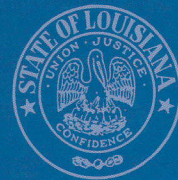


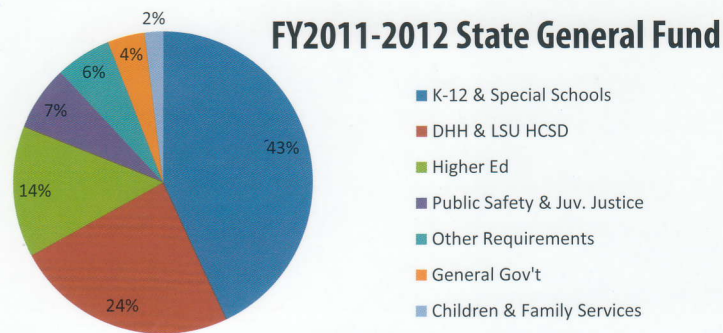
2011 REGULAR SESSION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



Budget Breakdown

\$24.9 billion budget

\$11B federal funds, \$7.6B state generated revenue, \$2.84B interagency transfers, \$1.92B fees and self-generated revenues, \$2.85B statutory dedications.



Healthcare

The Senate Finance Committee sent recommendations to the full Senate that were accepted by the House of Representatives resulting in the elimination of the disastrous 7.4% provider rate cut.

HB382 establishes changes to the Medical Assistance Program Integrity law to combat and prevent fraud and abuse in the medical system.

SB189 establishes guidelines for the Louisiana Youth Concussion Act on how to recognize the danger and treatment of a concussion. The bill further legislates rules, regulations and education for all personnel involved in the athletic process.

Military

HB143 provides for a lump sum benefit for death and disability of servicemen and their families while on active duty.

HB232 exempts the spouse and children of a La. National Guard member who dies while serving in state active duty from having to pay tuition to an in-state college.

SB271 expands death benefits for a peace officer who dies during an investigation of possible illegal activity.

Education

HB421 allows businesses donating land, a building or making major renovations or technology donations to a charter school to become a corporate partner of the school. It also allows the charter school to set aside up to 50% of its enrollment for the children of that business' employees.

HB526 authorizes the board of supervisors for community and technical colleges to increase and equalize community and technical college tuition rates.

SB13 authorizes a deduction from taxable income equal to 100% of "tuition and fees" paid by a taxpayer for a dependent child to a nonpublic elementary or secondary school or to any public elementary or secondary laboratory school which is operated by a public college or university. The deduction is limited to \$5,000 per child.

SB59 provides a framework to govern when and how physical restraint and seclusion can be used with students with exceptionalities in K-12 education.

HB549 allows universities meeting certain targets to qualify for one of three levels of autonomy. Qualifying universities will be allowed special authority in procurement procedures, exemption from participation in certain programs and investment authority.

Crime

SB 182 bans sex offenders from visiting social networking sites such as

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Twitter or Facebook if such site allows users to create a publically available profile about themselves or offers a means of communication among users such as chat rooms, e-mail, or instant messaging.

Tax Credits

HB348 increases the tax credit for the rehab of certain residential structures.

SB63 extends the income and corporate franchise tax credits for the rehab of historic structures.

HB319 authorizes a credit against individual income tax for the owner of a newly constructed residence that includes certain accessible and barrier-free design elements.

Constitutional Amendments

The following will appear on your ballot in the fall, and will be assigned ballot numbers prior to election day.

HB341 – To authorize the legislature to establish a private custodial fund, designated as the Patient's Compensation Fund, for the use, benefit, and protection of medical malpractice claimants and private health care providers.

HB384 – To require that for the next two years, five percent of nonrecurring money be applied toward the balance of the unfunded accrued liability, which existed as of June 30, 1988, for the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System and the Teachers Retirement System. Thereafter, the amount dedicated increases to 10 percent.

SB53 – To provide relative to the portion of the monies deposited in and credited to the Millennium Trust each year from the Tobacco Master Settlement that once the balance in the Millennium Trust reaches a total of \$1.38 billion, 100 percent of the annual Settlement Proceeds shall be allocated to the TOPS Fund to support state programs of financial assistance for students attending Louisiana postsecondary education institutions.

SB147 – To provide that if at any time mineral revenues exceed the base provided by law and monies are withdrawn from the Budget Stabilization Fund, no deposit of mineral revenues shall be made to the Budget Stabilization Fund in the same or ensuing fiscal year in which monies in the fund are appropriated or incorporated into the official forecast, except by specific legislative appropriation, and thereafter deposits of mineral revenues into the fund shall resume except in an annual amount not to exceed 25 percent of the most recent amount appropriated or incorporated into the official forecast.

HB135 – To prohibit the levy of new taxes or fees upon the sale or transfer of immovable property, including documentary transaction taxes or fees, by the state or any of its political subdivisions after November 30, 2011.

**HB135 will appear on your November ballot*