Committee on Education

Will meet at: 9:00 am Date: May 22, 2008

Location: Committee Room 1

Remarks:

HB 677  SMITH, PATRICIA (TBA)  COLLEGES/LSU Authorizes the LSU Board of Supervisors to impose an increase in the operational fee for students (Subject to rule suspension)

HB 680  BARROW (TBA)  STUDENT/ASSESSMENT Requires BESE to allow fourth and eighth grade students who score not more than one point below the required proficiency level on the LEAP tests to proceed to the succeeding grade (Subject to rule suspension)

HB 824  SMITH, PATRICIA  SCHOOLS/INSURANCE-GROUP Requires the Baker, Central community, and Zachary community school boards to reimburse annually the East Baton Rouge Parish school board a portion of the cost of health insurance premiums paid by EBR for retirees

HB 1187  LABRUZZO  SCHOOLS/CHOICE Establishes the Education Vouchers for Foster Children Program

HB 1278  WADDELL (TBA)  STUDENT/LOANS-SCHOLARSHIP Permits use of a TOPS-Tech Award at certain schools having a certificate of registration issued by the Bd. of Cosmetology and proprietary schools licensed by the Bd. of Regents (Subject to rule suspension)

HB 1306  BURRELL (TBA)  STUDENT/ASSESSMENT Prohibits not promoting or graduating a student who fails to attain a certain minimum achievement level on a portion of any LEAP test, including the graduation test, if the student meets certain criteria (Subject to rule suspension)

HB 1331  SMITH, PATRICIA  STUDENT/SCH ATTENDANCE Provides for the suspension of driver's licenses and revocation of employment certificates issued to certain truant students

HB 1349  WILLIAMS  EDUCATION Establishes the Parental Choice Education Reform Program

HCR 107  Downs  HIGHER ED/B D REGENTS Requests the Board of Regents, with public postsecondary education management boards, to study policies and practices relative to textbooks for use by blind students and to
submit a written report to the House and Senate education committees

HCR 110  SMITH, JANE  STUDENT/ASSESSMENT  Provides relative to dates for administering LEAP tests and for the start of a school year by public elementary and secondary schools

HCR 116  TRAHAN  EDUCATION/ADULT  Requests BESE, the Bd. of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges, and the Bd. of Regents to study transferring the administration of adult education programs from BESE to the Bd. of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges

HCR 132  SMITH, JANE (TBA)  SCHOOLS/TRANSPORTATION  Requests BESE to study best practices and make certain determinations relative to the use on school buses of additional safety devices to alert motor vehicle drivers to the presence of a school bus stopped on a roadway (Subject to rule suspension)

• To receive and discuss the proposed program and budget for expenditures for FY 2008-2009 from the Louisiana Quality Education Support Fund ("8g") as submitted by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Board of Regents.

• To receive and discuss responses and recommendations from the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Board of Regents to resolutions adopted in prior legislative sessions.

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CHAIRMAN