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Agenda Legislative

Wednesday, April 23, 2025
10:40 AM

Claiborne Building, 1st Floor ▪ Louisiana Purchase Room 1–100
1201 N. Third St. ▪ Baton Rouge, LA 70802

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. 2025 Legislative Update
- IV. Other Business
- V. Adjournment

Committee Members: Collis B. Temple III, Chair; Phillip R. May Jr., Vice Chair; David J. Aubrey; Stephanie A. Finley; Wilbert D. Pryor; Christy Oliver Reeves; Kennedy M. Orr (Student Member); LCTC System Representative; LSU System Representative; SU System Representative; UL System Representative
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Board of Regents 2025 Legislative Priorities

PRIORITY

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Career Office Reform

Creates a Career Alignment Task Force with the charge to develop an institutional scorecard based on findings of best and promising practices such as early-onset career advising (freshman year) and increased work-based learning opportunities, to connect students to employment opportunities and address outmigration.



TOPS for DOCS

Allows a TOPS-eligible student who previously opted out of TOPS to receive TOPS if returning to attend an in-state medical school. This is specifically designed to address Louisiana's physician shortage.

HB 275
Rep. Berault



Geaux Teach

Makes this existing scholarship for future educators a first-restricted-dollar scholarship for tuition, books, and instructional materials for students in teacher preparation programs.

HB 109
Rep. Thompson



Financial Aid Alignment

Aligns TOPS Tech Early Start, TOPS Tech and M.J. Foster Promise program eligibility with the critical-need programs identified by the Louisiana Workforce Commission.

HB 161
Rep. Hughes



TOPS Tech Early College Credit

Expands eligibility criteria for a TOPS Tech award to include the attainment of early college credit in high school through completion of dual enrollment courses or other approved skills and learning measures.

HB 70
Rep. Brass



Retirement

Relative to the optional retirement plan (ORP) administered by the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL), includes provisions for: expanding ORP participation; allowing employees with 7+ years of service to move from ORP to TRSL; permitting employees over 60 to opt out of TRSL; increasing the employer contribution rate to align with other Southern states; and creating an ORP Advisory Committee to inform the TRSL Board.

HB 24
Rep. Bacala



Healthcare Task Force Consolidation

Creates a committee/subcommittee structure for the Health Works Commission, Nursing Supply and Demand Council, and Simulation Medical Training and Education Council.

HB 544
Rep. Turner



HBCU Advisory Council

Creates additional membership on Council, provides for student member travel payments, and includes in the Council's charge the examination of campus safety on HBCU campuses.

HB 142
Rep. Mena



Dual Enrollment Task Force

Revises the membership of the Dual Enrollment Task Force by removal of two obsolete members from the task force, and adds two members, the CEO of Leaders for a Better Louisiana and the state director of The Education Trust in Louisiana.

HB 71
Rep. Brass