



# 2013 Session Score Card

## Score Card Criteria

**There are certain rules that apply consistently to LABI voting records and to LABI's use of those records:**

- Only KEY business votes are included in the record. Only bills on which LABI has taken a clear, broad-based position are considered.
- A vote may be on an amendment or procedural motion, as well as on final passage, if that vote was crucial to the fate of the bill.
- Because of factors such as committee action or amendments, the inclusion of a vote on a bill in one house doesn't necessarily mean that it will be a record vote in the second house.
- Votes are weighted according to their importance to the business community. See voting record chart for specific point values.
- Each term stands alone. Every legislator has an equal opportunity for a good four-year record, despite historical voting patterns.
- The annual and cumulative voting averages are based upon the number of points actually earned, compared to the number of points that could have been earned over the period.
- Legislators are not penalized in LABI voting records for absences due to hospitalization or immediate family illness or death, nor for abstentions due to conflicts of interest.
- The voting record is based on votes as recorded in the Official Journals of the House and Senate.

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<b>HB 160</b>	0	102	3	<b>Teacher Evaluations</b> Final Passage	30	30	0	A	0	0	0	0	A	0	0	0	A
<b>HB 321</b>	94	1	10	<b>Civil Jury Trial</b> Final Passage	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
<b>HB 472</b>	96	0	9	<b>Class Actions</b> Final Passage	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
<b>HB 589</b>	92	0	13	<b>Class Actions</b> Final Passage	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	A-	30	30	30	30
<b>SB 117</b>	52	42	11	<b>Post-Secondary Accountability</b> Final Passage	15	15	A-	15	A-	0	15	0	15	0	15	15	15
				2013 Possible	135	135	105	135	135	135	135	105	135	135	135	105	135
				2013 Earned			90	105	90	90	105	90	75	90	105	105	105
				2013 Score %			67	100	67	67	78	67	71	67	78	78	100
				2012-13 Possible	1878	1693	1848	1878	1878	1773	1878	1848	1878	1878	1878	1848	1848
				2012-13 Earned			1223	1711	857	460	984	1106	1403	485	1718	1658	1793
				2012-2013 Cumulative Score %			72	93	46	24	55	59	76	26	91	88	97

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<b>HB 160</b>	0	102	3	<b>Teacher Evaluations</b> Final Passage	30	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>HB 321</b>	94	1	10	<b>Civil Jury Trial</b> Final Passage	30	30	A-	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	A-	30	30
<b>HB 472</b>	96	0	9	<b>Class Actions</b> Final Passage	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
<b>HB 589</b>	92	0	13	<b>Class Actions</b> Final Passage	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	A-	30	30	30	30
<b>SB 117</b>	52	42	11	<b>Post-Secondary Accountability</b> Final Passage	15	15	15	15	0	0	15	15	15	0	15	15	15
				2013 Possible	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135
				2013 Earned		75	105	90	90	105	105	75	90	75	105	105	
				2013 Score %		56	78	67	67	78	78	56	67	56	78	78	
				2012-13 Possible	1878	1878	1773	1773	1878	1878	1823	1773	1878	1878	1878	1878	
				2012-13 Earned		517	1599	481	1134	1793	1735	1658	444	1581	1793	1793	
				2012-2013 Cumulative Score %		28	90	27	60	95	95	94	24	84	95	95	

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<b>HB 160</b>	0	102	3	<b>Teacher Evaluations</b> Final Passage	30	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>HB 321</b>	94	1	10	<b>Civil Jury Trial</b> Final Passage	30	30	30	30	A-	A-	30	30	30	30	30	A	30
<b>HB 472</b>	96	0	9	<b>Class Actions</b> Final Passage	30	30	30	A-	A-	30	30	30	30	30	30	A	30
<b>HB 589</b>	92	0	13	<b>Class Actions</b> Final Passage	30	30	30	30	A-	30	30	30	A-	30	30	A	30
<b>SB 117</b>	52	42	11	<b>Post-Secondary Accountability</b> Final Passage	15	15	15	15	0	A-	0	0	A-	0	15	15	0
				2013 Possible		135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	45	135
				2013 Earned			105	75	0	60	90	90	60	90	105	15	90
				2013 Score %			78	56	0	44	67	67	44	67	78	33	67
				2012-13 Possible	1878	1823	1878	1878	1878	1878	1878	1878	1773	1878	1878	1788	1878
				2012-13 Earned		1581	1461	360	1748	1503	393	1321	415	1653	1571	459	
				2012-2013 Cumulative Score %			87	78	19	93	80	21	74	22	88	88	240

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<b>HB 160</b>	0	102	3	<b>Teacher Evaluations</b> Final Passage	30	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>HB 321</b>	94	1	10	<b>Civil Jury Trial</b> Final Passage	30	30	30	30	A-	30	A-	A	30	30	30	30	30
<b>HB 472</b>	96	0	9	<b>Class Actions</b> Final Passage	30	30	30	30	A-	30	30	A	A-	30	30	30	30
<b>HB 589</b>	92	0	13	<b>Class Actions</b> Final Passage	30	30	30	30	A-	30	A-	A	30	A-	30	30	30
<b>SB 117</b>	52	42	11	<b>Post-Secondary Accountability</b> Final Passage	15	15	0	15	0	0	15	15	0	A-	0	A-	15
				2013 Possible		135	135	135	135	135	135	45	135	135	135	135	135
				2013 Earned			90	105	0	90	45	15	60	60	90	90	105
				2013 Score %			67	78	0	67	33	33	44	44	67	67	78
				2012-13 Possible	1878	1878	1878	1878	1878	1624	1878	1716	1878	1878	1878	1773	1878
				2012-13 Earned			573	1663	1149	635	951	619	1378	1748	1109	1474	1203
				2012-2013 Cumulative Score %			30	89	61	39	51	36	73	93	59	83	64

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<b>HB 160</b>	0	102	3	<b>Teacher Evaluations</b> Final Passage	30	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>HB 321</b>	94	1	10	<b>Civil Jury Trial</b> Final Passage	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
<b>HB 472</b>	96	0	9	<b>Class Actions</b> Final Passage	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
<b>HB 589</b>	92	0	13	<b>Class Actions</b> Final Passage	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	A-	30
<b>SB 117</b>	52	42	11	<b>Post-Secondary Accountability</b> Final Passage	15	15	15	15	15	0	15	15	0	15	0	15	15
				2013 Possible		135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135
				2013 Earned			105	105	105	90	105	105	90	105	90	75	105
				2013 Score %			78	78	78	67	78	78	67	78	67	56	78
				2012-13 Possible	1878	1878	1878	1773	1878	1823	1878	1878	1878	1878	1878	135	
				2012-13 Earned		1769	1543	605	1631	1759	1793	924	1655	398	1753	105	
				2012-2013 Cumulative Score %			94	82	34	87	96	95	49	88	21	93	78

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<b>HB 160</b>	0	102	3	<b>Teacher Evaluations</b> Final Passage	30	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>HB 321</b>	94	1	10	<b>Civil Jury Trial</b> Final Passage	30	30	30	30	A	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
<b>HB 472</b>	96	0	9	<b>Class Actions</b> Final Passage	30	30	30	30	A	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	A-
<b>HB 589</b>	92	0	13	<b>Class Actions</b> Final Passage	30	30	30	30	A	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
<b>SB 117</b>	52	42	11	<b>Post-Secondary Accountability</b> Final Passage	15	15	0	0	0	0	0	15	15	A-	15	0	0
				2013 Possible	135	135	135	45	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135
				2013 Earned			90	90	0	90	90	105	105	90	105	90	60
				2013 Score %			67	67	0	67	67	78	78	67	78	67	44
				2012-13 Possible	1878	1878	1823	1683	1878	1878	1878	1868	1773	1878	1878	1878	1878
				2012-13 Earned			1133	398	343	959	415	920	1783	997	1715	574	580
				2012-2013 Cumulative Score %			60	22	20	51	22	49	95	56	91	31	31

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<b>HB 160</b>	0	102	3	<b>Teacher Evaluations</b> Final Passage	30	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>HB 321</b>	94	1	10	<b>Civil Jury Trial</b> Final Passage	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
<b>HB 472</b>	96	0	9	<b>Class Actions</b> Final Passage	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
<b>HB 589</b>	92	0	13	<b>Class Actions</b> Final Passage	30	30	30	A-	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
<b>SB 117</b>	52	42	11	<b>Post-Secondary Accountability</b> Final Passage	15	15	15	A-	15	15	0	0	0	A-	15	0	0
				2013 Possible		135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135
				2013 Earned			105	60	105	105	90	90	90	90	105	90	90
				2013 Score %			78	44	78	78	67	67	67	67	78	67	67
				2012-13 Possible	1878	1878	1878	1878	1878	1878	1878	1878	1621	1878	1878	1823	1798
				2012-13 Earned			805	1496	1632	1793	1115	1488	393	1106	1758	1324	730
				2012-2013 Cumulative Score %			43	80	87	95	59	79	24	59	94	73	41

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<b>HB 160</b>	0	102	3	<b>Teacher Evaluations</b> Final Passage	30	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>HB 321</b>	94	1	10	<b>Civil Jury Trial</b> Final Passage	30	30	30	A-	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
<b>HB 472</b>	96	0	9	<b>Class Actions</b> Final Passage	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
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<b>SB 117</b>	52	42	11	<b>Post-Secondary Accountability</b> Final Passage	15	15	15	15	0	15	0	0	15	15	0	0	0
				2013 Possible	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135
				2013 Earned		105	75	90	105	90	90	105	105	90	90	90	90
				2013 Score %		78	56	67	78	67	67	78	78	67	67	67	67
				2012-13 Possible	1878	1878	1773	1878	1878	1878	1878	1878	1878	1878	1693	1878	1878
				2012-13 Earned		925	1658	594	1758	1096	678	1666	1687	720	1000	670	670
				2012-2013 Cumulative Score %		49	94	32	94	58	36	89	90	38	59	36	36

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<b>HB 160</b>	0	102	3	<b>Teacher Evaluations</b> Final Passage	30	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>HB 321</b>	94	1	10	<b>Civil Jury Trial</b> Final Passage	30	30	30	30	30	30	0	30	30	30	30	30	30
<b>HB 472</b>	96	0	9	<b>Class Actions</b> Final Passage	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
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				2013 Possible	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	135	105	135	135
				2013 Earned			90	105	105	105	60	105	90	105	75	105	105
				2013 Score %			67	78	78	78	44	78	67	78	71	78	78
				2012-13 Possible	1878	1878	1878	1773	1773	1773	1773	1823	1878	1878	105	1878	1878
				2012-13 Earned			1593	1613	1664	1688	1103	1639	310	919	75	1793	1413
				2012-2013 Cumulative Score %			85	91	94	95	62	90	17	49	71	95	75

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<b>HB 160</b>	0	102	3	<b>Teacher Evaluations</b> Final Passage	30	30	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>HB 321</b>	94	1	10	<b>Civil Jury Trial</b> Final Passage	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
<b>HB 472</b>	96	0	9	<b>Class Actions</b> Final Passage	30	30	30	30	30	30	A-	30
<b>HB 589</b>	92	0	13	<b>Class Actions</b> Final Passage	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
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					2013 Possible	135	135	135	135	135	135	135
					2013 Earned		90	105	105	90	60	90
					2013 Score %		67	78	78	67	44	67
					2012-13 Possible	1878	1878	1878	1878	1773	1878	1878
					2012-13 Earned		977	1793	1793	778	906	1720
					2012-2013 Cumulative Score %		52	95	95	44	48	92

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# House Ranking

Representative	2013 Score	2012-2013 Cumulative Score
Rep. Bryan Adams (R)	100%	93%
Rep. Stuart J. Bishop (R)	100%	97%
Rep. Jeffery "Jeff" J. Arnold (D)	78%	55%
Rep. John A. (Johnny) Berthelot (R)	78%	91%
Rep. Robert E. Billiot Sr. (D)	78%	88%
Rep. Christopher Broadwater (R)	78%	90%
Rep. Richard T. (Ritchie) Burford Sr. (R)	78%	95%
Rep. Henry L. Burns (R)	78%	95%
Rep. Stephen F. Carter (R)	78%	95%
Rep. Simone B. Champagne (R)	78%	95%
Rep. Charles R. Chaney (R)	78%	87%
Rep. James R. (Jim) Fannin (R)	78%	88%
Rep. Raymond E."Ray" Garofalo Jr. (R)	78%	89%
Rep. Lowell Chris Hazel (R)	78%	64%
Rep. John Cameron Henry (R)	78%	94%
Rep. Craig (Bob) Hensgens (R)	78%	82%
Rep. Dorothy Sue Hill (D)	78%	34%
Rep. Frank A. Hoffmann (R)	78%	96%
Rep. Paul B. Hollis (R)	78%	95%
Rep. Frank A. Howard (R)	78%	88%
Rep. Barry Ivey (R)	78%	78%
Rep. Sam Jones (D)	78%	49%
Rep. Charles Chuck Kleckley (R)	78%	95%
Rep. Nancy Landry (R)	78%	91%
Rep. Walt J. Leger III (D)	78%	43%
Rep. Joseph P. Lopinto III (R)	78%	87%
Rep. Nicholas J. Lorusso (R)	78%	95%
Rep. John C.(Jay) Morris III (R)	78%	94%
Rep. Stephen J. Ortego (D)	78%	49%
Rep. Erich E. Ponti (R)	78%	94%
Rep. Stephen E. Pugh (R)	78%	89%
Rep. Steven E. Pylant (R)	78%	90%
Rep. Clay Schexnayder (R)	78%	91%
Rep. John M. Schroder (R)	78%	94%
Rep. Alan T. Seabaugh (R)	78%	95%
Rep. Scott M. Simon (R)	78%	90%
Rep. Karen Gaudet St. Germain (D)	78%	49%
Rep. Kirk M. Talbot (R)	78%	95%
Rep. Joseph H. Major Thibaut Jr. (D)	78%	75%
Rep. Jeff R. Thompson (R)	78%	95%
Rep. Lenar L. Whitney (R)	78%	95%
Rep. Taylor F. Barras (R)	71%	76%
Rep. Julie Stokes (R)	71%	71%
Rep. Neil C. Abramson (D)	67%	72%
Rep. John F. "Andy" Anders (D)	67%	46%
Rep. James K. Armes III (D)	67%	24%
Rep. Austin Badon Jr. (D)	67%	59%
Rep. Regina Ashford Barrow (D)	67%	26%
Rep. Jared Brossett (D)	67%	27%
Rep. Terry R. Brown (I)	67%	60%
Rep. Roy A. Burrell (D)	67%	24%
Rep. Michael E. Danahay (D)	67%	80%
Rep. Herbert B. Dixon Sr. (D)	67%	21%

Representative	2013 Score	2012-2013 Cumulative Score
Rep. John Bel Edwards (D)	67%	22%
Rep. Albert Franklin (D)	67%	24%
Rep. Randal L. Gaines (D)	67%	30%
Rep. Jerry (Truck) Gisclair (D)	67%	39%
Rep. Joseph A. (Joe) Harrison Jr. (R)	67%	59%
Rep. Kenneth Edward Havard (R)	67%	83%
Rep. Valarie Hodges (R)	67%	87%
Rep. Dalton W. Honoré II (D)	67%	49%
Rep. Marcus L. Hunter (D)	67%	21%
Rep. Girod H. Jackson III (D)	67%	60%
Rep. Katrina R. Jackson (D)	67%	22%
Rep. Patrick O. Jefferson (D)	67%	51%
Rep. Robert A. Johnson (D)	67%	22%
Rep. Eddie J. Lambert (R)	67%	56%
Rep. Terry Landry (D)	67%	31%
Rep. Sherman Q. Mack (R)	67%	59%
Rep. Gregory A. Miller (R)	67%	79%
Rep. Jack Montoucet (D)	67%	24%
Rep. Helena Moreno (D)	67%	59%
Rep. James H. Morris (R)	67%	73%
Rep. Barbara M. Norton (D)	67%	41%
Rep. Vincent J. Pierre (D)	67%	32%
Rep. J. Rogers Pope (R)	67%	58%
Rep. Edward J. Price (D)	67%	36%
Rep. Harlie E. "Gene" Reynolds (D)	67%	38%
Rep. Jerome (Dee) Richard (I)	67%	59%
Rep. Harold L. Ritchie (D)	67%	36%
Rep. Joel C. Robideaux (R)	67%	85%
Rep. Patricia Haynes Smith (D)	67%	17%
Rep. Ledricka Johnson Thierry (D)	67%	52%
Rep. Alfred C. Williams (D)	67%	44%
Rep. Thomas P. Willmott (R)	67%	92%
Rep. Wesley T. Bishop (D)	56%	28%
Rep. Timothy G. Burns (R)	56%	94%
Rep. Thomas Gaughan Carmody Jr. (R)	56%	84%
Rep. Patrick Connick (R)	56%	78%
Rep. Michael (Mike Pete) Huval (R)	56%	93%
Rep. Joseph Kevin Pearson (R)	56%	94%
Rep. George G. Cromer (R)	44%	93%
Rep. Gordon E. Dove Sr. (R)	44%	74%
Rep. John E. Guinn (R)	44%	73%
Rep. Lance Harris (R)	44%	93%
Rep. Harvey Bernard LeBas (D)	44%	31%
Rep. Christopher J. Leppold (R)	44%	80%
Rep. Robert E. Shadoin (R)	44%	62%
Rep. Patrick Charles Williams (D)	44%	48%
Rep. Franklin J. Foil (R)	33%	88%
Rep. Hunter Greene (R)	33%	51%
Rep. Mickey J. Guillory (D)	33%	36%
Rep. Kenny Ray Cox (D)	0%	19%
Rep. Brett F. Geymann (R)	0%	61%
Rep. Edward C.(Ted) James (D)	0%	20%

# House Votes

**HB 160, Reynolds—Tenure Reform and Teacher Evaluation**—This bill would have delayed the full implementation of critical components of teacher evaluation and tenure reform passed in prior years. LABI opposed this effort to delay teacher evaluations that will be based in part (50%) on student academic growth.

In recent years, the Legislature passed significant reforms to Louisiana teacher evaluations and tenure. HB 160 would have delayed the full implementation of the new teacher evaluation law and complementary tenure reforms. It was promoted as a necessary delay to tweak the system before full consequences occur, but the bill was not necessary, as no teacher could lose his/her job this year nor next due to receiving an “Ineffective” evaluation. This allows for sufficient time to make any necessary adjustments before any job is threatened.

The House agreed to the delay, but a strong, pro-reform Senate Education Committee blocked HB 160, defeating it by a 4-3 vote (to defer). A vote AGAINST final passage was a vote WITH LABI. The bill passed 102-0-3.

**HB 321, Huval—Jury Trial**—This bill originally would have allowed for expedited jury trials in certain civil cases, using only six jurors and limiting each side to three hours of case presentation. Amended in the House Civil Law Committee to allow such a trial, even when the amount of damages is less than \$50,000 (the amount usually required for a jury trial) if both parties agree. A vote FOR final passage was a vote WITH LABI. Passed House 95-0-10.

**HB 472, Morris—Class Actions**—This bill requires that a class action cannot be maintained if the court would be required to look at the merits of any individual class member’s claim to determine whether or not the individual would fall within the defined class. It also requires that the plaintiff bears the burden of proof at the hearing on the motion to certify a class. A vote FOR final passage was a vote WITH LABI. Passed House 96-0-9.

**HB 589, Abramson—Latent Diseases**—This bill originally stipulated that if a defendant is granted a jury trial, that right remains with the defendant, even if the plaintiff later stipulates that his cause of action does not exceed \$50,000. A vote FOR final passage was a vote WITH LABI. Passed House 92-0-13.

**SB 117, Appel—Higher Education Accountability**—This bill would have created an Outcomes-Based Funding Task Force and, along with its companion bill, SB 118, would have utilized a national peer comparison model to reward colleges financially for performance. These bills would have injected true accountability into higher education, but Sen. Appel’s pro-reform votes in the Senate, along with end-of-session politics, caused both bills to be blocked in the House.

Louisiana’s higher education system lacks meaningful accountability and does little to recognize the varying role, scope, and missions of its 14 public universities. These bills would have created comparisons for outcomes with peer institutions in other states, ensuring performance measures that are relevant to each university and true reward and consequences for performance.

A vote FOR final passage was a vote WITH LABI. On the first vote, the bill failed 52-42-11. Upon reconsideration, the bill failed 40-60-5. The Voting Record is based on the original vote. SB 118 was not moved in the House.

# Senate Score Card

Bill	With LABI	Against LABI	Absent	Description	Bill Value	Vote Value	Adley, Robert	Alario, John A.	Allain, R. L. "Bret"	Amedee, Jody	Appel, Conrad	Broome, Sharon Weston	Brown, Troy E.	Buffington, Sherri Smith	Chabert, Norby	Claitor, Dan
<b>SB 74</b>				<b>Special Property Tax Assessments</b>	50											
	27	8	4	Final Passage		50	0	50	50	50	50	50	50	0	50	50
<b>SB 117</b>				<b>Post-Secondary Accountability</b>	30											
	26	8	5	Final Passage		30	30	A-	30	30	30	0	0	30	30	30
<b>SB 118</b>				<b>Post-Secondary Accountability</b>	30											
	27	7	5	Final Passage		30	30	A-	30	30	30	0	0	30	30	30
<b>SB 153</b>				<b>Alleged Pay Discrimination</b>	190											
	18	19	2	Final Passage		190	190	190	190	0	190	0	0	0	0	190
<b>SB 200</b>				<b>Salt Dome Moratorium</b>	80											
	20	15	4	Final Passage		40	40	40	0	40	40	40	0	40	A	40
	19	17	3	Reconsideration		40	40	40	0	40	0	0	A	40	40	40
<b>SB 206</b>				<b>School Governance</b>	30											
	22	16	1	Final Passage		30	0	30	30	30	30	0	0	0	30	30
<b>SB 259</b>				<b>Retirement Final Avg. Calculation</b>	30											
	16	20	3	Final Passage		15	0	15	15	0	15	0	0	0	0	15
	20	17	2	Reconsideration		15	0	15	15	0	15	0	0	0	15	15
<b>HB 472</b>				<b>Class Actions</b>	30											
	36	0	3	Final Passage		30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
<b>HB 589</b>				<b>Class Actions</b>	30											
	35	0	4	Final Passage		30	A-	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30

2013 Possible	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	460	500	460	500
2013 Earned		360	440	420	280	460	150	110	200	255	500			
2013 Score %		72	88	84	56	92	30	24	40	55	100			
2012-13 Possible	2096	2096	2096	2096	2096	2096	2096	2096	2096	2056	2096	2056	2096	
2012-13 Earned		1556	2036	1871	1821	1981	725	1556	1461	1671	1684			
2012-2013 Cumulative Score %		74	97	89	87	95	35	76	70	81	80			

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Bill	With LABI	Against LABI	Absent	Description	Bill Value	Vote Value	Cortez, Page	Crowe, A. G.	Donahue, Jack	Dorsey-Colomb, Yvonne	Erdey, Dale M.	Gallot, Rick	Guillory, Elbert L.	Heitmeier, David	Johns, Ronnie	Kostelka, Robert W. "Bob"
<b>SB 74</b>				<b>Special Property Tax Assessments</b>	50											
	27	8	4	Final Passage		50	50	50	50	50	50	A	A	0	0	0
<b>SB 117</b>				<b>Post-Secondary Accountability</b>	30											
	26	8	5	Final Passage		30	30	30	30	0	A-	0	30	0	30	30
<b>SB 118</b>				<b>Post-Secondary Accountability</b>	30											
	27	7	5	Final Passage		30	30	30	30	0	A-	0	30	0	30	30
<b>SB 153</b>				<b>Alleged Pay Discrimination</b>	190											
	18	19	2	Final Passage		190	190	190	190	0	190	0	A	0	190	0
<b>SB 200</b>				<b>Salt Dome Moratorium</b>	80											
	20	15	4	Final Passage		40	0	0	0	0	0	40	A	0	40	40
	19	17	3	Reconsideration		40	0	0	40	0	40	40	A	40	0	40
<b>SB 206</b>				<b>School Governance</b>	30											
	22	16	1	Final Passage		30	30	30	30	0	0	0	30	30	30	0
<b>SB 259</b>				<b>Retirement Final Avg. Calculation</b>	30											
	16	20	3	Final Passage		15	15	15	15	0	0	A-	15	0	15	0
	20	17	2	Reconsideration		15	15	15	15	0	0	0	15	0	15	0
<b>HB 472</b>				<b>Class Actions</b>	30											
	36	0	3	Final Passage		30	30	30	30	30	30	A-	A-	30	30	30
<b>HB 589</b>				<b>Class Actions</b>	30											
	35	0	4	Final Passage		30	30	30	30	30	30	30	A-	30	30	30

2013 Possible	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	450	180	500	500	500
2013 Earned		420	420	460	110	340	110	120	130	410	200		
2013 Score %		84	84	92	22	68	24	67	26	82	40		
2012-13 Possible	2096	2096	2096	2096	2096	2096	2096	2096	2046	1776	2096	2096	2096
2012-13 Earned		1921	1941	1984	445	1070	445	1661	1213	1518	1082		
2012-2013 Cumulative Score %		92	93	95	21	51	22	94	58	72	52		

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# Senate Score Card

Bill	With LABI	Against LABI	Absent	Description	Bill Value	Vote Value	LaFleur, Eric	Long, Gerald	Martiny, Daniel "Danny"	Mills, Fred H.	Morrell, Jean-Paul J.	Morrish, Dan "Blade"	Murry, Edwin R.	Nevers, Ben	Peacock, Barrow	Perry, Jonathan "J. P."
<b>SB 74</b>				<b>Special Property Tax Assessments</b>	50											
	27	8	4	Final Passage		50	50	50	50	50	50	0	50	50	50	50
<b>SB 117</b>				<b>Post-Secondary Accountability</b>	30											
	26	8	5	Final Passage		30	A-	30	30	30	A-	30	0	30	30	30
<b>SB 118</b>				<b>Post-Secondary Accountability</b>	30											
	27	7	5	Final Passage		30	A-	30	30	30	A-	30	0	30	30	30
<b>SB 153</b>				<b>Alleged Pay Discrimination</b>	190											
	18	19	2	Final Passage		190	0	190	190	0	0	190	0	0	190	190
<b>SB 200</b>				<b>Salt Dome Moratorium</b>	80											
	20	15	4	Final Passage		40	0	40	40	0	0	0	40	40	40	0
	19	17	3	Reconsideration		40	0	A	40	0	0	0	40	0	0	0
<b>SB 206</b>				<b>School Governance</b>	30											
	22	16	1	Final Passage		30	30	30	30	30	0	0	0	0	30	0
<b>SB 259</b>				<b>Retirement Final Avg. Calculation</b>	30											
	16	20	3	Final Passage		15	0	0	15	15	0	15	0	0	15	15
	20	17	2	Reconsideration		15	15	0	15	15	0	15	0	A-	15	15
<b>HB 472</b>				<b>Class Actions</b>	30											
	36	0	3	Final Passage		30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
<b>HB 589</b>				<b>Class Actions</b>	30											
	35	0	4	Final Passage		30	30	30	30	30	A-	30	30	30	30	30

2013 Possible 500 500 460 500 500 500 500 500 500 500 500 500

2013 Earned 155 430 500 230 80 340 190 210 460 390

2013 Score % 31 93 100 46 16 68 38 42 92 78

2012-13 Possible 2096 2096 2056 2096 2096 2096 2096 2096 2096 2096

2012-13 Earned 706 1746 2001 1180 736 1400 525 758 2056 1350

2012-2013 Cumulative Score % 34 85 95 56 35 67 25 36 98 64

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# Senate Score Card

Bill	With LABI	Against LABI	Absent	Description	Bill Value	Vote Value	Peterson, Karen Carter	Riser, Neil	Smith, Gary	Smith, John R.	Tarver, Gregory	Thompson, Francis	Walsworth, Mike	Ward, Rick	White, Mack "Bodi"
<b>SB 74</b>				<b>Special Property Tax Assessments</b>	50										
	27	8	4	Final Passage		50	50	50	50	A	0	0	50	A	50
<b>SB 117</b>				<b>Post-Secondary Accountability</b>	30										
	26	8	5	Final Passage		30	0	30	30	A	0	30	30	30	30
<b>SB 118</b>				<b>Post-Secondary Accountability</b>	30										
	27	7	5	Final Passage		30	0	30	30	A	30	30	30	30	30
<b>SB 153</b>				<b>Alleged Pay Discrimination</b>	190										
	18	19	2	Final Passage		190	0	190	0	A	0	0	190	0	190
<b>SB 200</b>				<b>Salt Dome Moratorium</b>	80										
	20	15	4	Final Passage		40	0	40	40	A	40	40	40	0	A
	19	17	3	Reconsideration		40	0	40	40	40	40	0	40	0	40
<b>SB 206</b>				<b>School Governance</b>	30										
	22	16	1	Final Passage		30	0	30	30	A	0	0	30	30	30
<b>SB 259</b>				<b>Retirement Final Avg. Calculation</b>	30										
	16	20	3	Final Passage		15	0	0	15	A	0	0	15	A-	0
	20	17	2	Reconsideration		15	0	15	15	A	0	0	15	0	15
<b>HB 472</b>				<b>Class Actions</b>	30										
	36	0	3	Final Passage		30	30	30	30	30	A-	30	30	30	30
<b>HB 589</b>				<b>Class Actions</b>	30										
	35	0	4	Final Passage		30	30	30	30	A-	30	30	30	30	30

2013 Possible	500	500	500	500	100	500	500	500	450	460
2013 Earned		110	485	310	70	140	160	500	150	445
<b>2013 Score %</b>		<b>22</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>97</b>
2012-13 Possible	2096	2096	2096	2096	1696	2096	2096	2096	2046	2056
2012-13 Earned		390	1856	1351	885	1396	1076	2044	1269	1959
<b>2012-2013 Cumulative Score %</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>95</b>

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# Senate Ranking

Representative	2013 Score	2012-2013 Cumulative Score
Sen. Daniel A. Claitor (R)	100%	80%
Sen. Daniel R. Martiny (R)	100%	95%
Sen. Mike A. Walsworth (R)	100%	98%
Sen. Neil H. Riser (R)	97%	89%
Sen. Mack "Bodi" White (R)	97%	95%
Sen. Gerald Long (R)	93%	85%
Sen. Conrad Appel (R)	92%	95%
Sen. Jack Donahue (R)	92%	95%
Sen. Barrow Peacock (R)	92%	98%
Sen. John A. Alario Jr. (R)	88%	97%
Sen. Robert "Bret" Allain II (R)	84%	89%
Sen. Patrick Page Cortez (R)	84%	92%
Sen. A.G. Crowe (R)	84%	93%
Sen. Ronnie (Ronnie) Johns (R)	82%	72%
Sen. Jonathan R. Perry (R)	78%	64%
Sen. Robert R. Adley (R)	72%	74%
Sen. Gary L. Smith Jr. (D)	70%	52%
Sen. Dale M. Erdey (R)	68%	51%
Sen. Dan "Blade" Morrish (R)	68%	67%
Sen. Elbert L. Guillory (R)	67%	94%
Sen. John R. Smith (R)	62%	64%
Sen. Lee "Jody" Amedee III (R)	56%	87%
Sen. Nobert (Norby) Chabert (R)	55%	81%
Sen. Fred H. Mills Jr. (R)	46%	56%
Sen. Ben W. Nevers Sr. (D)	42%	36%
Sen. Sherri Smith Buffington (R)	40%	70%
Sen. Robert W. Kostelka (R)	40%	52%
Sen. Edwin R. Murray (D)	38%	25%
Sen. Rick Ward III (R)	33%	62%
Sen. Francis C. Thompson (D)	32%	51%
Sen. Eric LaFleur (D)	31%	34%
Sen. Sharon Weston Broome (D)	30%	35%
Sen. Gregory Tarver (D)	28%	67%
Sen. David Heitmeier (D)	26%	58%
Sen. Troy E. Brown (D)	24%	76%
Sen. Rick Gallot (D)	24%	22%
Sen. Yvonne Dorsey-Colomb (D)	22%	21%
Sen. Karen Carter Peterson (D)	22%	19%
Sen. Jean-Paul Morrell (D)	16%	35%

# Senate Votes

**SB 74, Johns—Business Property Tax, Special Level Assessments/Removal of Income Test**—Under current law, seniors and certain veterans and disabled individuals may be granted special level property tax assessments (“freezes”), provided their income does not exceed about \$70,000 (2013) of adjusted gross income. This constitutional amendment would have expanded these property tax “freezes” by removing the income restriction entirely, thereby granting the property tax freezes regardless of income and including those homeowners not even on fixed incomes. Our homestead exemption and special assessment freezes are already among the most generous in the country. About 40% of all homeowners statewide still pay zero property tax. A significant number of homesteads already benefit from frozen assessments — as high as 30% in one parish. Freezing these assessments is not a “true” tax break, because the property taxes from these homeowners will be shifted to businesses, renters, and all other homeowners whose property taxes increase year after year.

Following debate on this bill, Sen. Johns moved for final passage. A vote of two-thirds of the Senate (26 senators) would have been required for the Senate to finally pass the bill. A vote AGAINST final passage was a vote WITH LABI. The motion failed by a vote of 8-27-4, with 26 votes needed for final passage.

**SB 117 and SB 118, Appel—Higher Education Accountability**—SB 117 would have created an Outcomes-Based Funding Task Force and, along with its companion bill, SB 118, also by Sen. Appel, would have utilized a national peer comparison model to reward colleges financially for performance. These bills would have injected true accountability into higher education, but Sen. Appel’s pro-reform votes in the Senate, along with end-of-session politics, caused both bills to be blocked in the House.

Louisiana’s higher education system lacks meaningful accountability and does little to recognize the varying role, scope, and missions of its 14 public universities. These bills would have created comparisons for outcomes with peer institutions in other states, ensuring performance measures that are relevant to each university and true reward and consequences for performance. A vote FOR final passage on SB 117 was a vote WITH LABI. The bill passed 26-8-5. A vote FOR final passage on SB 118 was a vote WITH LABI. The bill passed 27-7-5.

**SB 153, Murray—Alleged Pay Discrimination**—This bill would have exposed employers to lawsuits by disgruntled employees who allege they were paid less “for the same or substantially similar work” than their co-workers of the opposite sex because of gender. Federal and state laws already exist that provide remedies for such discrimination, but this bill would have established a new cause of action, increasing the number of lawsuits against Louisiana employers.

The bill’s proponents promoted it as “equal pay for women” legislation, but this was merely a sales pitch since there are laws currently on the books that permit individuals of either sex who have been subjected to true pay discrimination to obtain redress. The creation of a new cause of action to allow unhappy employees to sue their employers would only burden the courts and increase the cost of doing business in Louisiana. Were this bill enacted, employers with perfectly sound reasons for their pay differentials could have been dragged into court to prove it, incurring costs of time, effort and legal fees spent in defending themselves.

Enactment of the bill would also have had an adverse impact on Louisiana's economic development. It would have discouraged business investment in the state. Businesses are very sensitive to laws governing the management of their workforces—especially laws regarding pay scales—because these laws substantially impact their bottom lines. Businesses tend not to locate or remain in states where their employees have more opportunities to sue them. The states of Alabama, Mississippi and Texas do not have such a law.

A vote AGAINST final passage was a vote WITH LABI. The bill failed, 19 – 18 – 2, as it did not garner the 20 votes required for final passage. The bill was brought up later on reconsideration, at which time it was amended to apply only to state employees. LABI had no position on the amendment and no position on the bill once it was amended in this manner. As amended, the bill passed the Senate and eventually the House.

**SB 200, Mills—Salt Domes**—This bill originally would have prohibited the issuance of permits to construct or operate salt dome caverns until certain conditions are met; as amended would prohibit permits for new caverns if underlying a state-owned water bottom that had previously failed due to man-made causes; would exempt SPR and LOOP; as further amended on reconsideration, would have also imposed a 5-year moratorium on permits and would have applied the provisions to parishes within the coastal zone, west of the Atchafalaya, and with a population of 100,000 or less. A vote AGAINST final passage was a vote WITH LABI. Failed, 15-29-4, on May 7, 2013. A vote AGAINST final passage on reconsideration was a vote WITH LABI. Failed, 17-19-3, on May 21, 2013.

**SB 206, LaFleur—School Governance**—This bill would have allowed principals in high performing schools to have increased authority regarding personnel and budgeting. This earned autonomy governance model would allow school leaders to actually select their staffs and manage their budgets, operating somewhat like charter schools, rather than as a central office down model.

Though it would appear to just be common sense for school leaders, who are held accountable for school performance, to have control over their teams and budgets, in the real world of education bureaucracy, that's not how it works. The central office determines staffing models and school finances in most districts, and student learning needs are often relegated behind adult needs in priority pecking orders. After a fiery Senate floor debate led by Sen. LaFleur, the Senate passed SB 206. Unfortunately, the education bureaucracy lobby, specifically school board lobbyists funded primarily by Louisiana citizens' tax dollars (most local school boards pay dues to the state association), stopped the bill in the House Education Committee. A vote FOR final passage was a vote WITH LABI. The bill passed 22-16-1.

**SB 259, Peacock—Retirement Final Average Calculation**—This bill was a LABI-supported retirement reform bill that only applied to new hires and only focused on Louisiana Firefighters. The Firefighters Retirement System is one of the last remaining systems not utilizing a 60-month final average calculation (FAC) for new hires. This approach would have saved taxpayers who contribute the firefighter's retirement over \$4.2 million dollars in the first five years.

Following the Senate floor debate on this bill, Sen. Peacock moved for final passage. A majority vote of the Senate (20 senators) would have been required for the Senate to finally pass the bill. A vote FOR final passage was a vote WITH LABI. The motion failed by a vote of 16-20-3. The next day Sen. Peacock made a motion to

reconsider SB 259 on the Senate floor. During his second attempt Sen. Cortez and Sen. Guillory took the Senate floor microphone and spoke in support of the bill.

A vote FOR final passage was a vote WITH LABI. The reconsideration motion passed by a vote of 20-17-2. The retirement reform bill eventually lost its momentum when it failed to received enough votes to pass the House retirement committee with a vote of 3-4-5.

**HB 472, Jay Morris—Class Actions**—This bill requires that a class action cannot be maintained if the court would be required to look at the merits of any individual class member’s claim to determine whether or not the individual would fall within the defined class. It also requires that the plaintiff bears the burden of proof at the hearing on the motion to certify a class. A vote FOR final passage was a vote WITH LABI. Passed Senate 36-0-3.

**HB 589, Abramson—Latent Diseases**—This bill stipulates that if a defendant is granted a jury trial, that right remains with the defendant, even if the plaintiff later stipulates that his cause of action does not exceed \$50,000. A vote FOR final passage was a vote WITH LABI. Passed Senate 35-0-4.