

The following bills tracked by LABI saw action in the final 10 days of the regular session:

Bill Updates Since May 30th

Bills Passed

HB 94 - Rep. Jimmy Harris

This bill authorizes the creation of a reentry division in all district courts. It was received from the Senate with amendments and concurred in by a vote of 96-0. The bill now awaits executive approval by the Governor. LABI supported this bill.

Support

HB 133 - Rep. Edmonds

This bill requires the public postsecondary management boards to develop and submit to the legislature plans relative to centralization and cooperative unification. It was received from the Senate without amendments and has been sent to the Governor for executive approval. LABI supported this bill.

Support

HB 178 - Rep. Simon

This bill provides that educator preparation programs approved by the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) are not proprietary schools and thus not subject to requirements pertaining to licensing by the Bd. of Regents. It was received from the Senate without amendments and has been sent to the Governor's desk for executive approval. LABI supported this bill.

Support

HB 244 - Rep. Hilferty

This bill allows certain business records to be self-authenticated. The bill was sent to Conference Committee and the Committee Report was adopted by vote of 98-0 in the House and 36-0 in the Senate. The bill now awaits executive approval by the Governor. While LABI was neutral on the bill, our team monitored it closely through the Conference process to ensure no issue arose.

Neutral

HB 249 - Rep. Magee

This bill provides relative to the payment of fines, fees, costs, restitution, and other monetary obligations related to an offender's conviction. It was received from the Senate

with amendments and concurred in by a vote of 67-25. It has been sent to the Governor's desk for executive approval. LABI supported this bill.

Support

HB 293 - Rep. Amedee

This bill provides relative to the limitation of liability of the state. The bill was sent to Conference Committee and the House adopted the Conference Committee Report by a vote of 78-0 and the Senate did so by a vote of 33-0. The bill now awaits executive approval by the Governor. While LABI was neutral on the bill, our team monitored it closely through the Conference process to ensure no issue arose.

Neutral

HB 439 - Rep. Zeringue

This bill provides for continuous revisions to the Code of Civil Procedure and related provisions of the La. Revised Statutes of 1950. The bill was sent to Conference Committee and the Conference Committee Report was adopted by a vote of 84-8 in the House. The Senate concurred by a vote of 33-0. While LABI was neutral on the bill, our team monitored it closely through the Conference process to ensure no issue arose.

Neutral

HB 461 - Rep. Bishop

This bill establishes 10 year severance tax rate reductions for production from an inactive or orphan oil and gas well from July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2023, with production from an inactive well subject to a severance tax rate of 50% of the normal rate, and production from an orphan well subject to a severance tax rate of 75% of the normal rate. It was received from the Senate with amendments and was concurred in by a vote of 98-0. The bill has been sent to the Governor for executive approval. LABI supported this bill.

Support

HB 489 - Rep. Leger

This bill provides for the reinvestment of savings realized as a result of criminal justice reforms and requires the collection of certain data and information in this regard. It was received from the Senate without amendments and has been sent to the Governor's desk for executive approval. LABI supported this bill.

Support

HB 519 - Rep. Emerson

This bill provides relative to the issuance of certain licenses to ex-offenders. It was received from the Senate without amendments and has been sent to the Governor for executive approval. LABI supported this bill.

Support

HB 555 - Rep. Jackson

This bill provides a corporate income tax deduction for dividend income received by certain regulated groups of entities. It was received from the Senate with amendments and was concurred in by a vote of 99-0. The bill now awaits executive approval by the Governor. LABI supported this bill.

Support

HB 584 - Rep. Leger

This bill creates the La. Early Childhood Education Fund and provides for awards to local entities for certain childhood education programs. It was received from the Senate with amendments and concurred in by a vote of 97-0. The bill has been sent to the Governor for executive approval. LABI supported this bill.

Support

HB 590 - Rep. Hilferty

This bill provides for a review of and recommendation on certain dedicated funds. It was received from the Senate with amendments and was concurred in. The bill has been sent to the Governor's desk. LABI supported this bill.

Support

HB 616 - Rep. Thomas

This bill limits student testing time on state assessments per school year. It requires public school governing authorities to review benchmarks and interim assessments. The bill was sent to Conference Committee and the House adopted the Conference Committee Report by vote of 87-0. The Senate adopted the Conference Committee report by a vote of 35-0. The bill now awaits executive approval by the Governor. LABI supported this bill.

Support

HB 689 - Rep. Marcelle

This bill requires semiannual groundwater reporting and parliamentary procedures for certain groundwater conservation districts and regional bodies. It was sent to Conference Committee and the Committee Report was adopted by the House by a vote of 83-0 while the Senate did so by a vote of 36-0. While LABI's position changed to neutral on the bill, our team continued to monitor it closely through the Conference process to ensure no issue arose.

Neutral

SB 30 - Sen. Morrell

This bill extends the Tax Free Shopping Program set to terminate on July 1, 2017. It was received from the House without amendments and sent to the Governor's desk. LABI supported this bill.

Support

SB 86 - Sen. Perry

This bill permits the governing authorities of certain parishes to employ their own attorneys to represent them. It was sent to Conference Committee and the Conference Committee Report was adopted by a vote of 36-0 and the house did so by a vote of 91-1. While LABI was neutral on the bill, our team monitored it closely through the Conference process to ensure no issue arose.

Neutral

SB 100 - Sen. Donahue

This bill requires the Division of Administration to produce a non-discretionary adjusted standstill budget. It was received from the House with amendments and concurred in by a vote of 33-0. The bill now awaits executive approval by the Governor. LABI supported this bill.

Support

SB 140 - Sen. Walsworth

This bill is a Constitutional Amendment to exempt certain property delivered to a construction site from property taxes. It was received from the House with amendments and concurred in by a vote of 38-0. The bill goes to the voters in October. LABI supported this bill.

Support

SB 172 - Sen. Morrell

This bill would have terminated the entire inventory tax credit in 2022 along with many other credits. On the 30th it was heard in the **House Ways and Means Committee** and was amended to remove the inventory tax credit and was reported favorably as amended. This amendment removed LABI's objection. The bill was sent to Conference Committee and the Conference Committee Report was adopted by a vote of 22-12 in the Senate and 62-28 in the House. The bill now awaits executive approval by the Governor. While LABI was neutral on the bill, our team monitored it closely through the Conference process to ensure no issue arose.

Neutral

SB 187 - Sen. Hewitt

This bill establishes a pilot evidence-based budget proposal process for mental health programs administered by the Louisiana Department of Health. It was received from the House with amendments and concurred in by a vote of 36-0. The bill now awaits executive approval by the Governor. LABI supported this bill.

Support

SB 215 - Sen. Tarver

This bill provides relative to the enrollment procedures of certain charter schools. It was received from the House with amendments and concurred in by a vote of 37-0. The bill now awaits executive approval by the Governor. LABI supported this bill.

Support

SB 225 - Sen. Hewitt

This bill creates the Louisiana Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Advisory Council (LaSTEM). It was received from the House with amendments and concurred in by a vote of 34-0. The bill now awaits executive approval by the Governor. LABI supported this bill.

Support

SB 233 - Sen. LaFleur

This bill requires BESE to award additional points to the school performance score of a school that offers certain certified foreign language immersion programs. It was received from the House with amendments and was concurred in by a vote of 37-0. The bill now awaits executive approval by the Governor. LABI was neutral on this bill.

Neutral

Bills Failed

HCR 5 - Rep. Emerson

This concurrent resolution would have amended and repealed administrative licensing requirements relative to alternative hair and alternative hair design. It was to be heard in the **Senate Commerce Committee** but no action was taken because the Committee lost a quorum. LABI supported this bill.

Support

HB 119 - Rep. Ivey

This bill would have required the state treasurer to establish and maintain "Louisiana Checkbook", a fiscal transparency website, as a source of information for state expenditures. It was heard in the **Senate Finance Committee** but no action was taken. LABI supported this bill.

Support

HB 411 - Rep. James

This bill would have permanently taxed business utilities at 2%. The bill was returned to the calendar on the May 31st and was not called again. LABI opposed this bill.

Oppose

HB 444 - Rep. Seabaugh

This Constitutional Amendment would have established an ad valorem tax exemption for property that is subject to a cooperative endeavor agreement that requires the property owner to make Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT). It was referred to the **Senate Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Committee** where it was involuntarily deferred after a vote of 5-5. LABI supported this bill.

Support

HB 445 - Rep. Seabaugh

This bill was a companion to the Constitutional Amendment (HB 444) that would have allowed local taxing authorities' to enter into agreements with businesses for Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT). HB 445 was the enacting statutory language. However, once the **Senate Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Committee** involuntarily deferred HB 444, this bill was voluntarily deferred. LABI supported this bill.

Support

HB 468 - Rep. Emerson

This bill would have permitted certain unregulated services within the Louisiana Cosmetology Act. It was heard on the **Senate floor** where an amendment that LABI supported was offered and failed. The bill was ultimately returned to the calendar and was not considered again. LABI supported this bill.

Support

SB 57 - Sen. Cortez

This bill was a Constitutional Amendment to remove authority to fund state police for traffic control from the Transportation Trust Fund. It was heard on the **House floor** today where it failed to pass as amended by a vote of 67-33. The bill was brought back for reconsideration, but a second vote was not taken before the constitutional deadline for bill passage at 6 pm. LABI supported this bill.

Support

SB 61 - Sen. Allain

This bill was a Constitutional Amendment to authorize local economic development authorities or districts to enter into contracts to exempt offshore vessels from property taxes. The bill, not having received two-thirds vote of members, failed to pass by a vote of 28-67. LABI supported this bill.

Support

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