Louisiana Family Forum

Family Security Advisory

2012 Regular Session-LA Senate

1. PARENT CHOICE IN EDUCATION
HB 976 – Carter (R-Baton Rouge) [Final Passage]
Provides parents the ability to oversee and direct their children’s education within underperforming schools.
Yes(+) = 24 No(-) = 15 Absent(a) = 0
Status: Signed by the Governor

2. LINKS TEACHER TENURE TO PERFORMANCE
HB 974 – Carter (R-Baton Rouge) [Final Passage]
Restructures the tenure system for public school teachers to highlight workplace performance as the predominant factor for continued employment, rather than length of service.
Yes(+) = 23 No(-) = 16 Absent(a) = 0
Status: Signed by the Governor

3. TAX CREDIT FOR SCHOOL TUITION DONATIONS
HB 969 – Talbot (R-River Ridge) [Final Passage]
Authorizes a rebate for taxpayers who donate to private school tuition scholarship programs.
Yes(+) = 33 No(-) = 6 Absent(a) = 0
Status: Signed by the Governor

4. DEFUNDS PLANNED PARENTHOOD
HCR 11 – Hoffmann (R-West Monroe) [Final Passage]
Memorializes Congress to defund and appropriate no future funding to Planned Parenthood, the nation’s largest abortion provider.
Yes(+) = 29 No(-) = 5 Absent(a) = 5
Status: Signed by the Governor

5. “HEAR THE HEARTBEAT” ACT
SB 708 – Broome (D-Baton Rouge) [Final Passage]
Every woman considering abortion must be given an ultrasound 24 hours prior to the procedure, giving her the opportunity to “see and hear” her unborn child when a discernable heartbeat is present.
Yes(+) = 34 No(-) = 4 Absent(a) = 1
Status: Signed by the Governor

6. ANTI-BULLYING BILL
SB 764 – Ward (D-Port Allen) [Final Passage]
Prohibits bullying at schools and school-sponsored events for all students without creating special preferences for homosexuals.
Yes(+) = 33 No(-) = 0 Absent(a) = 6
Status: Signed by the Governor

7. BANS OUT-OF-STATE ABORTIONISTS
SB 330 – Ward (D-Port Allen) [Final Passage]
Criminalizes the act of performing an abortion when the abortionist is not a Louisiana licensed physician.
Yes(+) = 37 No(-) = 0 Absent(a) = 2
Status: Signed by the Governor

8. 20 WEEK ABORTION BAN
SB 766 – Alario (R-Westwego) [Final Passage]
Protects unborn children from abortions after 20 weeks, in conjunction with the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act.
Yes(+) = 35 No(-) = 0 Absent(a) = 4
Status: Signed by the Governor

9. STATE EMPLOYEE’S RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS
SB 52 – Guillory (D-Opelousas) [Final Passage]
Increases the employee contribution rate for certain state retirement systems.
Yes(+) = 24 No(-) = 12 Absent(a) = 3
Status: Died on the Subject to Call Calendar

10. PROHIBITS SEXUAL ORIENTATION AS PROTECTED CLASS
SB 217 – Crowe (R-Slidell) [Final Passage]
Prevents special protections on the basis of sexual orientation from being included in state employment practices and contracts, and enforces the constitutional employment protections guaranteed at the federal level.
Yes(+) = 35 No(-) = 0 Absent(a) = 4
Status: Subject to Call (Needed 20 votes for passage)

Explanation of Information

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

To accomplish this goal, LFF 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 House, members are allowed to change their votes in the Official Record. In the Senate, members are not allowed to change their votes. However, “on a debatable question each member shall be allowed to explain his vote in writing only, and this explanation shall be incorporated in the Journal, if requested.” (Senate Rule 12.1 B) Journal notations are described above.

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