

ADDENDUM TO
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of the
VETOED MESSAGES OF HOUSE BILLS

FORTY-THIRD REGULAR SESSION
OF THE LEGISLATURE
UNDER THE ADOPTION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF 1974

BEGUN AND HELD IN THE CITY OF
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA
April 10, 2017, thru June 8, 2017

The information in this addendum to the Official Journal of the Forty-third Regular Session of the Legislature under the adoption of the Constitution of 1974 contains the veto messages that were received after the legislative session sine' die adjournment of June 8, 2017.

BY AUTHORITY

TAYLOR F. BARRAS
SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



ALFRED W. SPEER
CLERK
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Messages from the Governor

The following messages from the Governor were received on the dates indicated:

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

John Bel Edwards
Governor

June 14, 2017

Honorable Taylor F. Barras
Speaker of the House
Louisiana House of Representatives
Post Office Box 94062
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9062

RE: Veto of House Bill 126 of 2017 Regular Session

Dear Speaker Barras:

Please allow this letter to inform you that I have signed Senate Bill 43 from the 2017 Regular Session. Since this bill will become law, I have also exercised my authority to veto House Bill 126 by Representative Tony Bacala. Signing both bills would create issues in the subsections La. R.S. 13:2590 as House Bill 126 amends the very same provisions that are the subject of Senate Bill 43.

Sincerely,

JOHN BEL EDWARDS
Governor

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

John Bel Edwards
Governor

June 26, 2017

Honorable Taylor F. Barras
Speaker of the House
Louisiana House of Representatives
Post Office Box 94062
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9062

RE: Veto of House Bill 132 of 2017 Regular Session

Dear Speaker Barras:

Please allow this letter to inform you that I have vetoed House Bill 132 of the 2017 Regular Session. House Bill 132 creates needless and overly burdensome reporting requirements for executive branch agencies that would require even small and routine transactions to be compiled for a report to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (JLCB). Instead, I have requested Commissioner Dardenne continue this administration's practice of properly responding to

requests for information from the JLCB or any other members of the legislature.

Sincerely,

JOHN BEL EDWARDS
Governor

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

John Bel Edwards
Governor

June 14, 2017

Honorable Taylor F. Barras
Speaker of the House
Louisiana House of Representatives
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RE: Veto of House Bill 133 of 2017 Regular Session

Dear Speaker Barras:

Please allow this letter to inform you that I have chosen to exercise my authority to veto House Bill 133 from the 2017 Regular Session. House Bill 133 effectively creates a duplicative and unnecessary burden on higher education as the same subject matter was addressed in Act No. 619 from the 2016 Regular Legislative Session, which resulted in a comprehensive report presented to House and Senate Education Committees earlier this year. Signing this bill would require two separate reports for eventually the same purpose. Further, House Bill 133 creates an obligation for each post-secondary management board to develop and submit "plans" and not just "reports" which obligation continues indefinitely with additional plan submissions every four years. At a time when higher education is significantly underfunded and resources are limited, this would be unnecessary.

Sincerely,

JOHN BEL EDWARDS
Governor

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

John Bel Edwards
Governor

June 26, 2017

Honorable Taylor F. Barras
Speaker of the House
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RE: Veto of House Bill 269 of 2017 Regular Session

Dear Speaker Barras:

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Please be advised that I have vetoed House Bill 269 of the 2017 Regular Session. This bill is a solution in search of a problem that creates a long, detailed structure for the evaluation of the freedom of expression on college campuses. However, this bill is unnecessary and overly burdensome to our colleges and universities as the freedoms this bill attempts to protect are already well-established by the bedrock principles declared in the First Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article 1, Section 7 of the Louisiana Constitution.

Just last week, the United States Supreme Court reminded us of the importance of protecting free expression by reiterating that "the public expression of ideas may not be prohibited merely because the ideas themselves are offensive to their hearers." *Matal v. Tam*, 582 U.S. ___, 22-23 (2017). This commitment to the freedom of speech is especially important for students attending our public colleges and universities. However, House Bill 269, which requires complex policies for the regulation of freedom of speech, sets up a detailed regime for discipline involving freedom of speech, and establishes a "Committee on free expression" under the Board of Regents, which is overly complicated and would only frustrate the goals it purports to achieve. The protection of speech has survived and flourished in the 226 years since the adoption of the First Amendment and it will continue to do so without House Bill 269 becoming the law of Louisiana. With this in mind, I have chosen to veto House Bill 269.

Sincerely,

JOHN BEL EDWARDS
Governor

STATE OF LOUISIANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

John Bel Edwards
Governor

June 15, 2017

Honorable Taylor F. Barras
Speaker of the House
Louisiana House of Representatives
Post Office Box 94062
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9062

RE: Veto of House Bill 505 of 2017 Regular Session

Dear Speaker Barras:

Please be advised that I have exercised my authority to veto House Bill 505 of the 2017 Regular Session. This veto is at the request of the author because the Monroe City School Board voted to rename the auditorium and gymnasium after Roy Neal Shelling, Sr. after this bill was finally passed. Thus, this legislation is unnecessary.

Sincerely,

JOHN BEL EDWARDS
Governor

STATE OF LOUISIANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

John Bel Edwards
Governor

June 26, 2017

Honorable Taylor F. Barras
Speaker of the House
Louisiana House of Representatives
Post Office Box 94062
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RE: Veto of House Bill 568 of 2017 Regular Session

Dear Speaker Barras:

Please be advised that I have vetoed House Bill 568 of the 2017 Regular Session. House Bill 568 provides for the sharing of student information between the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) and persons conducting academic research at a postsecondary education institution accredited by a regional or national accrediting organization recognized by the United States Department of Education. The legislation requires LDOE to enter into a memorandum of understanding in which the person conducting such academic research agrees to be civilly liable for any fine imposed as a violation of authorized uses of the student information. Under current law, a person who violates authorized uses of the student information is subject to both criminal and civil penalties. House Bill 568 references civil penalties only relative to the memorandum of understanding. However, it does not create an exception to the criminal liability provisions in current law. Because of these drafting concerns, I have vetoed House Bill 568.

Sincerely,

JOHN BEL EDWARDS
Governor

STATE OF LOUISIANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

John Bel Edwards
Governor

June 26, 2017

Honorable Taylor F. Barras
Speaker of the House
Louisiana House of Representatives
Post Office Box 94062
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RE: Veto of House Bill 598 of 2017 Regular Session

Dear Speaker Barras:

Please be advised that I have vetoed House Bill 598 of the 2017 Regular Session. As originally drafted, House Bill 598 was part of a transportation package that included a transportation funding bill. It further would have provided for additional transparency and accountability from the Department of Transportation and Development. Providing for additional funds to meet our critical infrastructure needs while at the same time providing for better accountability for the use of those funds has been, and continues to be, a critical priority of my administration.

However, this bill, as amended, does not meet those standards. The amendments to this bill allow for the legislature to make changes to the Highway Priority Program by inserting or substituting projects. This would inappropriately inject politics into a process that should be based on data and needs. This would erode public trust and confidence in the Highway Priority Program. When combined with the failure of House Bill 632 to become law, it is clear that House Bill 598, in its final form, would further prevent the Department of Transportation and Development from meeting the infrastructure needs of the state.

Sincerely,

JOHN BEL EDWARDS
Governor

