

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE
FACULTY SENATE REPORT

Governmental Concerns Committee
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Task of Committee (please indicate the task of your committee here):

“The Governmental Concerns Committee shall call to the attention of the Senate issues pending before governmental bodies which affect higher education and shall furnish the Senate with information necessary to understanding such issues.”

Progress Report:

#	Since the last Faculty Senate Meeting, the <u>following has been accomplished:</u>
1.	The Committee has monitored upcoming legislation pertaining to higher education in Louisiana.

Committee Members Present at Committee Meetings: N/A

Anticipated Future Plans

#	Before the next Faculty Senate Meeting, the <u>following actions are planned:</u>
1.	<i>Continue to monitor legislation and report to Senate</i>

Action Required by the Faculty Senate (list any action that needs to be taken by the Faculty Senate as a result of this report)

Faculty senate members should consult the pending Bills listed below and consult the legislative website for further information.. The website can be accessed here:
<https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/BillSearchList.aspx?srch=c>

HB34 by Representative [Steve Pugh](#)



HIGHER EDUCATION: (Constitutional Amendment) Relative to management of public postsecondary education, abolishes the Board of Regents and the management boards and transfers their powers, duties, and responsibilities to a newly created Louisiana Postsecondary Education Board of Trustees (OR SEE FISC NOTE GF EX)

Current Status: Pending House Education

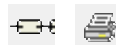
HB133 by Representative [Rick Edmonds](#)



HIGHER EDUCATION: Requires each public postsecondary education management board to develop a centralization plan and a cooperative unification plan and submit them to the legislature

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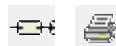
HB194 by Representative [Gene Reynolds](#)



TOPS: Raises the minimum GPA required for initial eligibility for a Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) Opportunity Award and provides for exceptions granted with respect to enrollment requirements for initial and continuing eligibility (OR DECREASE GF EX See Note)

Current Status: Pending House Education

HB269 by Representative [Lance Harris](#)



COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES: Provides for free expression on college campuses

Current Status: Pending House Education

HB342 by Representative [Chris Broadwater](#)



HIGHER EDUCATION: (Constitutional Amendment) Abolishes the Board of Regents and transfers certain board powers, duties, and responsibilities to a newly created board

Current Status: Pending House Education

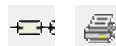
HB390 by Representative [Gary Carter](#)



TOPS: Provides relative to TOPS award amounts and for procedures for reducing award amounts in the event of insufficient funding (OR SEE FISC NOTE GF EX)

Current Status: Pending House Education

HB528 by Representative [Chris Broadwater](#)



HIGHER EDUCATION: Creates and provides for the Louisiana Postsecondary Education Board of Trustees as the successor of the Board of Regents

Current Status: Pending House Education

SB71 by Senator [Jack Donahue](#)



TOPS: Provides relative to TOPS award amounts. (gov sig) (OR SEE FISC NOTE GF EX)

Current Status: Pending Senate final passage - [Sched. for 4/26/17](#)

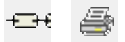
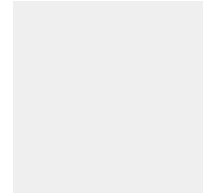


SB90 by Senator [Dale Erdey](#)

POSTSECONDARY ED: Provides relative to scholarships for children of certain law enforcement officers and other investigative employees killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty. (gov sig) (OR DECREASE SG RV See Note)

Current Status: Pending Senate final passage - [Sched. for 4/26/17](#)

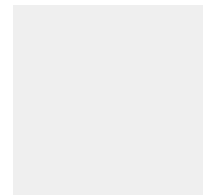
SB106 by Senator [Wesley Bishop](#)



POSTSECONDARY ED: Requires public postsecondary institutions to develop and implement an action plan to address the prevention of unplanned pregnancies. (gov sig)

Current Status: Pending Senate Education - [Sched. for 4/27/17](#)

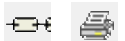
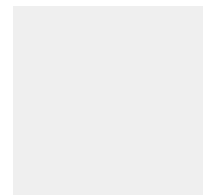
SB110 by Senator [Jay Luneau](#)



TOPS: Provides for residency requirements for TOPS recipients and for repayment of a TOPS award under certain circumstances. (gov sig) (OR +\$213,000 GF EX See Note)

Current Status: Pending Senate Education - [Considered 4/20/17](#)

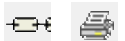
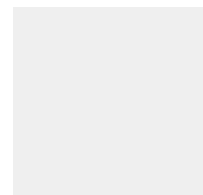
SB157 by Senator [Sharon Hewitt](#)



TOPS: Provides relative to TOPS award amounts. (gov sig)

Current Status: Pending Senate Education

SB190 by Senator [Francis C. Thompson](#)



COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES: Provides relative to college transition courses. (gov sig)

Current Status: Pending Senate Education