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The Honorable Glenn Koepf
Secretary of the Senate
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Re: Senate Bill No. 67 by Senator Sharon Broome

Dear Mr. Koepf:

I have always supported a teacher's right to use a variety of tools and strategies in his or her own classroom. Senate Bill No. 67 reduces those tools and strategies by placing restrictions on when and how they can be used. In other words, it imposes specific views about discipline policies on local school boards all over the state. Furthermore, nothing in current law prevents a school board from deciding to reduce the use of suspension or expulsion, speed up the expulsion hearing process, or hold parent-teacher conferences in a timelier manner. Therefore, Senate Bill No. 67 makes policy decisions for local school boards that they should have the right to make for themselves.

For this reason, I have vetoed Senate Bill No. 67 and hereby return it to the Senate.

Sincerely,


Bobby Jindal
Governor