

Senate Education Committee				Bill Status
Wednesday, April 16, 2014				
John J. Hainkel, Jr. Room				
Bill #	Arthur/Topic	Bill Synopsis	The People, LLC	
SB 144	CROWE TEXTBOOKS/MATERIALS	Provides relative to the review and adoption of textbooks and other instructional materials	We disagree - This bill is in conflict with HB 988. It gives BESE regulation the same weight as law.	
SB 225	MURRAY SCHOOLS	Provides relative to assets or property acquired or used by charter schools under certain circumstances	We disagree - Any property purchased with public funds should be given to the school boards, not a non profit charter authorizer	
SB 308	CROWE CHILDREN	Provides relative to the rights of parents	We disagree - This is a dangerous bill. Parents already have a fundamental and absolute right to raise their children. This amendment attempts to define what those rights are, and can only result in limiting them to what is defined.	Not on Agenda for 04/16
SB 312	CROWE STUDENTS	Enacts the "Parents' Bill of Rights"	We disagree - This is also be dangerous. Parents rights are fundamental. Any attempt to define those rights will result in restricting them to the definition.	
SB 668	CROWE EDUCATION /STATE AGENCY	Creates the EEXL Commission for the state of Louisiana	We disagree - This bill creates an UNELECTED commission to create not only standards but curriculum, as well. The members represented include: LABI, The Chamber of Commerce, LA Assns of Superintendents, Principals and School Boards, LFT, PTA, Family Forum, CABL, PARC, NFIB, Catholic School Board Assn. The fact that the Catholic SBA is included should provide proof that there is no intention for there to be anything but one set of standards at all schools, public or private.	Not on Agenda for 04/16

SB 358	DONAHUE COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES	Provides relative to the Louisiana Granting Resources and Autonomy for Diplomas Act to provide that certain high level autonomies relative to procurement apply to certain institutions under a shared service model	We disagree - This bill expands on an already troublesome law, the GRAD Act, which allows an unelected board the authority to write law based on their ability to meet performance standards.	
SB 366	CROWE BESE	Requires BESE to develop a master plan for K-12 education	We disagree - For someone who is supposedly against PARCC, why would he be interested in "implementing technology fully into the classroom"? The bill requires BESE to develop a Master Plan focused on technology in the classrooms.	
SB 458	F.THOMPSON SCHOOLS	Provides for the threshold allowed for small purchase procurements under food and nutrition programs		
SB 598	ERDEY PUBLIC CONTRACTS	Authorizes appropriate early childhood programs to engage in cooperative purchasing	We disagree - BESE has no authority to approve Early Childhood Programs. Therefore the definition is invalid.	
SB 599	ERDEY TOPS	Provides relative to TOPS reporting requirements	We disagree - This information is not necessary. This is a performance award based on grades. NO data mining or student tracking is necessary.	
SB 635	LAFLEUR	Moves the Cecil J. Picard Educational and Recreational Center from the Department of Education to the office of juvenile justice		

HB 1016	PIERRE SCHOOLS/HIGH SCHOOL	Provides for State Seal of Biliteracy to recognize high school graduates who meet certain academic eligibility criteria relative to language proficiency	We disagree - The state is not to label it's citizens. This is a monumental waste of taxpayer money. If an employer wants to know if someone can speak a language other than English, all they need to do is ask the applicant. If a university needs to know, they can check the transcripts.	
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