



2012 Session Wrap-up

Letter from President

The 2012 legislative session was quite remarkable. Historic education reforms passed in spite of strong opposition from education unions, local school boards, and advocates of the status quo in education. Bills that provided more choice for parents, reformed tenure, and vested more administrative power in superintendents cleared all legislative hurdles and were signed into law by Governor Jindal. LABI is proud of the significant role it played in the passage of these bills.

LABI also worked hard to enact a meaningful reform of the workers compensation law—also in spite of fierce opposition—in this case from organized labor and some plaintiff attorneys. The reform will level the playing field between claimants and businesses when cases go before the administrative law judges and appellate courts. The law will also allow employers to continue to pay benefits to workers while contesting claims, thereby avoiding costly non-payment penalties.

Some progress was also made in the area of state retirement reform during the session—but not nearly enough. A new hybrid system for new hires was created that could help limit escalating costs in the future. Unfortunately, state government is still saddled with over \$18 billion in unfunded accrued liability exposure in our state systems.

Now that the session has concluded, the education and retirement reforms face challenges in the courts by their adversaries. Hopefully those challenges will fail and the progress that was made will be allowed to go forward.

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Key to Bill Disposition

<i>Died</i>	No deciding vote was cast.
<i>Killed</i>	Defeated by vote or procedural move.
<i>Not Moved</i>	Author never made attempt to move bill.
<i>Withdrawn</i>	Author removed bill from files of the respective body at any stage in the process.
<i>Act</i>	A law or statute passed as a bill by both houses of the Legislature and signed by the governor, or allowed to become law without his signature, or approved by both houses after a gubernatorial veto.
<i>HB - SB</i>	House or Senate Bill - a proposal to amend, delete or add to existing law. Must pass both houses.
<i>HCR - SCR</i>	House or Senate Concurrent Resolution. Must be adopted by both houses. A suspension resolution is the only concurrent resolution which has the effect of law.
<i>HR - SR</i>	House or Senate Resolution. Voted on only in the house in which introduced. Does not have the force of law.
<i>HSR - SSR</i>	House or Senate Study Resolution. Voted on only in the house in which introduced. Does not have the force of law.
<i>Effective Date</i>	Varies with each Act. Most bills passed during the Regular Session were effective August 1, 2012, unless the bill specifically provided otherwise. Consult your attorney for specific application.

Note: Bill text and history may be found on the legislative Web site at www.legis.state.la.us.

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Civil Justice Reform

There were a couple of bright spots this legislative session of which the business community was especially proud. One was the House Civil Law and Procedure Committee and the way the committee conducted its business in an orderly and thoughtful fashion, and the fact that the group killed several bills which would have been extremely harmful to the business community. LABI's staff and volunteers were ready for defensive battles, as has been the rule rather than the exception in recent years. Punitive damages, paving an easier way for whistleblowers, and damage to our prescriptive period laws were among the harmful issues stopped.

While hopes ran high early on that Louisiana's highest-in-the-country jury trial threshold would be lowered or even eliminated, other issues and politics moved that issue lower on the agenda than was desired. In fact, it did not take long for it to be off the radar screen entirely, disappointing a large contingent of businesses.

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Jury Trial Threshold

HB 343, Ligi – Would have lowered the amount required from \$50,000 to \$5,000 for the choice of a jury trial in tort cases. Lowering the jury trial threshold would have provided more Louisiana citizens with the right to a trial by jury. An amendment changing the threshold amount to \$15,000 was adopted without objection in House committee before the bill was voluntarily deferred. *(Killed in House committee.)*

Asbestos and Other Latent Disease Claims

HB 477, Abramson – Would have helped reduce double-dipping in such cases by requiring the plaintiff to disclose before trial any existing or potential claims against a trust or fund established to compensate true victims for personal injury. *(Passed House; killed in Senate committee.)*

Class Action Suits

HB 12, Abramson – Will help save time and money in the trying of class action suits by allowing any party to ask for a pretrial hearing on expert witness testimony or evidence. *(Act 115; effective 8/1/12.)*

Opposed by LABI

Punitive Damages

HB 920, Johnson – Would have partially obliterated a major tort reform of 1996 by allowing punitive damages for environmental harm arising from a disregard for standards promulgated by state agencies. *(Not moved.)*

Jury Trial Threshold

HB 417, James – Would have raised the amount required for the choice of a jury trial in tort cases from \$50,000 to \$75,000. Increasing the threshold would have deprived even more Louisiana citizens of the right to a trial by jury. *(Died in House committee.)*

Qui Tam

HB 501, Leger – Would have subjected businesses conducting financial transactions with state entities to being dragged into court by so-called bounty hunters and whistleblowers. Such legislation would have allowed any public citizen, including disgruntled employees, customers and competitors, to sue on behalf of themselves and the state. Vendors who provide goods and services for the state would have been under the constant threat of litigation and the accompanying expenses as a result of retaliation. *(Killed in House committee.)*

Prescription/Class Action

HB 434, Connick – Would have weakened Louisiana's class action and prescription laws by allowing a plaintiff to use two methods of filing regarding the same allegation. The bill would have allowed a plaintiff protected by suspension of prescription in a class action suit to leave the suit, file separately on his own, and carry the luxury of suspension with him. *(Killed in House committee.)*

Joint and Several Liability

HB 404, Edwards – Could have created additional liability exposure for owners of commercial vehicles. The bill would have created liability strictly by virtue of someone or some company owning a vehicle, leading to a return to joint liability. Although amended on the floor, commercial vehicle owners still would have been exposed to a greater liability than currently exists. *(Killed on House floor.)*

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Education and Workforce Development

The 2012 Regular Legislative Session will in large part be remembered for making historic changes to how education is delivered in Louisiana. Legislation made education policy student-centered, with a razor-like focus. The governor's successful education package addressed reforms to teacher tenure; school board reform through the transfer of administrative powers from local school boards to superintendents; statewide expansion of school choice; creation of local authorizers to open charter schools; and other reforms that LABI and other education reform groups have been seeking for decades.

The governor's office and a united, dedicated team of pro-education reform organizations and individuals faced an onslaught of opposition from teachers' unions, education bureaucrats, and other defenders of the status quo. But, at the end of the day, a majority of legislators voted for children, families, and equal access to quality educational opportunities for every child that are not dependent upon the family's income or zip code.

As implementation begins, lawsuits have already been filed against the legislation. It begs the question: where was the outrage over the past decades when hundreds of thousands of children were doomed to attend poor or failing schools? Apparently, the potential loss of funding to a SYSTEM that often serves few children well is more important to some than the loss of generations of human potential and opportunity, and the growth of our state and improvement of the quality of life of all of our citizens.

Please remember this as recall petitions are being circulated and bad press is being invented. We have to make a choice—are adults or children the priority in education? The Legislature clearly stated that children are, and we are grateful. Their courageous votes in the face of ongoing threats and intimidation deserve our thanks and respect. We are especially grateful to Rep. Steve Carter (R-Baton Rouge) and Sen. Conrad Appel (R-Metairie), who authored the reform legislation and carried it with skill, diplomacy, and perseverance.

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Alternative Education

HBs 312, 1136, and 1209, Richard – Permits school systems to retain supervision of suspended or expelled students using alternative education programs. Components of HBs 312 and 1136 were merged and introduced via HB 1209, a substitute for HB 312. *(HB 312 reported by substitute; became HB 1209. HB 1136 not moved. HB 1209 becomes Act 831; effective 6/14/12.)*

SB 156, Murray – Provides for individualized academic plans for children committed to detention facilities through the Department of Public Safety and Corrections. *(Act 629; effective 6/7/12.)*

Early Childhood Education

HB 933, Carter and SB 581, Appel – Aligns early childhood education programs and funding streams, sets standards and expectations, and creates an early childhood education accountability program. Along with HBs 974 and 976, this bill was part of the governor’s transformational education package. *(HB 933 died on House floor. SB 581 becomes Act 3; effective 4/18/12.)*

Higher Education

SB 103, Nevers – Limits the number of hours required to earn a baccalaureate degree. This bill resulted from recommendations issued by the 2011 Higher Education Governance Commission. *(Act 622; effective 8/1/12.)*

SB 104, Nevers – Provides relative to postsecondary education articulation and transfer requirements. This is another bill resulting from the Governance Commission’s final recommendations. *(Act 623; effective 6/7/12.)*

Pro-taxpayer Initiatives

HB 88, Hensgens and HB 1023, Seabaugh – Would have prohibited payroll deductions for membership dues for organizations that engage in political activity. *(Both died in House Committee.)*

School Board Term Limits

HB 292, Pugh – Calls for local option elections on November 6, 2012 for voters to determine if their local school board members should be subject to term limits. (BESE and the Legislature already have term limits.) The bill is prospective, so term limits would not become effective until the beginning of the next term. The limit would be three 4-year terms for a total of 12 years of consecutive service. School board term limits have been an integral component of LABI’s initiative to reform operations at local school districts to refocus priorities on student achievement. *See also* HB 974 under Tenure below. *(Act 386; effective 5/31/12.)*

School Choice

HB 895, Nancy Landry – Would have created the School Choice Scholarship Program for parents who meet income and certain other requirements. *(Died in House committee.)*

HB 911, Foil – Extends the School Choice Pilot Program for Certain Students with Exceptionalities beyond its initial 2-year pilot status. *(Act 424; effective 8/1/12.)*

HB 976, Carter and SB 597, Appel – Expands the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program statewide for parents and students who meet certain income and other criteria. Scholarships could also be used for individual approved courses and, for early high school graduates; it could help pay for the first year of post-secondary education

or training. It also establishes a parent trigger mechanism to move a failing school into the Recovery School District one year ahead of schedule. Further, it provides for changes to the charter school law to create a new, third-party authorizer and to allow proven, quality providers to fast track the opening of new charter schools.

A cornerstone of the governor's package, HB 976 expands choices and opportunities for students at unprecedented levels, and makes history by utilizing a funding formula where the dollar follows the child instead of merely sustaining jobs and a system that exists whether it performs well or not. *(HB 976 becomes Act 2; effective 8/1/12. SB 597 died in Senate committee.)*

School Choice/Tax Rebate

HB 969, Talbot and SB 697, Walsworth – Authorizes a tax rebate for individuals and corporations that contribute to certain nonprofit school tuition scholarship organizations. *(HB 969 becomes Act 25; effective 1/1/13. SB 697 died in Senate committee.)*

School Employee Extended Leave

HB 192, Richard; HB 944, Harrison; HB 262, Hoffmann; and SB 494, Appel – Revises the mandatory provisions of local school districts allowing school employees to take extended sick leave and sabbaticals. *(HB 192 killed in House committee. HB 262 and HB 944 died in House committee. SB 494 becomes Act 788; effective 6/13/12.)*

Tenure

HB 293, Harrison and HB 716, Henry – Repeals the awarding of tenure for school bus drivers that are hired on or after July 1, 2012. Education reform supporters scored another significant victory with the passage of HB 293. Louisiana is the only state that awarded tenure to bus drivers and had done so since 1944. This benefit for part-time employees did nothing to advance student achievement; was costly to struggling school districts; and reduced flexibility for local school systems to determine pay and working conditions, or to contract with private providers to deliver transportation services that could potentially provide substantial cost savings. *(HB 293 becomes Act 704; effective 6/11/12. HB 716 died in House committee.)*

HB 632, Carter – Would have provided for an outright repeal of teacher tenure for teachers hired on or after July 1, 2012. *(Not moved.)*

HB 974, Carter and SB 603, Appel – Provides for local governance and teacher tenure reform. Part of the governor's package, this bill represents a major shift in the focus of delivering education, moving from a system designed to meet the needs of adults to one focused on student needs. This bill links teacher performance to tenure; shifts some school district operational responsibilities from the local school board to the local superintendent; and ends the "Last In, First Out" policy for reduction in force actions. *(HB 974 becomes Act 1; effective 7/1/12. SB 603 died on Senate floor.)*

Opposed by LABI

Accountability/High Stakes Testing

HB 834, Norton – Would have eliminated the state testing program in public schools: LEAP, iLEAP, end of course (EOC) testing, as well as the Graduation Exit Exam (GEE). *(Killed in House committee.)*

HB 901, Smith – Would have allowed parents of public school students to opt out of taking certain state tests. *(Killed in House committee.)*

SB 584, Peterson – Would have revised the letter grade for schools provision of the state accountability program. *(Killed in Senate committee.)*

School Choice

HB 653, Alfred Williams – Would have required that nonpublic schools that participate in the school choice scholarship program administer state tests to all of the students at the school, not just the students who attend on a scholarship. *(Died in House committee.)*

HB 833, Norton – Would have mandated that any school that has students transported by bus be dismissed by noon on days when the temperature is 100 degrees or higher. LABI opposed the bill because it contained a specific mandate that, if the bill passed, charter schools would be forced to comply, which would have impinged on their autonomy. *(Killed in House committee.)*

SBs 179 and 180, Nevers – Would have created the Louisiana Parental School Choice Information Act (SB 179) and the Louisiana School Choice Accountability Act (SB 180), which would have put onerous regulations on expansions of scholarships in the state. *(Both died in Senate committee.)*

SB 445, Peterson – Would have prohibited charter school agreements from allowing a charter school to operate a portion of an existing high school. This would stop providers from being able to phase in grades and generally interferes with the autonomy of charter schools. *(Killed in Senate committee.)*

Tenure

HB 879, Jones – Would have restructured teacher tenure, creating an even more onerous appeals process than currently exists by including mandatory binding arbitration. *(Killed in House committee.)*

Value-Added Teacher Evaluation

HB 100, Edwards – Would have required that the House and Senate Education Committees approve the value-added teacher evaluation model prior to full implementation. LABI opposed this effort to delay teacher evaluations that will be based in part (50%) on student academic growth. *(Killed in House committee.)*

HB 1172, Alfred Williams and SB 650, Nevers – Would have required that teachers be evaluated using multiple indicators and data sources, effectively killing the value-added assessment model. *(HB 1172 died in House committee. SB 650 killed in Senate committee.)*

SB 131, LaFleur – Would have delayed for one-year implementation of the value-added assessment model. *(Died in Senate committee.)*

SB 654, Mills – Would have required that parental involvement be a factor in determining a teacher’s effectiveness using the value-added teacher assessment model. *(Killed in Senate committee.)*

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Employee Relations

It was the belief of LABI's Employee Relations Council that a new legislative term presented an opportunity this session to promote improvements to Louisiana's unemployment compensation (UC) and workers compensation (WC) systems. A number of bills sponsored by LABI or sponsored by the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC) and supported by LABI were enacted this session to help reduce friction and costs within those systems.

Also, while bills to regulate employment are routinely introduced each session, this year saw fewer such bills. Nevertheless, both houses were still called upon to stop some anti-employer measures. For example, as in past sessions, Rep. Barbara Norton (D-Shreveport) brought a bill to create a new cause of action in cases of alleged pay discrimination based on gender. Her bill was again defeated in House committee. Rep. Walt Leger (D-New Orleans) had two bills that would have expanded employer exposure to lawsuits for alleged retaliation over employee claims of discrimination or law violations. They were defeated on the House and Senate floors.

Yet, most of the Council's energies were invested in passage of a LABI-sponsored bill to reduce litigation in Louisiana's WC system. There is more litigation in our system than exists in other states, and the result is one of the costliest systems in the country. The driving force behind many WC suits is the opportunity for plaintiff lawyers to extract thousands of dollars in penalties from insurers for errors and good faith disputes. Such suits substantially increase WC costs to insurers and ultimately to the employers who pay the premiums. SB 763 by Sens. Jack Donahue (R-Mandeville) and Eric LaFleur (D-Ville Platte) significantly changes the game by leveling the playing field for employers in WC litigation and removing the lure of easy money from unwarranted penalties and attorney fees.

The Employee Relations Council urges all LABI members to contact and thank those legislators who authored bills supported by the organization. Such encouragement helps to elicit their continued effort on our behalf in the future.

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Collective Bargaining

HB 89, Ligi – Requires a state or local governmental agency to post on the agency's Internet website a proposed collective bargaining contract five days prior to a vote on its adoption in order to allow public input to agency officials regarding the agreement. (*Act 168; effective 8/1/12.*)

Sick Leave

SB 521, Johns – Prohibits local governments from enacting laws that mandate the number of vacation or sick leave days employers must provide their workers. (*Act 667; effective 8/1/12.*)

Unemployment Compensation

HB 188, Broadwater – Disqualifies employees of staffing firms from receiving UC benefits whenever they fail to report for reassignment after completing their last assignment. *(Act 381; effective 8/1/12.)*

HB 534, Alfred Williams – Provides for the suspension of recreational hunting and fishing licenses to persons who fail to meet their repayment obligations for overpaid UC benefits. *(Act 263; effective 8/1/12.)*

SB 676 (substituted for SB 437), Crowe – Enhances the LWC’s ability to recover overpaid UC benefits by strengthening requirements for employer reporting of employee separation information, restricting agency waivers of overpayment recovery, and increasing the prescription on repayment obligations from five to 10 years. *(Act 344; effective 8/1/12.)*

Workers Compensation

HB 298, Broadwater – Expedites injured workers’ return to work by allowing vocational rehabilitation counselors to electronically send those workers summaries of visits with their physicians concerning medical evaluations, work restrictions or modifications, and job opportunities. *(Act 76; effective 8/1/12.)*

HB 301 (Constitutional Amendment), Broadwater – Would have provided that WC judges be in classified service until completion of a 5-year term, at which time they would become unclassified unless reappointed for another 5-year term. *(Died on House floor.)*

HB 360, Broadwater – Would have established a reemployment and training fund to assist qualified injured workers in their return to work. It would have been funded from penalties awarded against insurers and self-insureds under the WC law. *(Died in House committee.)*

HB 885, Ligi and SB 613, Cortez – Would have created an administrative procedure for resolving errors and disputes over the calculation of claimants’ wage loss benefits without having to go to court and would also have established a procedure for physician approval of jobs identified by vocational rehabilitation counselors in order to expedite injured workers’ return to work. *(HB 885 not moved. SB 613 killed in Senate committee.)*

HB 959, Ligi and SB 763 (substituted for SB 560), Donahue – Clarifies that the courts are to construe Louisiana’s WC laws as written by the Legislature, not favoring any party over another; creates an administrative procedure for resolving errors and disputes about the calculation of claimants’ wage loss benefits, eliminating the almost routine assessment of thousands of dollars in penalties and attorney fees in such cases; allows insurers to continue paying benefits while disputing their obligation to do so, again eliminating the almost routine assessment of thousands of dollars in penalties and attorney fees; and increases benefits in cases of severe injury or death. *(HB 959 not moved. SB 763 becomes Act 860; effective 8/1/12.)*

SB 367, Riser – Provides that independent medical examiners may be appointed by the WC director in order to determine an injured worker’s capacity to work and also recognizes a payor’s right to employ a utilization review company to examine medical records to determine whether medical necessity exists for non-emergency diagnostic testing and medical treatment. *(Act 235; effective 8/1/12.)*

Opposed by LABI

Alleged Employer Retaliation

HB 364, Leger – Would have expanded whistleblower rights to sue an employer for alleged retaliation over an employee’s allegation that the employer may be guilty of violating a law. Current law restricts the application of this statute to state laws only and requires that there actually be a violation of state law rather than the mere belief by an employee that a law was broken. *(Killed on House floor.)*

HB 637, Leger – Would have allowed a suit over alleged retaliation by an employer because of a claim of discrimination to also include that employer’s employees, customers and clients, and it would have expanded what constituted such discrimination. *(Killed on Senate floor.)*

Alleged Wage Discrimination

HB 573, Norton and SB 189, Dorsey-Colomb – Would have exposed employers to lawsuits by disgruntled employees who allege that they were paid less “for the same or substantially similar work” than their co-workers of the opposite sex. These bills would have created a state cause of action, increasing the number of lawsuits filed against Louisiana employers and making the state less attractive for business growth and investment. *(HB 573 killed in House committee. SB 189 not moved.)*

Workers Compensation

HB 572, Katrina Jackson and SB 440, Morrell – Would have required vocational rehabilitation counselors to verify job descriptions and job availability by their signature, which would have resulted in restricting their job searches and exposing them to lawsuits. *(HB 572 killed in House committee. SB 440 not moved.)*

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Energy

As reported in the Wrap Up of the 2011 legislative session, an attempt to limit legacy lawsuit litigation and to speed up remediation of potentially contaminated oilfield sites was killed after a lengthy hearing in the House Natural Resources Committee. HCR 167 was later adopted, calling for a study by the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) that would include information on timely remediation of legacy and orphan exploration and production sites, similar activities in other states, and protection of the rights of landowners and operators in legal actions.

Resolution of this continuing and growing problem continued to be a high priority for LABI throughout the remainder of 2011 and into 2012, with months of pre-session discussions between various interested parties. Negotiations revolved around competing technical and legal solutions offered by landowners, the oil and gas industry, and the general business community.

A host of bills was introduced in 2012, with each bill attempting to resolve the problems using differing and often conflicting approaches. Other bills were filed as diversions from the goal.

Finally, after seeking resolution for almost a year, the parties reached a compromise with the assistance of the administration and key legislative leaders. The two-bill package offers the oil and gas companies involved an opportunity to admit responsibility for the regulatory cleanup and move the 200+ lawsuits through the process.

HB 618 creates two new Code of Civil Procedure articles. The first (Article 1552) calls for the creation of an environmental management order through the court, which authorizes all parties to access property allegedly impacted and to perform inspections and environmental testing. All results must be submitted to all parties and DNR within 30 days of receiving the order. The second (Article 1563) allows for the limited admission of liability in environmental damage lawsuits, specifically to admit responsibility for implementing the most feasible remediation plan. Further, following the limited admission, the court will refer the matter to DNR to conduct a public hearing to approve or structure a plan which the department has determined to be the most feasible plan, and that plan will be admissible to the court as evidence in any action. Article 1563 also provides that the party making the limited admission must deposit an initial payment of \$100,000 to DNR to cover the cost of the department's actions on the plan. NOTE: The provisions do not apply to any case in which the court on or before May 15, 2012 has issued or signed an order setting the case for trial.

The second of the reform bills, SB 555, adds provisions to Act 312 of 2006 by amending R.S. 30:29 to set up the structure for discovery, structuring and approval of a feasible plan for remediation of oilfield sites and exploration and production sites in line with the provisions of HB 618. It creates a preliminary hearing mechanism that will require plaintiffs to show proof of contamination before moving forward. Prescription would be suspended for a year if a landowner files a notice of intent to investigate rather than filing the suit.

It is evident that Act 312 of 2006 didn't work as envisioned by its authors. All the parties have hopes that this year's effort will turn the tide.

On the fiscal side, of continued concern was the raiding of statutorily dedicated funds that are created and funded by fees paid to accomplish specific regulatory purposes. While these “one-time” dollars continued to be used to balance the budget, the Legislature has become more and more aware of the “fund sweep,” and many lawmakers were less inclined to take these revenues that fund departments which receive nothing from the state general fund.

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Legacy Lawsuit Reform

HB 618, Abramson – Creates a Code of Civil Procedure article, which establishes an environmental management order to allow for environmental testing. A second new CCP article allows for the limited admission of liability in environmental damage lawsuits, specifically to admit responsibility for implementing the most feasible remediation plan. *(Act 754; effective 8/1/12.)*

SB 555, Adley – Revises Act 312 of 2006 (R.S. 30:29) to set up the procedure for discovery, structuring and approval of a feasible plan for remediation of oilfield sites and exploration and production sites. *(Act 779; effective 8/1/12.)*

Ultra-Deep Drilling Units

HB 504, Dove and SB 469, Morrish – Creates an additional method for establishing units on leased lands for the sharing of operational costs for ultra-deep drilling exceeding 22,000 feet in depth. As amended, also includes provisions of SB 505, which provides for non-consent, risk charges and royalty payments. *(HB 504 becomes Act 743; effective 8/1/12. SB 469 not moved.)*

Landowner Notice

SB 525, Allain – Requires 30-day notice to landowners affected by drilling operations. The commissioner of conservation will promulgate the rules for notice. *(Act 795; effective 8/1/12.)*

Hydraulic Fracturing

HB 957, Edwards – Requires the commissioner of conservation to promulgate rules for operators to provide disclosure of composition of hydraulic-fracturing fluids, including that the disclosure must be made within 20 days of well completion. *(Act 812; effective 8/1/12.)*

Opposed by LABI

Subsequent Purchaser

HB 862, Lambert – Would have prospectively and retroactively allowed landowners to sue for non-apparent environmental damages; would have overturned two leading cases on the issue, *Eagle Pipe* and *Prados*. (*Died in House committee.*)

Contract Abrogation

HB 235, Harrison; HB 388, Johnson; and SB 240, Murray – Would have in varying ways prohibited indemnification for environmental damage and declared mineral lease indemnification agreements null and void. (*None moved.*)

Statutory Trust Funds

HB 822, Fannin – Transfers various funds into either the Louisiana Medical Assistance Trust Fund, Overcollections Fund or the State General Fund, including several energy-related statutorily dedicated funds. (*Act 597; effective 6/ 7/12.*)

Surface Agreements

HBs 853 and 1037, Montoucet – Would have required a lessee of a mineral owner to also negotiate and enter into a surface-use and compensation agreement with the surface owner; would have also imposed bonding requirements and imposed onerous remediation standards. (*HB 853 not moved. HB 1037 died in House committee.*)

Punitive Damages

HB 920, Johnson – Would have partially obliterated a major tort reform of 1996 by allowing punitive damages for environmental harm arising from a disregard for standards promulgated by state agencies. (*Not moved.*)

Groundwater Permits

SB 532, Mills – Would have prohibited the commissioner of conservation from issuing class II hydrocarbon storage well permits or class III brine extraction well permits if those facilities were to use in excess of two million gallons of drinking water per day without requiring the applicant to provide specific environmental impact statements. (*Killed in Senate committees.*)

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Governmental Reform

In the area of governmental reform, LABI believes that honest, fair and responsible government is key to the enforcement of state laws and policies. The governor's administration supported numerous retirement reform measures this session in an attempt to address escalating public employee retirement costs and an \$18.5 BILLION unfunded accrued liability (UAL) in the state's retirement systems. There were unsuccessful attempts to increase the employee contribution rate, the retirement age and the number of years used to calculate retiree compensation. However, a bill to place new hires under a hybrid cash-balance plan did survive and was signed into law.

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Retirement

HB 61, Pearson and SB 53, Guillory – Creates a cash-balance plan for new hires and combines the best features of defined-benefit and defined-contribution plans. The plan provides a benefit directly tied to market returns while protecting employees from market downturns. In the profitable years, the employee shares in investment gains. In the bad years, the employee experiences no investment losses. The state system holds back one percent of investment gains to build a buffer when absorbing investment losses rather than passing them along to employees. The cash-balance benefits are more portable for the current mobile workforce, and employees can either take the entire account balance when they leave state service or opt for an annuity benefit. The bill survived three killing motions to table the subject matter on the House floor and was eventually passed in the last week of session. *(SB 53 not moved. HB 61 becomes Act 483; effective 7/30/12.)*

HB 55, Pearson and SB 47, Guillory – Would have changed the Final Average Compensation used to determine retirement benefits for state and higher education employees from a three-year to a five-year average. The estimated savings would have helped pay down the ballooning UAL of over \$18.5 billion. *(HB 55 not moved. SB 47 died on House floor.)*

HB 53, Pearson and SB 749, Guillory – Would have aligned the state retirement age to the Social Security benefits age. LABI supported the bill when it was amended in Senate committee to implement the age increase on an incremental basis depending on number of years served. *(HB 53 not moved. SB 749 died on Senate floor.)*

HB 56, Pearson and SB 52, Guillory – Would have increased the employee contribution rate from 8% to 11%. LABI supported the bill when it was amended in Senate committee to increase the employee contribution rate by phasing in a two-percentage point increase over a 4-year period once an employee receives a pay increase. *(HB 56 not moved. SB 52 died on House floor.)*

HB 1198, Pearson and SB 6, Guillory – Would have merged the Teachers Retirement System of Louisiana with the Louisiana School Employees System. It would have consolidated benefits administration and investment management of the two systems and applied the cost savings toward the UAL. Due to time constraints, the language of HB 1198 was amended onto SB 6 in House Retirement Committee. *(Both died on House floor.)*

SB 17, Peacock – Would have placed all new state hires under a defined contribution retirement plan. *(Died in Senate committee.)*

Boards and Commissions

HB 314, Berthelot – Abolishes defunct and dormant boards and commissions. *(Act 251; effective 7/1/12.)*

School Board Term Limits

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Health Care

Louisiana employers recognize that most working families need and depend on employer-sponsored health insurance because individual policies are too expensive. Each year the business community must oppose legislation that seeks to raise the cost of providing health insurance, because cost remains a substantial obstacle to employer-sponsored health insurance coverage. LABI will continue to do everything possible to make sure that employer-sponsored health insurance remains affordable.

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Sales Tax Exemptions

HB 1203, Patrick Williams and SB 143, Mills – Would have exempted prescription drugs and pharmacists’ services from local sales and use taxes. *(HB 1203 died on House floor. SB 143 died in Senate committee.)*

SBs 144 and 550, Mills – Would have provided an exemption from local sales tax on certain inhibitors and complex biologics used by a patient for medical treatment. *(Both died in Senate committee.)*

Opposed by LABI

Reimbursement Rates

HB 429, Talbot and SB 310, LaFleur – Would have required a non-contracted, facility- based physician to be paid directly by a health plan for covered health care services rendered to an enrollee in an in-network health care facility. *(Both died in committee of house of origin.)*

Mandated Benefits

HB 771, Foil – Mandates additional health insurance coverage for autism spectrum disorders for individuals by raising the maximum age from 17 to 21, and removes the small business exclusion to extend the mandate to employers with 50 or fewer employees. The Legislative Fiscal Office estimates the cost to private insurance to be between \$34 - \$85 million. *(Act 208; effective 8/1/12.)*

HB 1066, Barrow – Would have mandated health insurance coverage of annual screening for sexually transmitted diseases. *(Died in House committee.)*

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Small Business

LABI defended small business daily during the legislative session, reminding lawmakers that Louisiana's small businesses are crucial to the state's economic vitality.

In addition to the many bills important to small businesses that are reported throughout this publication, LABI worked to defeat bills that would have created a preference for one set of businesses at a cost to taxpayers. LABI approached the authors to explain its position on their bills, and they agreed not to advance their proposals. For this we are appreciative. (In addition to the bills listed below, see other sections of this report for legislation affecting small businesses.)

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Vendor Payment

SB 499, Riser and HB 1001, Robideaux – Would have ensured private businesses receive due compensation for products and services rendered to local governments. The bill would have prohibited the State Bond Commission from approving bonds, notes, or other indebtedness for a political subdivision against which there is an unpaid court judgment for amounts owed for services performed under contract. The bill would have only applied to municipal or parish entities that refuse to pay after final judgments are rendered. *(SB 499 passed Senate; killed in House committee. HB 1001 killed in House committee.)*

Opposed by LABI

Preference Law

HB 619, Patrick Williams – Would have distorted the public bid process at a detrimental cost to taxpayers. The bill would have allowed a procurement officer to authorize a ten percent preference in the bid process for companies based on their location. *(Not moved.)*

HB 238, Montoucet – Would have mandated that each procurement officer, purchasing agent, or similar official who procures or purchases materials, supplies, products, provisions, or equipment must purchase specific products, resulting in a higher cost to taxpayers. *(Not moved.)*

HB 854, LeBas – Would have allowed local resident contractors to modify their public bids for contracts if they were within 10 percent of the lowest bidder. This artificial distortion of the public bid process would have obstructed competition and increased costs to taxpayers. *(Not moved.)*

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Taxation and Finance

During the recent session in which the state constitution generally prohibited the introduction of state tax measures, the state budget dominated most of the issues in the fiscal area. While the state continues its reliance on one-time money in the operating budget, balancing state finances in the future may be challenging as the national economy struggles on its road to recovery.

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Sales Tax

HB 1120, Lambert – For local sales and use tax purposes, clarifies and codifies the re-sale of service exclusion, as well as streamlines the re-sale certificate process by generally requiring local sales tax collectors to accept state re-sale certificates. *(Act 438; effective 8/1/12.)*

Property Tax

HCR 2, Moreno – Urges and requests the Louisiana Tax Commission to study and make recommendations on the practicality and feasibility of establishing a statewide homestead exemption database. *(Adopted.)*

Budget Stabilization Fund

SB 411 (Constitutional Amendment) and SB 415, Donahue – Would have established a reasonable plan for replenishing the Budget Stabilization Fund after withdrawals are made due to a budget deficit. *(Neither moved.)*

Tax Court

HB 376, LeBas – Would have created a state tax court. *(Not moved.)*

Opposed by LABI

Business Property Tax

HB 196 (Constitutional Amendment), Adams – Would have increased the homestead exemption to \$100,000, and then adjusted it thereafter with the CPI, shifting even more of the property tax burden from homeowners to businesses and renters. If passed, this measure would have become one of the largest tax increases ever on Louisiana businesses. Louisiana’s \$75,000 homestead exemption already is one of the highest in the nation, and as a result the business community pays about 80% of all property taxes statewide, while about half of all homeowners still pay zero property tax. *(Not moved.)*

Incentive Programs – Quality Jobs Program

HB 1179, Ortego – Would have increased the new direct jobs pay requirement for determination of the benefit rate under the Quality Jobs Program. *(Not moved.)*

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Trade, Transportation and Tourism

The Senate Task Force on Global Trade-Based Economic Development Strategies was created during the 2010 Regular Session. The task force was comprised of representatives from many interested groups including LABI and worked over the course of a year to develop a plan to optimize Louisiana's international trade sector. The basic tenets of that plan were included in SB 723 by Sen. Conrad Appel (R-Metairie). LABI joined a broad coalition of groups with international trade interests as well as the Department of Economic Development in support of this plan.

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International Commerce

SB 723, Appel – Creates the office of international commerce within the Department of Economic Development to develop and enhance Louisiana's participation in international trade. Also creates the Louisiana Board of International Commerce comprised of 23 members nominated by various groups with international trade and economic development interests to develop a comprehensive strategy to enhance Louisiana's international trade sector. *(Act 687; effective 6/7/12.)*

Tax Free Shopping Program

HB 1096, Billiot – Extends Louisiana's Tax Free Shopping Program for international visitors from July 1, 2013 to July 1, 2017. *(Act 435; effective 7/1/12.)*

Opposed by LABI

Excessive Regulation

SB 406, Dorsey-Colomb – Would have required all trailers with loaded gross weights of less than five tons registered with the state on or after December 31, 2012, to be equipped with a particular safety device, which would have increased costs for businesses that register trailers. *(Died in Senate committee.)*

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2012 Voting Record

Voting Record 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 voting 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 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 a 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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LABI Supported these Bills

HB292: School Board Term Limits

Calls for local option elections on November 6, 2012 for voters to determine if their local school board members should be subject to term limits. (BESE and the Legislature already have term limits.) The bill is prospective, so term limits would not become effective until the beginning of the next term. The limit would be three 4-year terms for a total of 12 years of consecutive service. School board term limits have been an integral component of LABI's initiative to reform operations at local school districts to refocus priorities on student achievement.

How the House Voted

A vote FOR final passage was a vote WITH LABI. The bill passed 62-35-8.

How the Senate Voted

A vote FOR final passage was a vote WITH LABI. The bill passed 20-16-3.

HB293: Tenure

Repeals the awarding of tenure for school bus drivers that are hired on or after July 1, 2012. Education reform supporters scored another significant victory with the passage of HB 293. Louisiana is the only state that awards tenure to bus drivers and has done so since 1944. This benefit for part-time employees does nothing to advance student achievement; is costly to struggling school districts; and reduces flexibility for local school systems to determine pay and working conditions, or to contract with private providers to deliver transportation services that could potentially provide substantial cost savings.

How the House Voted

Floor Amendment (Rep. Girard Jackson): A vote AGAINST the motion was a vote WITH LABI. The motion failed 48-55-2.

A vote FOR final passage was a vote WITH LABI. The bill passed 61-39-5.

A vote FOR the motion to adopt the conference committee report was a vote WITH LABI. The motion to adopt the conference report passed 67-30-8.

How the Senate Voted

Floor Amendment (Sen. J. P. Morrell): A vote AGAINST the motion was a vote WITH LABI. The motion passed 20-17-2.

A vote FOR final passage was a vote WITH LABI. The bill passed 32-6-1.

HB61: Retirement

Creates a cash-balance plan for new hires and combines the best features of defined-benefit and defined-contribution plans. The plan provides a benefit directly tied to market returns while protecting employees from market downturns. In the profitable years, the employee shares in investment gains. In the bad years, the employee experiences no investment losses. The state system holds back one percent of investment gains to build a buffer when absorbing investment losses rather than passing them along to employees. The cash-balance benefits are more portable for the current mobile workforce, and employees can either take the entire account balance when they leave state service or opt for an annuity benefit. The bill survived three killing motions to table the subject matter on the House floor and was eventually passed in the last week of session.

How the House Voted

A vote FOR final passage was a vote WITH LABI. The bill passed 55-45-5.

Motion To Table (Rep. Mack): A vote AGAINST the motion was a vote WITH LABI. The motion failed 44-47-14.

Motion To Table (Rep. Armes): A vote AGAINST the motion was a vote WITH LABI. The motion failed 44-47-14.

A vote FOR the motion to concur in senate amendments was a vote WITH LABI. The motion failed 49-43-13.

Motion To Table (Rep. Havard): A vote AGAINST the motion was a vote WITH LABI. The motion failed 30-69-6.

A vote FOR the motion to adopt the conference committee report was a vote WITH LABI. The motion to adopt the conference report passed 68-36-1.

How the Senate Voted

A vote FOR final passage was a vote WITH LABI. The bill passed 23-11-5.

A vote FOR the motion to adopt the conference committee report was a vote WITH LABI. The motion to adopt the conference report passed 26-8-5.

HB618: Legacy Lawsuit Reform

Creates a Code of Civil Procedure article, which establishes an environmental management order to allow for environmental testing. A second new CCP article allows for the limited admission of liability in environmental damage lawsuits, specifically to admit responsibility for implementing the most feasible remediation plan.

How the House Voted

Floor Amendment (Rep. Jay Morris): A vote AGAINST the motion was a vote WITH LABI. The motion failed 18-83-4.

Floor Amendment (Rep. Eddie Lambert): A vote AGAINST the motion was a vote WITH LABI. The motion failed 36-63-6.

A vote FOR final passage was a vote WITH LABI. The bill passed 83-18-4.

How the Senate Voted

A vote FOR final passage was a vote WITH LABI. The bill passed 39-0-0.

HB89: Collective Bargaining

Requires a state or local governmental agency to post on the agency's Internet website a proposed collective bargaining contract five days prior to a vote on its adoption in order to allow public input to agency officials regarding the agreement.

How the House Voted

A vote FOR final passage was a vote WITH LABI. The bill passed 98-0-7.

How the Senate Voted

A vote FOR final passage was a vote WITH LABI. The bill passed 34-1-4.

HB974: Tenure

Provides for local governance and teacher tenure reform. Part of the governor’s package, this bill represents a major shift in the focus of delivering education, moving from a system designed to meet the needs of adults to one focused on student needs. This bill links teacher performance to tenure; shifts some school district operational responsibilities from the local school board to the local superintendent; and ends the “Last In, First Out” policy for reduction in force actions.

How the House Voted

Floor Amendment (Rep. P. Smith): A vote AGAINST the motion was a vote WITH LABI. The motion failed 41-55-9.

Floor Amendment (Rep. Dixon): A vote AGAINST the motion was a vote WITH LABI. The motion failed 38-62-5.

A vote FOR final passage was a vote WITH LABI. The bill passed 64-40-1.

How the Senate Voted

A vote FOR final passage was a vote WITH LABI. The bill passed 23-16-0.

HB976: School Choice

Expands the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program statewide for parents and students who meet certain income and other criteria. Scholarships could also be used for individual approved courses and, for early high school graduates; it could help pay for the first year of post-secondary education or training. It also establishes a parent trigger mechanism to move a failing school into the Recovery School District one year ahead of schedule. Further, it provides for changes to the charter school law to create a new, third-party authorizer and to allow proven, quality providers to fast track the opening of new charter schools. A cornerstone of the governor’s package, HB 976 expands choices and opportunities for students at unprecedented levels, and makes history by utilizing a funding formula where the dollar follows the child instead of merely sustaining jobs and a system that exists whether it performs well or not.

How the House Voted

Floor Amendment (Rep. P. Smith): A vote AGAINST the motion was a vote WITH LABI. The motion failed 34-66-5.

Floor Amendment (Rep. K. Jackson): A vote AGAINST the motion was a vote WITH LABI. The motion failed 34-61-10.

Floor Amendment (Rep. Edwards): A vote AGAINST the motion was a vote WITH LABI. The motion failed 48-50-7.

A vote FOR final passage was a vote WITH LABI. The bill passed 62-43-0.

How the Senate Voted

Floor Amendment (Sen. Lafleur): A vote AGAINST the motion was a vote WITH LABI. The motion failed 10-29-0.

A vote FOR final passage was a vote WITH LABI. The bill passed 24-15-0.

SB47: Retirement

Would have changed the Final Average Compensation used to determine retirement benefits for state and higher education employees from a three-year to a five-year average. The estimated savings would have helped pay down the ballooning UAL of over \$18.5 billion.

How the Senate Voted

A vote FOR final passage was a vote WITH LABI. The bill passed 23-13-3.

SB52: Retirement

Would have increased the employee contribution rate from 8% to 11%. LABI supported the bill when it was amended in Senate committee to increase the employee contribution rate by phasing in a two-percentage point increase over a 4-year period once an employee receives a pay increase.

How the Senate Voted

A vote FOR final passage was a vote WITH LABI. The bill passed 24-12-3.

SB555: Legacy Lawsuit Reform

Revises Act 312 of 2006 (R.S. 30:29) to set up the procedure for discovery, structuring and approval of a feasible plan for remediation of oilfield sites and exploration and production sites.

How the Senate Voted

A vote FOR final passage was a vote WITH LABI. The bill passed 38-0-1.

How the House Voted

A vote FOR final passage was a vote WITH LABI. The bill passed 101-0-4.

SB581: Early Childhood Education

Aligns early childhood education programs and funding streams, sets standards and expectations and creates an early childhood education accountability program. Along with HBs 974 and 976, this bill was part of the governor's transformational education package.

How the Senate Voted

A vote FOR final passage was a vote WITH LABI. The bill passed 37-0-2.

How the House Voted

A vote FOR final passage was a vote WITH LABI. The bill passed 94-0-11.

SB763: Workers Compensation

(substituted for SB 560), Donahue – Clarifies that the courts are to construe Louisiana’s WC laws as written by the Legislature, not favoring any party over another; creates an administrative procedure for resolving errors and disputes about the calculation of claimants’ wage loss benefits, eliminating the almost routine assessment of thousands of dollars in penalties and attorney fees in such cases; allows insurers to continue paying benefits while disputing their obligation to do so, again eliminating the almost routine assessment of thousands of dollars in penalties and attorney fees; and increases benefits in cases of severe injury or death.

How the Senate Voted

A vote FOR final passage was a vote WITH LABI. The bill passed 26-5-8.

How the House Voted

A vote FOR final passage was a vote WITH LABI. The bill passed 81-15-9.

LABI Opposed these Bills

HB364: Alleged Employer Retaliation

Would have expanded whistleblower rights to sue an employer for alleged retaliation over an employee's allegation that the employer may be guilty of violating a law. Current law restricts the application of this statute to state laws only and requires that there actually be a violation of state law rather than the mere belief by an employee that a law was broken.

How the House Voted

A vote AGAINST final passage was a vote WITH LABI. The bill failed 24-62-19.

HB404: Joint and Several Liability

Could have created additional liability exposure for owners of commercial vehicles. The bill would have created liability strictly by virtue of someone or some company owning a vehicle, leading to a return to joint liability. Although amended on the floor, commercial vehicle owners still would have been exposed to a greater liability than currently exists.

How the House Voted

A vote AGAINST final passage was a vote WITH LABI. The bill failed 44-57-4.

HB771: Mandated Benefits

Mandates additional health insurance coverage for autism spectrum disorders for individuals by raising the maximum age from 17 to 21, and removes the small business exclusion to extend the mandate to employers with 50 or fewer employees. The Legislative Fiscal Office estimates the cost to private insurance to be \$34 - \$85 million.

How the House Voted

A vote AGAINST final passage was a vote WITH LABI. The bill passed 97-0-8.

House Voting Record

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HB 61	State Retirement Reform					145																							
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	49	43	13	Concur			24	A-	A-	A-	0	A-	0	A-	0	A-	0	24	0	24	0	24	0	24	24	24	24	24	24
	69	30	6	Havard Motion to Table			24	24	24	24	0	24	24	24	0	24	24	24	A-	24	24	A-	24	24	24	24	24	24	24
	68	36	1	Adopt Conference Report			24	24	24	24	0	24	24	24	0	24	24	24	0	24	24	0	24	24	24	24	24	24	24
HB 89	Public Union Agreements					55																							
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HB 292	School Board Term Limits					75																							
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	67	30	8	Adopt Conference Report			10	A-	10	10	10	10	10	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	10	10	10	10	10
HB 364	Whistleblower Immunity					105																							
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HB 404	Vehicle Owner Joint Liability					80																							
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HB 771	Insurance Mandate					55																							
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HB 976	School Choice					271																							
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	50	48	7	Edwards Amendment			54	0	54	0	0	A-	0	54	0	54	0	54	0	54	0	54	0	54	54	54	54	54	
	66	34	5	Smith Amendment			54	A-	54	0	0	54	A-	54	0	54	A-	54	0	54	0	54	0	54	54	54	54	54	
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SB 555	Legacy Lawsuits					115																							
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SB 581	Early Childhood					50																							
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SB 763	Workers Comp					245																							
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A- Was absent when LABI needed a "yes" vote, or the motion required only a majority or supermajority of those present and voting.
A Was absent when LABI needed a "no" vote and the motion required a majority or supermajority of the elected members.

House Voting Record

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	50	48	7	Edwards Amendment			54	0	A-	0	0	54	54	54	0	0	54	54	54	
	66	34	5	Smith Amendment			54	0	54	0	0	54	54	54	0	54	54	54	54	
	62	43	0	Final Passage			136	0	136	0	0	136	136	136	0	136	136	136	136	
SB 555			Legacy Lawsuits			115														
	101	0	4	Final Passage			115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	
SB 581			Early Childhood			50														
	94	0	11	Final Passage			50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	
SB 763			Workers Comp			245														
	81	15	9	Final Passage			245	0	245	0	245	245	245	245	A-	245	245	245	245	
Possible							1743	1743	1638	1638	1743	1743	1688	1638	1743	1743	1743	1743	1743	
Total								442	1494	391	1044	1688	1630	1583	354	1506	1688	1688	1688	
Voting Record %								25	91	24	60	97	97	97	20	86	97	97	97	

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HB 61						State Retirement Reform	145																					
	55	45	5			Final Passage		24	24	24	0	24	24	24	0	24	24	0	24	0	24	0	24	24	24	0	0	
	47	44	14			Mack Motion to Table		24	24	A-	0	24	24	0	24	24	0	A-	0	24	0	24	24	24	0	0	0	
	47	44	14			Armes Motion to Table		24	A-	A-	0	24	24	0	24	24	0	A-	0	24	0	24	24	24	0	0	0	
	49	43	13			Concur		24	24	A-	0	24	24	0	24	24	0	A-	0	24	0	24	24	24	0	0	0	
	69	30	6			Havard Motion to Table		24	24	24	0	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	0	24	24	0	24	24	24	24	24	
	68	36	1			Adopt Conference Report		24	24	24	0	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	0	24	24	0	24	24	24	24	0	
HB 89						Public Union Agreements	55																					
	98	0	7			Final Passage		55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	A-	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	
HB 292						School Board Term Limits	75																					
	62	35	8			Final Passage		75	75	75	0	75	75	75	0	75	75	0	A-	0	75	75	75	75	75	0	0	
HB 293						Bus Driver Tenure	65																					
	55	48	2			G Jackson Amendment		10	10	10	0	10	10	10	0	10	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	10	10	0	0	
	61	39	5			Final Passage		46	46	46	0	46	46	46	0	46	46	0	46	0	46	0	46	46	46	0	0	
	67	30	8			Adopt Conference Report		10	10	0	0	10	10	0	10	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	10	10	0	0	0	
HB 364						Whistleblower Immunity	105																					
	62	24	19			Final Passage		105	105	105	0	105	105	105	0	105	105	0	A	105	105	105	105	105	105	0	0	
HB 404						Vehicle Owner Joint Liability	80																					
	57	44	4			Final Passage		80	80	0	0	80	80	80	0	80	80	0	80	0	80	0	80	0	80	0	0	
HB 618						Legacy Lawsuits	175																					
	83	13	9			Jay Morris Amendment		35	35	35	0	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	0	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	
	63	36	6			Lambert Amendment		53	0	0	53	53	53	53	0	53	53	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	53	53	53	
	83	18	4			Final Passage		88	88	A-	88	88	88	88	0	88	88	0	88	0	0	0	88	88	88	88	88	
HB 771						Insurance Mandate	55																					
	0	97	8			Final Passage		55	A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
HB 974						Teacher Tenure	280																					
	55	41	9			Smith Amendment		70	70	70	0	70	70	70	0	70	70	0	A-	0	70	70	70	70	70	0	0	
	62	38	5			Dixon Amendment		70	70	70	0	70	70	70	0	70	70	0	70	0	70	0	70	70	70	0	0	
	64	40	1			Final Passage		140	140	140	0	140	140	140	0	140	140	0	140	0	140	0	140	140	140	0	0	
HB 976						School Choice	271																					
	61	34	10			K. Jackson Amendment		54	54	54	0	54	54	54	0	54	54	0	54	0	54	0	54	54	54	0	0	
	50	48	7			Edwards Amendment		54	54	54	0	54	54	54	0	54	54	0	54	0	54	0	54	54	54	0	0	
	66	34	5			Smith Amendment		54	54	54	0	54	54	54	0	54	54	0	54	0	54	0	54	54	54	0	0	
	62	43	0			Final Passage		136	0	136	0	136	136	136	0	136	136	0	136	0	136	0	136	136	136	0	0	
SB 555						Legacy Lawsuits	115																					
	101	0	4			Final Passage		115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	
SB 581						Early Childhood	50																					
	94	0	11			Final Passage		50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	A-	50	50	50	50	50	50	A-	0	
SB 763						Workers Comp	245																					
	81	15	9			Final Passage		245	245	245	0	245	245	245	245	245	245	A-	245	0	245	245	245	245	245	0	0	
	Possible						1743	1688	1743	1743	1743	1743	1743	1743	1743	1743	1638	1743	1743	1743	1743	1743	1743	1743	1743	1743	1743	1743
	Total							1476	1386	360	1688	1413	303	1261	325	1548	1556	369										
	Voting Record %							87	80	21	97	81	17	77	19	89	89	21										

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HB 61	State Retirement Reform					145														
	55	45	5	Final Passage			24	0	24	24	A	0	0	A-	24	0	0	0	0	
	47	44	14	Mack Motion to Table			24	0	24	24	0	0	A	A-	24	0	0	0	0	
	47	44	14	Armes Motion to Table			24	0	24	24	0	0	A	24	24	0	0	0	0	
	49	43	13	Concur			24	0	24	24	0	0	A	0	24	0	0	0	0	
	69	30	6	Havard Motion to Table			24	0	24	0	0	24	0	24	24	0	0	A-		
	68	36	1	Adopt Conference Report			24	0	24	24	0	24	0	24	24	0	0	0	0	
HB 89	Public Union Agreements					55														
	98	0	7	Final Passage			55	A-	A-	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	
HB 292	School Board Term Limits					75														
	62	35	8	Final Passage			75	0	A-	75	75	0	75	75	75	75	75	75	0	
HB 293	Bus Driver Tenure					65														
	55	48	2	G Jackson Amendment			10	0	10	10	10	10	0	10	10	10	10	10	0	
	61	39	5	Final Passage			46	A-	46	46	46	46	0	46	46	46	46	46	0	
	67	30	8	Adopt Conference Report			10	0	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	A-	
HB 364	Whistleblower Immunity					105														
	62	24	19	Final Passage			105	0	105	105	105	105	0	105	105	105	105	A	105	
HB 404	Vehicle Owner Joint Liability					80														
	57	44	4	Final Passage			80	0	80	80	80	0	0	80	80	80	80	80	0	
HB 618	Legacy Lawsuits					175														
	83	13	9	Jay Morris Amendment			35	35	35	35	A	0	0	35	35	35	35	A-		
	63	36	6	Lambert Amendment			53	0	53	53	A	0	0	53	53	53	53	A-		
	83	18	4	Final Passage			88	88	88	88	A	88	0	0	88	88	88	88	0	
HB 771	Insurance Mandate					55														
	0	97	8	Final Passage			55	0	0	0	A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
HB 974	Teacher Tenure					280														
	55	41	9	Smith Amendment			70	0	70	A-	0	A-	A-	0	70	0	70	70		
	62	38	5	Dixon Amendment			70	0	70	70	0	A-	A-	70	70	A-	70	70		
	64	40	1	Final Passage			140	0	140	0	0	A-	0	0	140	0	140	140		
HB 976	School Choice					271														
	61	34	10	K. Jackson Amendment			54	0	54	54	0	A-	A-	54	54	54	54	54		
	50	48	7	Edwards Amendment			54	0	54	A-	0	0	A-	54	54	0	0	54		
	66	34	5	Smith Amendment			54	A-	54	54	0	A-	54	54	54	A-	54	54		
	62	43	0	Final Passage			136	0	136	0	0	136	0	136	136	0	136	136		
SB 555	Legacy Lawsuits					115														
	101	0	4	Final Passage			115	115	115	A-	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	
SB 581	Early Childhood					50														
	94	0	11	Final Passage			50	A-	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	A-	
SB 763	Workers Comp					245														
	81	15	9	Final Passage			245	245	245	245	0	245	245	245	245	245	245	245	245	
Possible							1743	1743	1743	1743	1489	1743	1671	1743	1743	1743	1638	1743		
Total								483	1558	1149	545	906	604	1318	1688	1019	1384	1098		
Voting Record %								28	89	66	37	52	36	76	97	58	84	63		

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HB 61	State Retirement Reform		145																	
	55	45	5	Final Passage	24	24	24	0	24	0	24	0	24	0	0	0	0	24	0	
	47	44	14	Mack Motion to Table	24	24	24	0	0	24	24	0	24	0	24	0	24	0	24	0
	47	44	14	Armes Motion to Table	24	24	24	0	0	24	24	0	24	24	0	A-	0	24	A-	
	49	43	13	Concur	24	24	24	0	0	24	24	0	24	24	0	24	0	24	A-	
	69	30	6	Havard Motion to Table	24	A-	24	0	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	0	24	24	
	68	36	1	Adopt Conference Report	24	24	24	0	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	0	24	24	
HB 89	Public Union Agreements		55																	
	98	0	7	Final Passage	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55
HB 292	School Board Term Limits		75																	
	62	35	8	Final Passage	75	75	0	0	0	75	75	A-	75	0	75	75	0	75	75	
HB 293	Bus Driver Tenure		65																	
	55	48	2	G Jackson Amendment	10	10	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	61	39	5	Final Passage	46	46	46	0	46	46	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	0	
	67	30	8	Adopt Conference Report	10	10	10	0	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	0	10	0	
HB 364	Whistleblower Immunity		105																	
	62	24	19	Final Passage	105	105	105	A	105	105	105	0	105	0	105	0	105	0		
HB 404	Vehicle Owner Joint Liability		80																	
	57	44	4	Final Passage	80	80	80	0	80	80	80	0	80	0	80	0	80	0		
HB 618	Legacy Lawsuits		175																	
	83	13	9	Jay Morris Amendment	35	35	A-	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	A-	0	35	35		
	63	36	6	Lambert Amendment	53	53	A-	0	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	0	53	53		
	83	18	4	Final Passage	88	88	A-	0	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88		
HB 771	Insurance Mandate		55																	
	0	97	8	Final Passage	55	0	0	0	0	A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
HB 974	Teacher Tenure		280																	
	55	41	9	Smith Amendment	70	70	70	0	70	70	70	0	70	0	70	0	70	0		
	62	38	5	Dixon Amendment	70	70	70	0	70	70	70	0	70	0	70	0	70	0		
	64	40	1	Final Passage	140	140	140	0	140	140	140	0	140	0	140	0	140	140		
HB 976	School Choice		271																	
	61	34	10	K. Jackson Amendment	54	54	54	0	54	54	54	0	54	0	54	0	54	0		
	50	48	7	Edwards Amendment	54	54	54	0	54	54	54	0	54	0	54	0	54	0		
	66	34	5	Smith Amendment	54	54	54	0	54	54	54	0	54	0	54	0	54	54		
	62	43	0	Final Passage	136	136	136	0	136	136	136	136	136	136	136	136	0	136	136	
SB 555	Legacy Lawsuits		115																	
	101	0	4	Final Passage	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115		
SB 581	Early Childhood		50																	
	94	0	11	Final Passage	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	A-	
SB 763	Workers Comp		245																	
	81	15	9	Final Passage	245	245	245	245	245	245	245	245	245	245	245	245	0	245	245	
Possible					1743	1743	1743	1638	1743	1688	1743	1743	1743	1743	1743	1743	1743	1743	1743	
Total						1664	1438	500	1541	1654	1688	834	1550	308	1678	1043				
Voting Record %						95	83	31	88	98	97	48	89	18	96	60				

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Bill Number	With LABI	Against LABI	Absent	Description	Bill Value	Vote Value	Katrina	Ted	Patrick	Robert	Sam	Chuck	Eddie	Nancy	Terry	Bernard	Walt
						Jackson	James	Jefferson	Johnson	Jones	Kleckley	Lambert	Landry	Landry	LeBas	Leger	
HB 61				State Retirement Reform	145												
	55	45	5	Final Passage		24	0	0	0	0	0	24	0	24	0	A-	0
	47	44	14	Mack Motion to Table		24	0	0	0	0	0	24	0	24	0	0	A-
	47	44	14	Armes Motion to Table		24	0	0	0	0	0	24	0	24	0	0	A-
	49	43	13	Concur		24	0	0	0	0	0	24	0	24	0	0	A-
	69	30	6	Havard Motion to Table		24	A-	0	24	0	0	24	0	0	24	0	24
	68	36	1	Adopt Conference Report		24	0	0	0	0	0	24	0	24	0	0	24
HB 89				Public Union Agreements	55												
	98	0	7	Final Passage		55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55
HB 292				School Board Term Limits	75												
	62	35	8	Final Passage		75	0	0	75	0	75	75	0	75	0	A-	75
HB 293				Bus Driver Tenure	65												
	55	48	2	G Jackson Amendment		10	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	10	0	0	0
	61	39	5	Final Passage		46	0	0	46	0	0	46	46	46	0	0	0
	67	30	8	Adopt Conference Report		10	0	0	0	0	0	A	A-	10	10	0	0
HB 364				Whistleblower Immunity	105												
	62	24	19	Final Passage		105	0	A	0	105	105	105	A	105	0	105	0
HB 404				Vehicle Owner Joint Liability	80												
	57	44	4	Final Passage		80	0	0	0	0	80	80	0	80	0	0	0
HB 618				Legacy Lawsuits	175												
	83	13	9	Jay Morris Amendment		35	0	35	35	0	A-	35	35	35	35	0	A-
	63	36	6	Lambert Amendment		53	0	0	53	0	53	53	0	53	0	0	0
	83	18	4	Final Passage		88	88	88	88	0	88	88	88	88	0	0	88
HB 771				Insurance Mandate	55												
	0	97	8	Final Passage		55	A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HB 974				Teacher Tenure	280												
	55	41	9	Smith Amendment		70	0	0	0	0	0	70	A-	70	0	0	A-
	62	38	5	Dixon Amendment		70	0	0	0	0	0	70	70	70	0	0	0
	64	40	1	Final Passage		140	0	0	140	0	0	140	140	140	0	0	140
HB 976				School Choice	271												
	61	34	10	K. Jackson Amendment		54	0	0	0	0	0	54	A-	0	0	0	54
	50	48	7	Edwards Amendment		54	0	0	0	0	0	54	0	54	0	0	0
	66	34	5	Smith Amendment		54	0	0	54	0	0	54	54	54	0	0	54
	62	43	0	Final Passage		136	0	0	136	0	0	136	0	136	0	0	136
SB 555				Legacy Lawsuits	115												
	101	0	4	Final Passage		115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	A-
SB 581				Early Childhood	50												
	94	0	11	Final Passage		50	50	50	50	50	A-	50	50	50	A-	A-	50
SB 763				Workers Comp	245												
	81	15	9	Final Passage		245	A-	A-	0	0	245	245	245	245	245	245	0
Possible					1743	1688	1638	1743	1743	1743	1733	1638	1743	1743	1743	1743	1743
Total						308	343	869	325	815	1678	907	1610	484	520	700	
Voting Record %						18	21	50	19	47	97	55	92	28	30	40	

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			Bill Value	Vote Value	Leopold	Chris	Tony	Joe	Nick	Sherman	Gregory	Montoucet	Jack	Helena	Jay	Jim	Barbara				
HB 61	State Retirement Reform				145																
	55	45	5	Final Passage	24	24	24	24	24	0	24	0	24	24	24	0	24	24	24	0	
	47	44	14	Mack Motion to Table	24	A-	24	24	24	0	24	A	24	24	24	0	24	24	24	0	
	47	44	14	Armes Motion to Table	24	A-	24	24	24	0	24	A	24	24	24	0	24	24	24	0	
	49	43	13	Concur	24	A-	24	24	24	0	24	A	24	24	24	0	24	24	24	0	
	69	30	6	Havard Motion to Table	24	24	24	24	24	0	24	24	24	24	24	0	24	24	24	0	
	68	36	1	Adopt Conference Report	24	24	24	24	24	0	24	24	24	24	24	0	24	24	24	0	
HB 89	Public Union Agreements				55																
	98	0	7	Final Passage	55	A-	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	
HB 292	School Board Term Limits				75																
	62	35	8	Final Passage	75	A-	75	75	75	0	0	0	75	75	75	0	75	75	75	0	
HB 293	Bus Driver Tenure				65																
	55	48	2	G Jackson Amendment	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	0	0	10	10	0	10	10	10	0	
	61	39	5	Final Passage	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	0	0	46	46	0	46	46	46	0	
	67	30	8	Adopt Conference Report	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	A-	0	10	10	0	10	10	10	0	
HB 364	Whistleblower Immunity				105																
	62	24	19	Final Passage	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	A	0	105	105	0	105	105	105	0	
HB 404	Vehicle Owner Joint Liability				80																
	57	44	4	Final Passage	80	80	80	80	80	0	0	A	0	80	80	A	80	80	80	A	
HB 618	Legacy Lawsuits				175																
	83	13	9	Jay Morris Amendment	35	35	35	35	35	0	35	35	35	0	35	35	0	35	35	35	
	63	36	6	Lambert Amendment	53	53	53	0	53	0	53	0	0	53	53	53	0	53	53	53	
	83	18	4	Final Passage	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	0	88	88	88	88	0	88	88	88	
HB 771	Insurance Mandate				55																
	0	97	8	Final Passage	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	A	0	
HB 974	Teacher Tenure				280																
	55	41	9	Smith Amendment	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	0	70	70	A-	0	70	70	70	0	
	62	38	5	Dixon Amendment	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	0	0	70	70	0	70	70	70	0	
	64	40	1	Final Passage	140	140	140	140	140	0	140	0	140	140	140	0	140	140	140	0	
HB 976	School Choice				271																
	61	34	10	K. Jackson Amendment	54	54	54	A-	54	54	54	0	54	54	A-	0	54	54	A-	0	
	50	48	7	Edwards Amendment	54	54	54	A-	54	54	54	0	0	54	A-	0	54	54	A-	0	
	66	34	5	Smith Amendment	54	54	54	54	54	54	54	0	54	54	54	0	54	54	54	0	
	62	43	0	Final Passage	136	136	136	136	136	0	0	0	136	136	0	136	136	136	0	0	
SB 555	Legacy Lawsuits				115																
	101	0	4	Final Passage	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	
SB 581	Early Childhood				50																
	94	0	11	Final Passage	50	A-	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	
SB 763	Workers Comp				245																
	81	15	9	Final Passage	245	245	245	245	245	245	245	0	A-	245	245	245	245	245	245	245	
Possible					1743	1743	1743	1743	1743	1743	1743	1486	1743	1743	1688	1663					
Total					1436	1688	1527	1688	1025	1398	303	1016	1653	1234	640						
Voting Record %					82	97	88	97	59	80	20	58	95	73	38						

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HB 61	State Retirement Reform		145																	
	55	45	5	Final Passage	24	0	24	0	24	0	24	0	0	0	A-	24	0	0	24	
	47	44	14	Mack Motion to Table	24	0	24	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	A-	0	0	0	0	A
	47	44	14	Armes Motion to Table	24	0	24	0	24	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
	49	43	13	Concur	24	0	24	0	24	0	24	0	0	0	24	24	0	0	24	
	69	30	6	Havard Motion to Table	24	0	24	24	24	24	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	24	
	68	36	1	Adopt Conference Report	24	0	24	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	24	
HB 89	Public Union Agreements		55																	
	98	0	7	Final Passage	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	A-	55	55	55	55	
HB 292	School Board Term Limits		75																	
	62	35	8	Final Passage	75	75	75	75	75	0	0	0	0	0	75	75	75	75	0	
HB 293	Bus Driver Tenure		65																	
	55	48	2	G Jackson Amendment	10	0	10	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	A-	10	
	61	39	5	Final Passage	46	0	46	0	46	46	A-	46	46	0	46	46	0	46	46	
	67	30	8	Adopt Conference Report	10	0	10	10	10	10	0	10	10	0	10	10	0	10	A	
HB 364	Whistleblower Immunity		105																	
	62	24	19	Final Passage	105	105	A	0	105	105	0	105	105	0	105	105	105	A	A	
HB 404	Vehicle Owner Joint Liability		80																	
	57	44	4	Final Passage	80	0	80	0	80	80	0	80	80	0	80	80	0	A	80	
HB 618	Legacy Lawsuits		175																	
	83	13	9	Jay Morris Amendment	35	35	35	35	0	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	
	63	36	6	Lambert Amendment	53	53	53	53	53	0	0	53	53	0	53	53	0	53	53	
	83	18	4	Final Passage	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	0	88	88	
HB 771	Insurance Mandate		55																	
	0	97	8	Final Passage	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	A	
HB 974	Teacher Tenure		280																	
	55	41	9	Smith Amendment	70	A-	70	0	70	0	0	0	0	0	70	70	0	0	0	
	62	38	5	Dixon Amendment	70	0	70	0	70	70	0	70	70	0	70	70	0	0	70	
	64	40	1	Final Passage	140	0	140	0	140	0	0	140	140	0	140	140	0	140	140	
HB 976	School Choice		271																	
	61	34	10	K. Jackson Amendment	54	A-	54	0	54	54	0	54	54	0	54	54	0	A-	54	
	50	48	7	Edwards Amendment	54	0	54	0	54	0	0	54	54	0	54	54	0	0	A	
	66	34	5	Smith Amendment	54	0	54	0	54	54	0	54	54	0	54	54	0	0	54	
	62	43	0	Final Passage	136	0	136	0	136	0	0	136	136	0	136	136	0	0	136	
SB 555	Legacy Lawsuits		115																	
	101	0	4	Final Passage	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	A	
SB 581	Early Childhood		50																	
	94	0	11	Final Passage	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	A-	50	50	
SB 763	Workers Comp		245																	
	81	15	9	Final Passage	245	245	245	0	245	245	245	245	245	245	245	245	245	245	A	
Possible					1743	1743	1638	1743	1743	1743	1743	1743	1743	1743	1743	1743	1743	1558	1135	
Total						820	1583	504	1653	1006	588	1561	1582	630	910	990				
Voting Record %						47	97	29	95	58	34	90	91	36	58	87				

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				Bill Value	Vote Value	Ritchie	Harold	Joel	Schexnayder	Clay	John	Alan	Rob	Scott	Pat	Karen	Kirk	Major	
HB 61	State Retirement Reform			145															
	55	45	5	Final Passage	24	0	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	A-	0	24	24	24	
	47	44	14	Mack Motion to Table	24	0	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	0	24	24	24	
	47	44	14	Armes Motion to Table	24	0	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	0	24	24	24	
	49	43	13	Concur	24	0	24	24	A-	24	24	24	24	0	24	24	24	24	
	69	30	6	Havard Motion to Table	24	0	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	0	24	24	24	A-	
	68	36	1	Adopt Conference Report	24	0	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	0	24	24	24	A-	
HB 89	Public Union Agreements			55															
	98	0	7	Final Passage	55	55	A-	55	55	55	55	55	A-	55	55	55	55	55	
HB 292	School Board Term Limits			75															
	62	35	8	Final Passage	75	0	A-	0	75	75	0	A-	0	0	0	75	75	75	
HB 293	Bus Driver Tenure			65															
	55	48	2	G Jackson Amendment	10	10	A-	10	10	10	10	10	10	0	0	10	10	10	
	61	39	5	Final Passage	46	0	A-	46	46	46	46	46	46	A-	A-	46	46	46	
	67	30	8	Adopt Conference Report	10	0	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	0	10	10	10	10	
HB 364	Whistleblower Immunity			105															
	62	24	19	Final Passage	105	105	105	A	A	A	A	105	0	0	105	105	105	105	
HB 404	Vehicle Owner Joint Liability			80															
	57	44	4	Final Passage	80	0	80	80	80	80	80	80	0	80	0	80	80	80	
HB 618	Legacy Lawsuits			175															
	83	13	9	Jay Morris Amendment	35	0	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	A-	A-	35	A-	A-	
	63	36	6	Lambert Amendment	53	0	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	A-	0	53	0	0	
	83	18	4	Final Passage	88	0	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	A-	0	88	88	88	
HB 771	Insurance Mandate			55															
	0	97	8	Final Passage	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	A	0	0	0	0	0	
HB 974	Teacher Tenure			280															
	55	41	9	Smith Amendment	70	0	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	0	0	70	70	70	
	62	38	5	Dixon Amendment	70	0	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	A-	A-	70	70	70	
	64	40	1	Final Passage	140	0	140	140	140	140	140	140	0	140	0	140	140	140	
HB 976	School Choice			271															
	61	34	10	K. Jackson Amendment	54	0	54	54	54	54	54	54	54	0	A-	54	54	54	
	50	48	7	Edwards Amendment	54	0	54	54	54	54	54	54	54	0	0	54	0	0	
	66	34	5	Smith Amendment	54	0	54	54	54	54	54	54	54	0	54	54	54	0	
	62	43	0	Final Passage	136	0	136	136	136	136	136	136	136	0	0	136	0	0	
SB 555	Legacy Lawsuits			115															
	101	0	4	Final Passage	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	
SB 581	Early Childhood			50															
	94	0	11	Final Passage	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	
SB 763	Workers Comp			245															
	81	15	9	Final Passage	245	245	245	245	245	245	245	0	245	A-	245	245	245	245	
Possible				1743	1743	1743	1638	1638	1638	1638	1688	1743	1743	1743	1743	1743	1743	1743	
Total					580	1503	1508	1559	1583	1043	1534	220	814	1688	1308				
Voting Record %					33	86	92	95	97	64	91	13	47	97	75				

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HB 61																			
	55	45	5	State Retirement Reform			145												
				Final Passage				24	0	24	24	0	24	0	24	24			
	47	44	14	Mack Motion to Table				24	0	24	24	0	A-	0					
	47	44	14	Armes Motion to Table				24	0	24	24	0	A-	0					
	49	43	13	Concur				24	0	24	24	0	A-	24					
	69	30	6	Havard Motion to Table				24	24	24	24	24	A-	24					
	68	36	1	Adopt Conference Report				24	0	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24
HB 89				Public Union Agreements			55												
	98	0	7	Final Passage				55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55
HB 292				School Board Term Limits			75												
	62	35	8	Final Passage				75	0	75	75	0	75	75					
HB 293				Bus Driver Tenure			65												
	55	48	2	G Jackson Amendment				10	0	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	61	39	5	Final Passage				46	0	46	46	0	0	46					
	67	30	8	Adopt Conference Report				10	0	10	10	0	0	10					
HB 364				Whistleblower Immunity			105												
	62	24	19	Final Passage				105	0	105	105	A	0	105					
HB 404				Vehicle Owner Joint Liability			80												
	57	44	4	Final Passage				80	0	80	80	0	0	80					
HB 618				Legacy Lawsuits			175												
	83	13	9	Jay Morris Amendment				35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35
	63	36	6	Lambert Amendment				53	A-	53	53	53	0	53					
	83	18	4	Final Passage				88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88
HB 771				Insurance Mandate			55												
	0	97	8	Final Passage				55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HB 974				Teacher Tenure			280												
	55	41	9	Smith Amendment				70	0	70	70	0	0	70					
	62	38	5	Dixon Amendment				70	0	70	70	0	0	70					
	64	40	1	Final Passage				140	140	140	140	0	0	140					
HB 976				School Choice			271												
	61	34	10	K. Jackson Amendment				54	0	54	54	0	A-	54					
	50	48	7	Edwards Amendment				54	0	54	54	0	0	54					
	66	34	5	Smith Amendment				54	0	54	54	0	0	54					
	62	43	0	Final Passage				136	136	136	136	0	136	136					
SB 555				Legacy Lawsuits			115												
	101	0	4	Final Passage				115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115
SB 581				Early Childhood			50												
	94	0	11	Final Passage				50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
SB 763				Workers Comp			245												
	81	15	9	Final Passage				245	245	245	245	245	245	245	245	245	245	245	245
							Possible	1743	1743	1743	1743	1638	1743	1743	1743	1743	1743	1743	1743
							Total		887	1688	1688	688	846	1630					
							Voting Record %		51	97	97	42	49	94					

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2012 Voting %	Last Name	First Name	Party
98	Hoffmann	Frank	R
97	Bishop	Stuart	R
97	Burford	Richie	R
97	Burns	Henry	R
97	Burns	Tim	R
97	Carter	Steve	R
97	Champagne	Simone	R
97	Cromer	Greg	R
97	Harris	Lance	R
97	Hollis	Paul	R
97	Kleckley	Chuck	R
97	Ligi	Tony	R
97	Lorusso	Nick	R
97	Pearson	Kevin	R
97	Seabaugh	Alan	R
97	Talbot	Kirk	R
97	Thompson	Jeff	R
97	Whitney	Lenar	R
96	Huval	Mike	R
95	Henry	Cameron	R
95	Morris	Jay	R
95	Ponti	Erich	R
95	Schroder	John	R
94	Willmott	Tom	R
93	Berthelot	Johnny	R
92	Adams	Bryan	R
92	Landry	Nancy	R
92	Schexnayder	Clay	R
91	Broadwater	Chris	R
91	Pylant	Steve	R
91	Simon	Scott	R
90	Pugh	Steve	R
89	Billiot	Robert	D
89	Fannin	Jim	D
89	Foil	Franklin	R

2012 Voting %	Last Name	First Name	Party
89	Garofalo	Ray	R
89	Howard	Frankie	R
88	Hodges	Valarie	R
88	Lopinto	Joe	R
87	Chaney	Bubba	R
87	Richardson	Clif	R
86	Carmody	Tom	R
86	Robideaux	Joel	R
84	Havard	Kenny	R
83	Hensgens	Bob	R
82	Leopold	Chris	R
81	Danahay	Mike	D
80	Connick	Pat	R
80	Miller	Greg	R
77	Dove	Gordie	R
76	Barras	Taylor	R
76	Guinn	Johnny	R
75	Thibaut	Major	D
73	Abramson	Neil	D
73	Morris	Jim	R
66	Geymann	Brett	R
64	Shadoin	Rob	R
63	Hazel	Chris	R
60	Brown	Terry	I
60	Jackson	Girod	D
59	Mack	Sherman	R
58	Badon	Austin	D
58	Harrison	Joe	R
58	Moreno	Helena	D
58	Pope	Rogers	R
58	Richard	Dee	I
55	Lambert	Eddie	R
54	Arnold	Jeff	D
52	Greene	Hunter	R
51	Thierry	Ledricka	D

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2012 Voting %	Last Name	First Name	Party
50	Jefferson	Patrick	D
49	Williams	Patrick	D
48	Honore'	Dalton	D
47	Jones	Sam	D
47	Ortego	Stephen	D
47	St. Germain	Karen	D
44	Anders	Andy	D
42	Williams	Alfred	D
40	Leger	Walt	D
38	Norton	Barbara	D
37	Gisclair	Truck	D
36	Guillory	Mickey	D
36	Reynolds	Gene	D
34	Price	Ed	D
33	Ritchie	Harold	D
31	Hill	Dorothy Sue	D
30	LeBas	Bernard	D
29	Pierre	Vincent	D
28	Gaines	Randal	D
28	Landry	Terry	D
25	Bishop	Wesley	D
24	Brossett	Jared	D
23	Barrow	Regina	D
21	Armes	James	D
21	Cox	Kenny	D
21	Franklin	AB	D
21	James	Ted	D
20	Burrell	Roy	D
20	Montoucet	Jack	D
19	Edwards	John	D
19	Johnson	Robert	D
18	Hunter	Marcus	D
18	Jackson	Katrina	D
17	Dixon	Herbert	D
13	Smith	Pat	D

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SB 47						Retirement Final Average	85											
	19	16	4			Final Passage		43	43	43	43	43	43	0	0	0	43	43
	23	13	3			Reconsideration		43	43	43	43	43	43	0	0	0	43	43
SB 52						Retirement Increase Employee Contributions	95											
	24	12	3			Final Passage		95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	0	A-	0
SB 555						Legacy Lawsuits	115											
	38	0	1			Final Passage		115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115
SB 581						Early Childhood	50											
	37	0	2			Final Passage		50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
SB 763						Workers Comp	245											
	26	5	8			Final Passage		245	A-	245	245	245	245	0	245	245	245	A-
HB 61						State Retirement Reform	145											
	23	11	5			Final Passage		73	0	73	0	73	73	0	73	0	73	A-
	26	8	5			Adopt Conference Report		73	0	73	A-	73	73	A-	73	0	73	73
HB 89						Public Union Agreements	55											
	34	1	4			Final Passage		55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55
HB 292						School Board Term Limits	75											
	20	16	3			Final Passage		75	75	75	75	75	A-	0	75	75	A-	75
HB 293						Bus Driver Tenure	65											
	17	20	2			Morrell Amendment		10	0	10	10	0	10	0	0	0	0	10
	32	6	1			Final Passage		10	10	10	10	10	10	10	0	10	10	10
	20	15	4			Adopt Conference Report		46	46	46	46	0	46	0	0	46	46	46
HB 618						Legacy Lawsuits	115											
	39	0	0			Final Passage		115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115
HB 974						Teacher Tenure	280											
	23	16	0			Final Passage		280	280	280	280	280	280	0	280	280	280	280
HB 976						School Choice	271											
	29	10	0			LaFleur Amendment		136	136	136	136	136	136	136	136	136	136	136
	24	15	0			Final Passage		136	136	136	136	136	136	0	136	136	136	136
						Possible points		1596	1596	1596	1596	1596	1596	1596	1596	1596	1596	1596
						Total Points		1196	1596	1451	1541	1521	575	1446	1261	1416	1184	
						2012 Voting Record %		75	100	91	97	95	36	91	79	89	74	

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SB 47						Retirement Final Average	85																
	19	16	4			Final Passage		43	43	43	43	0	0	0	0	0	43	A-	43	43	0		
	23	13	3			Reconsideration		43	43	43	43	0	0	0	0	0	43	A-	43	43	43		
SB 52						Retirement Increase	95																
						Employee Contributions																	
	24	12	3			Final Passage		95	0	95	95	0	95	0	95	0	95	95	95	95	95	95	95
SB 555						Legacy Lawsuits	115																
	38	0	1			Final Passage		115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115
SB 581						Early Childhood	50																
	37	0	2			Final Passage		50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
SB 763						Workers Comp	245																
	26	5	8			Final Passage		245	245	245	245	0	245	A-	245	A-	245	A-	245	245	245	245	245
HB 61						State Retirement Reform	145																
	23	11	5			Final Passage		73	73	73	A-	A-	0	0	73	A-	A-	73	A-	A-	73	73	
	26	8	5			Adopt Conference Report		73	73	73	73	0	0	0	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73
HB 89						Public Union Agreements	55																
	34	1	4			Final Passage		55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	A-	55	55	55	55	55
HB 292						School Board Term Limits	75																
	20	16	3			Final Passage		75	75	A-	75	0	0	0	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	0
HB 293						Bus Driver Tenure	65																
	17	20	2			Morrell Amendment		10	10	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	10	10
	32	6	1			Final Passage		10	10	10	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
	20	15	4			Adopt Conference Report		46	46	46	46	0	46	0	A-	0	46	0	46	0	46	0	0
HB 618						Legacy Lawsuits	115																
	39	0	0			Final Passage		115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115
HB 974						Teacher Tenure	280																
	23	16	0			Final Passage		280	280	280	280	0	0	0	280	280	280	280	280	280	0	0	0
HB 976						School Choice	271																
	29	10	0			LaFleur Amendment		136	136	136	136	0	0	0	136	136	136	136	136	136	136	0	0
	24	15	0			Final Passage		136	136	136	136	0	0	0	136	136	136	136	136	136	0	0	0
Possible points							1596	1596	1596	1596	1596	1596	1596	1596	1596	1596	1596	1596	1596	1596	1596	1596	1596
Total Points								1501	1521	1524	335	730	335	1541	1083	1108	882						
2012 Voting Record %								94	95	95	21	46	21	97	68	69	55						

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			Bill Value	Vote Value	LaFleur	Eric	Gerald	Danny	Fred	Jean-Paul	Dan	Ed	Ben	Barrow	Jonathan
With LABI	Against LABI	Absent													
SB 47			Retirement Final Average	85											
19	16	4	Final Passage	43	0	43	43	43	43	A-	43	0	0	43	0
23	13	3	Reconsideration	43	0	43	43	43	43	A-	43	0	43	43	0
SB 52			Retirement Increase	95											
			Employee Contributions												
24	12	3	Final Passage	95	A-	A-	95	0	95	95	0	95	95	95	95
SB 555			Legacy Lawsuits	115											
38	0	1	Final Passage	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	A-	115	115
SB 581			Early Childhood	50											
37	0	2	Final Passage	50	A-	50	A-	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
SB 763			Workers Comp	245											
26	5	8	Final Passage	245	A-	245	245	245	245	A-	245	0	245	245	245
HB 61			State Retirement Reform	145											
23	11	5	Final Passage	73	73	73	73	73	73	0	73	0	0	73	73
26	8	5	Adopt Conference Report	73	73	73	73	73	73	A-	73	0	0	73	73
HB 89			Public Union Agreements	55											
34	1	4	Final Passage	55	55	A-	55	55	55	0	55	55	A-	55	55
HB 292			School Board Term Limits	75											
20	16	3	Final Passage	75	75	0	75	75	75	0	0	0	0	75	75
HB 293			Bus Driver Tenure	65											
17	20	2	Morrell Amendment	10	A-	0	10	10	10	0	10	0	0	10	10
32	6	1	Final Passage	10	A-	10	10	10	10	10	10	0	0	10	10
20	15	4	Adopt Conference Report	46	46	0	A-	46	46	0	A-	0	0	46	46
HB 618			Legacy Lawsuits	115											
39	0	0	Final Passage	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115
HB 974			Teacher Tenure	280											
23	16	0	Final Passage	280	0	280	280	280	280	0	0	0	0	280	0
HB 976			School Choice	271											
29	10	0	LaFleur Amendment	136	0	136	136	136	136	0	136	136	0	0	136
24	15	0	Final Passage	136	0	136	136	136	136	0	136	136	0	0	136
Possible points				1596	1596	1596	1596	1596	1596	1596	1596	1596	1596	1596	1596
Total Points					551	1316	1501	950	656	1060	335	548	1596	960	
2012 Voting Record %					34	82	94	60	41	66	21	34	100	60	

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			With LABI	Against LABI	Absent	Bill Value	Vote Value	Peterson	Karen	Neil	Smith, Gary	John	Greg	Francis	Mike	Rick	Bodie	
			With LABI	Against LABI	Absent	Bill Value	Vote Value	Peterson	Karen	Neil	Smith, Gary	John	Greg	Francis	Mike	Rick	Bodie	
SB 47						Retirement Final Average	85											
	19	16	4			Final Passage	43	0	0	A-	43	A-	0	0	0	0	43	
	23	13	3			Reconsideration	43	0	0	A-	43	43	0	43	0	0	43	
SB 52						Retirement Increase	95											
						Employee Contributions												
	24	12	3			Final Passage	95	0	0	0	95	0	0	95	95	95	95	
SB 555						Legacy Lawsuits	115											
	38	0	1			Final Passage	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	
SB 581						Early Childhood	50											
	37	0	2			Final Passage	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	
SB 763						Workers Comp	245											
	26	5	8			Final Passage	245	0	245	A-	A-	245	245	245	245	0	245	
HB 61						State Retirement Reform	145											
	23	11	5			Final Passage	73	0	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	0	
	26	8	5			Adopt Conference Report	73	0	73	73	73	A-	73	73	A-	73	73	
HB 89						Public Union Agreements	55											
	34	1	4			Final Passage	55	A-	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	
HB 292						School Board Term Limits	75											
	20	16	3			Final Passage	75	0	75	0	0	0	0	75	0	75	75	
HB 293						Bus Driver Tenure	65											
	17	20	2			Morrell Amendment	10	0	10	0	10	0	0	0	0	10	A-	
	32	6	1			Final Passage	10	0	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	
	20	15	4			Adopt Conference Report	46	0	A-	0	0	0	46	46	46	46	46	
HB 618						Legacy Lawsuits	115											
	39	0	0			Final Passage	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	115	
HB 974						Teacher Tenure	280											
	23	16	0			Final Passage	280	0	280	280	0	280	0	280	280	280	280	
HB 976						School Choice	271											
	29	10	0			LaFleur Amendment	136	0	136	136	136	136	136	136	136	136	136	
	24	15	0			Final Passage	136	0	136	136	0	136	0	136	136	136	136	
Possible points							1596	1596	1596	1596	1596	1596	1596	1596	1596	1596	1596	
Total Points								280	1371	1041	815	1256	916	1544	1119	1514		
2012 Voting Record %								18	86	65	51	79	57	97	70	95		

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2012 Voting %	Last Name	First Name	Party
100	John	Alario	R
100	Barrow	Peacock	R
97	Jody	Amedee	R
97	Elbert	Guillory	D
97	Mike	Walsworth	R
95	Conrad	Appel	R
95	A.G.	Crowe	R
95	Jack	Donahue	R
95	Bodie	White	R
94	Patrick	Cortez	R
94	Danny	Martiny	R
91	Bret	Allain	R
91	Troy	Brown	D
89	Norby	Chabert	R
86	Neil	Riser	R
82	Gerald	Long	R
79	Sherri	Buffington	R
79	Greg	Tarver	D
75	Robert	Adley	R
74	Daniel	Claitor	R
70	Rick	Ward	D
69	Ronnie	Johns	R
68	David	Heitmeier	D
66	Dan	Morrish	R
65	Gary	Smith	D
60	Fred	Mills	R
60	Jonathan	Perry	R
57	Francis	Thompson	D
55	Bob	Kostelka	R
51	John	Smith	R
46	Dale	Erdey	R
41	Jean-Paul	Morrell	D
36	Sharon	Broome	D
34	Eric	LaFleur	D
34	Ben	Nevers	D
21	Yvonne	Dorsey-Colomb	D
21	Rick	Gallot	D
21	Edwin	Murray	D
18	Karen	Peterson	D