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## 2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION *A Snapshot of some of the Education Bills We're Tracking*

**HB 1 (Rep. Fannin) / State Operating Budget**  
Despite a budget shortfall, to date funding of *Required Services, School Lunch Salary Supplements* and *Textbooks* has not been reduced.

**HB 192 (Rep. Pearson) / Eligibility for the State's Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program**  
Would prohibit kindergarten students from entering the state's scholarship program if they weren't attending a public school rated C, D or F. The bill was defeated in the House Education Committee.

**HB 358 (Rep. Harrison) / School Bus Transportation**  
This instrument proposed to end bus transportation to 900 private school students in Terrebonne Parish. Due to strong parental response the author withdrew the bill. Had it gotten on the House floor it could have been amended to apply statewide.

**HB 374 (Rep. Geymann) / Appointments to BESE**  
Would remove the provision in state law allowing the governor to appoint three at large members to the eleven-member Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and provide instead for their election. Governors have traditionally appointed a nonpublic school leader to one of these seats. The bill was defeated in committee.

**HB 701 (Rep. Edwards) / Scholarship Eligibility**  
Would remove voucher eligibility of students attending C-rated public schools. The bill was defeated in committee.

**HB 780 (Rep. Talbot) / STO**  
Would allow Scholarship Tuition Organization (STO) funds to be awarded to students who are currently enrolled in the scholarship program. The bill passed the House and Senate Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Committee. It awaits a vote by the full Senate.

**HB 836 (Rep. Harrison) / Scholarship Eligibility**  
Would apply public school accountability standards to nonpublic schools participating in the state's scholarship program. The bill was defeated in committee.

**HB 1054 (Rep. Richard) / Teacher Testing**  
Would require teachers in private schools accepting students in the scholarship program to take tests aligned to the Common Core State Standards prior to administering such tests to their students. The bill was defeated in the House Education Committee.

**SB 460 (Sen. Adley) / State Audits of Scholarship Schools**  
We worked closely with the bill's author and the Jindal Administration to successfully amend this legislation concerning the auditing of state funds to schools in the scholarship program. The bill has passed the Senate and the House Governmental Affairs Committee. It awaits a vote on the House floor.

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**Thank you for your support!**  
Thanks to all who remitted 2013-14 CEC membership dues, and a special thank-you to those with multiple memberships!  
If your school or parent club has not yet paid this year's dues it's not too late to do so and be included in our end-of-year membership roster. If you're not sure about your current status visit the membership page on our website [louisianacec.org](http://louisianacec.org).

**Farewell to CEC Executive Director Danny Loar**  
*Danny Loar has announced his retirement as Executive Director of CEC effective June 30, 2014. He has served in the position for the past 12 years. Danny expresses his gratitude for all the support he has received from the CEC board of directors, Catholic school superintendents, heads of independent schools, as well as parents of private and parochial school students statewide. "It has been a great joy and privilege these many years to work in behalf of private and parochial school students and parents while representing their interests at the State Capitol." Danny will stay active by teaching Religion and American History at his granddaughter's school, St. Theresa Middle in Gonzales, Louisiana.*  
**New Executive Director - Rob Tasman**  
*Danny's "big shoes" will be filled by Rob Tasman who will assume the role of Executive Director on July 1, 2014. He has served as Associate Director for the past six years, and holds degrees from Boston College and a law degree from LSU.*

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