Louisiana Family Forum Action

Family Security Advisory

2011 Regular Session – LA Senate

1. TUITON/TAX DEDUCTION

SB 13 - Maroonneaux (D - Livonia) [Final Passage]

Allows parents of private, parochial and lab school children to deduct tuition and fees up to $5,000 per child on their state income tax return.

Yes = 25 (+)  No = 10 (-)  Not Voting = 4 (a)

Status: Signed by Governor

2. TAX ELECTION REFORM

SB 108 - Riser (R - Columbia) [Final Passage]

Limited tax elections to coincide with federal and statewide elections only.

Yes = 23 (+)  No = 12 (-)  Not Voting = 4 (a)

Status: Died in House and Governmental Affairs Committee

3. “SIGNS OF HOPE”

HB 636 - Hoffmann (R - West Monroe) [Final Passage]

Pro-life measure to require anti-coercion informational signs in all abortion facilities.

Yes = 30 (+)  No = 5 (-)  Not Voting = 4 (a)

Status: Signed by Governor

4. E-VERIFY FOR EMPLOYEES

HB 342 - Edwards (D - Amite) [Final Passage]

Requires contractors on state construction projects to sign an affidavit verifying that all employees are legally in the United States.

Yes = 27 (+)  No = 8 (-)  Not Voting = 4 (a)

Status: Signed by Governor

5. TEXTBOOK AUTHORIZATION BILL

HB 580 - Hoffmann (R - Monroe) [Motion to Consider]

Allows local school boards more flexibility and citizen input in textbook selection process.

Yes = 23 (+)  No = 11 (-)  Not Voting = 5 (a)

Status: Passed House; Failed on Senate Floor (Needed 26 votes to be considered in Senate.)

6. HIGHER ACADEMIC STANDARDS TO PLAY SPORTS

HB 31 - Hardy (D - Lafayette) [Final Passage]

Raises academic standards to participate in junior high and high school sports.

Yes = 37 (+)  No = 6 (-)  Not Voting = 2 (a)

Status: Signed by Governor

7. DEBT REDUCTION RESOLUTION

HCR 87 - Ellington (R - Winnboro) [Motion to Adopt]

A Concurrent Resolution memorializing Congress to call a constitutional convention for the sole purpose of reducing our national debt.

Yes = 24 (+)  No = 7 (-)  Not Voting = 8 (a)

Status: Passed House; Passed Senate; Filed with Secretary of State

8. ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNET TAX

HB 641 - R. Jones (D - Monroe) [Final Passage]

Created a state mechanism to increase collection of taxes on internet sales to Louisiana residents.

Yes = 15 (-)  No = 20 (+)  Not Voting = 4 (a)

Status: Passed House; Failed on Senate Floor

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Legend:

- Outstanding Family Advocate
- Family Advocate
- Average
- Needs Improvement
- Hostile

Explanation of Information

Louisiana Family Forum believes elected officials should support policies and programs that protect and promote families and traditional family values in Louisiana.

To accomplish this goal, Louisiana Family Forum Action, the advocacy arm of Louisiana Family Forum, educates the public about legislation and voting records. Legislators scoring 100% are recognized as Outstanding Family Advocates.

Note: LFF Action utilizes the official voting records of the Louisiana Legislature. In the Senate, members are allowed to change their votes in the Official Record. In the House, the Senate is not allowed to change their votes. However, “on a debatable question each member shall be allowed to explain his vote in writing only, and the explanation shall be incorporated in the Journal, if requested.” (Senate Rule 12.1 B) Journal notations are described above.