



BOARD of REGENTS
STATE OF LOUISIANA

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2023 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



GOVERNOR'S MILITARY AND VETERAN FRIENDLY CAMPUS

HB 72, Rep. Brass/Sen. Foil

Authorizes the BOR to establish the GMVF designation to recognize higher levels of excellence in providing support to military and veteran populations and changes the renewal period from one to two years, with interim reports to the BOR.



POWER-BASED VIOLENCE

SB 202, Sen. Barrow

Revises current laws to add prompt reporting time frames for execution of criminal justice MOU(s), clarify training requirements for employees and ensures continued coordination of the campus climate survey with public postsecondary management boards and stakeholders.



REGENTS BOARD MEETINGS

HB 6, Rep. Hughes

Allows the BOR to conduct its first meeting of the year anytime in January, thus allowing Regents the flexibility to schedule all meetings at the same time of the month for the full year.

2023 EDUCATOR WORKFORCE



TEACHER RECRUITMENT, RECOVERY, AND RETENTION

HCR 17, Rep. Mincey

Extends the sunset date of the Teacher Recruitment, Recovery, and Retention Task Force from July 13, 2023, to July 13, 2025.



TEACHER RECIPROCITY

HB 472, Rep. Mincey

Grants a valid five-year Louisiana teaching certificate to an out-of-state applicant who is military personnel or the spouse of military personnel, if the applicant is fully certified.



TEACHER CERTIFICATION

SB 197, Sen. Peacock

Amends many statutes regarding teacher certification. One new provision allows a person with a bachelor's degree from an accredited postsecondary education institution to teach in a shortage area at a secondary school using a provisional certificate, if the person has graduated with at least a 2.50 average on a 4.00 scale and has passed the content knowledge exam.



ASSOCIATE EDUCATOR PROGRAM

SB 81, Sen. McMath

Allows individuals with an associate degree to teach in the content area related to the participant's associate's degree provided that they are enrolled in a four-year college teacher preparation program, age 25 or older, and prohibits the participant from teaching in a class for students with exceptionalities, unless it is a class for gifted or talented students.



TEACHER PATHWAYS

HR 190, Rep. Freiberg

Requests the state Department of Education, in consultation with the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, to study pathways to the teaching profession.

BILLS REQUIRING BOR INVOLVEMENT OR IMPLEMENTATION



LA FIRST

SB 205, Sen. Cortez

The BOR shall establish and maintain Louisiana's Foundational Integrated Research System for Transformation (LA FIRST).



NATIONAL GUARD PATRIOT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

HB 485, Rep. Brass

Creates the Louisiana National Guard Patriot Scholarship Program, to be administered by LOSFA, to cover the cost of mandatory fees for members attending Louisiana public postsecondary education institutions.



AFFORDABLE TEXTBOOKS PILOT PROGRAM

HB 644, Rep. Lafleur

Creates the Affordable Digital Textbook and Learning Materials Subscription Pilot Program to be developed and implemented by BOR.



STATE'S ARTICULATION AND TRANSFER PROCESS

HCR 5 / HR 101, Rep. Echols

Requests BOR conduct a study relative to the state's articulation and transfer process with respect to high school students who complete career and technical education courses and earn industry-based credentials.



COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS OUTCOMES

SCR 37, Sen. McMath

Revises current laws to add prompt reporting time frames for execution of criminal justice MOU(s), clarify training requirements for employees and ensures continued coordination of the campus climate survey with public postsecondary management boards and stakeholders.



PHYSICIAN SHORTAGE

HCR 83, Rep. Echols

Requests a representative from the Board of Regents to sit on a task force to study, identify, and make recommendations to address the specialist physician shortage in the state.



PRISON EDUCATION PROGRAMS

HR 174, Rep. Freeman

Requests a member of the Board of Regents to sit on a taskforce to study the educational programs in the prisons and jails in this state.

FINANCIAL AID/ELIGIBILITY



TOPS ELIGIBILITY

HB 327, Rep. Seabaugh

Extends TOPS to children of parents living overseas.



MJ FOSTER CAP

SB 120, Sen. White

Eliminates separate allocations between public and proprietary schools.



MJ FOSTER CHANGES

SB 204, Sen. Hewitt

Provides for several changes to MJ Foster award, such as applying the award before any federal, state, and institutional aid is applied for the first semester, but limits the award to tuition, fees, and mandatory books and instructional materials costs.