech core curriculum to be the same as the Louisiana Core Curriculum adopted by BESE beginning with the high school graduating class of 2011-2012

APPROPRIATIONS

HB644 WHITE FUNDS/FUNDING: Changes the phase-in of the dedication of sales tax on new and used motor vehicles

HB645 LAMBERT FUNDS/FUNDING - Dedicates 1/20th of 1% of the state sales and use tax to the Conservation Fund

HB703 BALDONE FUNDS/FUNDING: (Constitutional Amendment) Allocates 25% of mineral revenues to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Fund

HB763 BALDONE FUNDS/FUNDING: Allocates 25% of mineral revenues to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Fund

HB764 BALDONE FUNDS/FUNDING: Requires 25% of mineral revenues in excess of \$750 million be deposited in the Coastal Restoration and Protection Fund

SB18 ALARIO FUNDS/FUNDING: Dedicates one-twentieth of one percent of the state sales and use tax to the La. Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation Fund

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

HB81 LAFONTA ETHICS: Prohibits the governor from appointing a contributor or an immediate family member of a contributor to serve on a board or commission

HB82 LAFONTA ETHICS: Prohibits persons from serving on or being employed by any board or commission if he reasonably should know that any transaction under the supervision or jurisdiction of the board or commission would have an effect on the value of immovable property owned by the person, a member of his immediate family, or a legal entity in which he or a member of his immediate family owns an interest

HB176 ABRAMSON ETHICS: Requires disclosure by certain elected officials of certain information relative to employment and appointment of campaign contributors and certain other contributors

HB551 PETERSON ETHICS: Prohibits persons from serving on or being employed by any board or commission if he reasonably should know that any transaction under the supervision or jurisdiction of the board or commission would have an effect on the value of immovable property owned by the person, a member of his immediate family, or a legal entity in which he or a member of his immediate family owns an interest

HB947 HUTTER ETHICS: Allows a public servant to accept complimentary admission to a fundraising event held by or for the benefit of an educational institution, excluding professional, semi-professional, or collegiate sporting events

HB991 HUTTER ETHICS: Allows a public servant to accept complimentary or discounted admission to, transportation to, and lodging related to educational, informational, or professional development seminars and conferences

SB56 MICHOT ETHICS: Allows a member of an appointed board or commission to recuse himself in the case of a conflict of interest.

SB189 MARIONNEAUX APPOINTED OFFICIALS: Provides for automatic removal of appointees not reappointed by the governor.

SB210 MARIONNEAUX APPOINTED OFFICIALS: Provides that certain persons appointed to boards and commissions be reconfirmed each legislative term

SB232 MOUNT APPOINTED OFFICIALS Constitutional amendment to provide for a three-consecutive-term limit for positions on certain constitutionally-provided boards and commissions.

SB233 MOUNT APPOINTED OFFICIALS: Provides term limits for members of certain boards and commissions (includes BESE, BOR, LSU and SOUTHERN but does not include ULS)