

**ADDENDUM TO  
2014  
OFFICIAL JOURNAL  
and  
LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR  
of the  
VETOED MESSAGES OF HOUSE BILLS**

**Fortieth Regular Session  
of the Legislature  
Under the Adoption of the Constitution of 1974**

**BEGUN AND HELD IN THE CITY OF  
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA  
March 10, 2014, through June 2, 2014**

**The information in this addendum to the Official Journal of the Fortieth 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 2, 2014.**

**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**

Bobby Jindal  
Governor

June 12, 2014

The Honorable Alfred W. Speer  
Clerk of the House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Re: House Bill No. 22 by Representative Kevin Pearson

Dear Mr. Speer:

House Bill No. 22 by Representative Pearson contains language that it shall become effective only if House Bill No. 1278 does not become effective.

On this date, I have signed House Bill No. 1278; however, it contains five separate sections with two different effective dates, one of which does not occur until July 1, 2015 and depends on a future action taken by the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee. Due to the length of time prior to all sections of House Bill No. 1278 becoming effective and the uncertainty this would cast over the implementation of House Bill No. 22, the author has requested a veto of House Bill No. 22.

For these reasons I have vetoed House Bill No. 22 and hereby return it to the House.

Sincerely,

BOBBY JINDAL  
Governor

**STATE OF LOUISIANA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Bobby Jindal  
Governor

June 13, 2014

The Honorable Alfred Speer  
Clerk of the House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Re: House Bill No. 953 by Representative Walt Leger

Dear Mr. Speer:

House Bill No. 953 would significantly impair parents ability to have clear information about the performance of their child's school and teachers ability to have meaningful feedback. The bill sacrifices the important education reforms supported by this Legislature in 2010 and 2012 in order to implement a set of national standards and tests that take away local control and standardize our education system.

Louisiana needs to raise the academic performance of our students so we can compete in the 21st century, but not at the expense of handing away our school system to the federal government through Common Core and PARCC, and sacrificing the important reforms that empower parents to choose the best school for their children.

The opposition to this bill has come from both sides of the Common Core issue. The Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, Louisiana Federation for Children, Black Alliance for Educational Options, Stand for Children, Louisiana Association of Charter Schools, and the Council for a Better Louisiana opposed the bill during the Legislative session because it delays reform and deprives our children of high quality teachers, accountable administrators, and clear information about the performance of their schools. Others opposed the bill for enshrining Louisiana's participation in Common Core and PARCC. The Louisiana School Boards Association, the Louisiana Federation of Teachers, and the Louisiana Association of Educators also opposed the bill during the session. They are joined by countless parents who have requested a veto.

Given the widespread opposition and the gravity of any decision that affects our children, I have vetoed House Bill No. 953 and hereby return it to the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

BOBBY JINDAL  
Governor

**STATE OF LOUISIANA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Bobby Jindal  
Governor

June 13, 2014

The Honorable Alfred Speer  
Clerk of the House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

RE: House Bill No. 1091 by Representative Tom Willmott

Dear Mr. Speer:

House Bill No. 1091 would place a significant burden on our citizens, particularly those who reside in rural areas, while providing questionable benefit to their pets. The bill's broad definition of the criterion by which a dog must be crated has rightly caused concern to Louisiana sportsmen and farmers for being overly broad. Animal cruelty is explicitly prohibited by current law, and I trust that our citizens can care for their pets without the nanny state intervening to dictate how a dog is secured in the bed of a pickup truck.

For these reasons, and as requested by Louisiana Farm Bureau and Louisiana Sportsmen's Alliance, I have vetoed House Bill No. 1091 and hereby return it to the House.

Sincerely

BOBBY JINDAL  
Governor

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**STATE OF LOUISIANA**  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Bobby Jindal  
Governor

June 13, 2014

Mr. Alfred W. Speer  
Clerk of the House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

Mr. Glenn Koepf  
Secretary of the Senate  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

RE: House Bill No. 1094 Veto Message

Dear Gentlemen:

As authorized by Article III, Section 18(B), and more particularly, Article IV, Section 5(G)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, I have exercised my right to veto an item in the Supplemental Appropriation Bill. I respectfully request that you deliver on my behalf the following message to the members of the Legislature:

**VETO MESSAGE**

On page 10, delete lines 20 through 23 in their entirety.

This amendment is in error; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

Sincerely,

BOBBY JINDAL  
Governor

**STATE OF LOUISIANA**  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Bobby Jindal  
Governor

June 20, 2014

Mr. Alfred W. Speer  
Clerk of the House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

Mr. Glenn Koepf  
Secretary of the Senate  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

RE: House Bill No. 1 of the 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature provides for the ordinary operating expenses of state government for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

Dear Gentlemen:

As authorized by Article III, Section 18(B), and more particularly, Article IV, Section 5(G)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, I have exercised my right to veto 8 items of the General Appropriation Bill. This letter is to communicate that I have vetoed items in House Bill No. 1, as follows:

**VETO MESSAGE NO. 1**

On page 6, delete lines 3 through 13 in their entirety:

Louisiana Revised Statutes 23:332 prohibits intentional discrimination in employment; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

**VETO MESSAGE NO. 2**

On Page 30, delete lines 20 through 23 in their entirety:

This function has been integrated into Adult Protective Services, and this funding is insufficient to perform this function; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

**VETO MESSAGE NO. 3**

On Page 30, delete lines 24 through 26 in their entirety:

This language will cause a funding shortfall in other Senior Centers in the Orleans Parish; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

**VETO MESSAGE NO. 4**

On page 60, delete lines 55 through 57 in their entirety:

The implementation of this amendment would limit the budgetary discretion of the Department of Economic Development; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

**VETO MESSAGE NO. 5**

On page 99, line 50, after "Schedule," delete the remainder of the line, delete line 51 in its entirety, and on line 52, delete "reimbursement rate for inpatient hospital services and":

The implementation of this amendment would limit the budgetary discretion of the Department of Health and Hospitals during fiscally challenging times; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

**VETO MESSAGE NO. 6**

On page 112, delete lines 47 through 53 in their entirety:

The Department of Health and Hospitals needs to have flexibility in implementing reimbursement methodologies; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

**VETO MESSAGE NO. 7**

On page 120, delete lines 53 through 56 in their entirety:

This amendment would create an inefficient duplication of service delivery systems, affecting some of the State's most vulnerable citizens; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

**VETO MESSAGE NO. 8**

On page 125, delete lines 7 through 9 in their entirety:

The implementation of this amendment would limit the budgetary discretion of the Department of Health and Hospitals during fiscally challenging times; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

Sincerely,

BOBBY JINDAL  
Governor

**STATE OF LOUISIANA**  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Bobby Jindal  
Governor

June 20, 2014

The Honorable Alfred W. Speer  
Clerk of the House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Re: House Bill No. 142 by Representative Jerome Richard

Dear Mr. Speer:

House Bill No. 142 could hinder the state's efforts to continue to provide its citizens with timely, high quality services. Its arbitrary and burdensome process could cause significant delays and introduce uncertainty to executing a contract, which would make contracting with the state difficult and discourage businesses from seeking opportunities to provide services to the people of Louisiana.

In addition, the obligation for many of the services that the state provides does not disappear if the contract for such a service is eliminated. In order to fully fund these critical services, we have strategically slimmed down the state's contracts by more than \$730 million since 2008 and by \$126 million between FY14 and FY15, the latter including a \$14.7 million reduction in state general fund contracts. Only a few agencies, such as Department of Health and Hospitals, Department of Corrections, and Department of Children and Family Services, receive the majority of state general fund dollars. The bill unduly requires reductions in these agencies that provide some of our most critical services.

However, I agree with the intent of the legislation, which is why in FY15 Louisiana's public higher education institutions will see an across the board increase in funds of \$148.3 million, which is a 6.91 percent increase over last year and brings higher education to a total funding level of \$2.3 billion. But the fundamental flaws and unintended consequences of the legislation are too serious and for this reason, I have vetoed House Bill No. 142 and hereby return it to the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

BOBBY JINDAL  
Governor

**STATE OF LOUISIANA**  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Bobby Jindal  
Governor

June 20, 2014

The Honorable Alfred Speer  
Clerk of the House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Re: House Bill No. 437 by Representative Jim Fannin

Dear Mr. Speer:

House Bill No. 437 adds an additional layer of bureaucracy to the contracting process, which could delay the contracting process and introduce uncertainty. Such uncertainty could discourage businesses from contracting with the state and competing to provide high quality services to our citizens. Partnering with the private sector has saved Louisiana taxpayers millions of dollars, while improving services for our people. Unlike smaller value Requests For Proposals (RFPs), large value contracts often have a very small pool of potential bidders due to their scale and scope. In order to ensure that we have the widest and most competitive process possible, it is important to ensure that these companies have a streamlined, fair, and transparent bidding process.

I am committed to such a process to achieve the highest quality services for the best expenditure of taxpayer dollars, which is why the Division of Administration has sought continually to improve the RFP and contracting processes. That's also why I have instructed agencies to work with the Legislature and provide opportunities for input and oversight on these significant RFPs and contracts. In addition, this year, I have signed Senate Bill No. 480 by Senator Mike Walsworth, which Representative Fannin graciously sponsored on the House side of the Legislature and which streamlines and clarifies the Procurement Code. However, House Bill No. 437 could have unintended negative consequences and, therefore, I have vetoed it and hereby return it to the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

BOBBY JINDAL  
Governor

**STATE OF LOUISIANA**  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Bobby Jindal  
Governor

June 20, 2014

The Honorable Alfred Speer  
Clerk of the House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Re: House Bill No. 907 by Representative Karen St. Germain

Dear Mr. Speer:

House Bill No. 907 authorizes the state to implement the federal REAL ID Act. Under the Act, states are required to come into

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compliance by January 2016 to ensure access for their residents on domestic commercial flights. This timeline is still a year and a half away while this legislation would subject the State of Louisiana to unnecessary federal oversight of our drivers' licenses. This is why the Eagle Forum, the Louisiana Family Forum and Tea Party of Louisiana have asked for a veto of the bill due to concerns about whether it will compromise Louisiana's sovereignty over what is fundamentally a state method of identification.

These concerns appear to be shared in other states. In fact, as of April 2014, only 20 states are recognized as compliant by the federal Department of Homeland Security. Given the time still available to review the unintended and potentially far reaching consequences of compliance in Louisiana, Louisiana State Police has requested additional time to vet this change and requested that I veto this legislation. Therefore, I have vetoed House Bill No. 907 and hereby return it to the House.

Sincerely,

BOBBY JINDAL  
Governor

**STATE OF LOUISIANA**  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Bobby Jindal  
Governor

June 20, 2014

The Honorable Alfred Speer  
Clerk of the House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Re: House Bill No. 1255 by Representative Katrina Jackson

Dear Mr. Speer:

House Bill No. 1255 would allow criminals convicted of certain crimes of violence to become eligible for parole at a significantly earlier date and lower the bar for Parole Board approval for such parole. These crimes include: Solicitation for murder; Manslaughter; Aggravated battery; Second degree battery; Aggravated assault; Mingling harmful substances; Forcible rape; Intentional exposure to AIDS virus; Second degree kidnapping; Simple kidnapping; Aggravated arson; Aggravated criminal damage to property; Aggravated burglary; Simple robbery; Purse snatching; Extortion; Assault by drive-by shooting; Terrorism; Aggravated second degree battery; Aggravated assault upon a peace officer with a firearm; Aggravated assault with a firearm; Second degree robbery; Disarming of a peace officer; Stalking; Aggravated flight from an officer; Aggravated incest (with an adult); and Human trafficking (with an adult).

The expansion in parole eligibility authorized by this bill is outside the range used by many other states. Furthermore, the current unanimous vote requirement is an effort to best ensure that these types of offenders are qualified and prepared to re-enter into society

under supervision. Reducing the vote requirement weakens the current mechanism in place designed to protect Louisiana citizens and reduce the risk of reoffending.

Louisiana has made many strides in sentencing reform over the last few years, prioritizing drug treatment for nonviolent, non sex offenders whose addiction is at the root of their offense, streamlining how good time is calculated to simplify and ensure accuracy, and accelerating parole eligibility for nonviolent, non sex offenders. Indeed, this year, I signed HB732 by Rep. Jackson, which extends the sentencing hinge to some crimes of violence that could occur without a violent act, and HB681 by Rep. Ledricka Thierry, which removes low level marijuana offenses from what is considered a violation of probation or parole. But to lower the bar for release of offenders who have committed violent crimes like Forcible Rape, Manslaughter, and Human Trafficking is a step too far that could put our citizens at risk. For these reasons, I have vetoed House Bill No. 1255 and hereby return it to the House.

Sincerely,

BOBBY JINDAL  
Governor

**STATE OF LOUISIANA**  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Bobby Jindal  
Governor

June 23, 2014

Honorable Glenn Koepp  
Secretary of the Senate  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

Honorable Alfred W. Speer  
Clerk of the House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

Dear Gentlemen:

Since the 2014 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature adjourned, I have sent to you veto messages and returned the instruments for the following four (4) Senate bills and eight (8) House bills:

Senate Bill Vetoes: SB 143, SB 318, SB 418, and SB 543

House Bill Vetoes: HB 22, HB 142, HB 187, HB 437, HB 907, HB 953, HB 1091, and HB 1255

I have also sent you veto messages with reference to line items in House Bill No. 1 and House Bill No. 1094.

This completes my consideration of all bills passed during the Regular Session of 2014. I am sending this notice to you to fulfill

the requirements of Article III, Section 18 of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 24:10.

Sincerely,

BOBBY JINDAL  
Governor

