

House Committee on Health and Welfare

Minutes of Meeting
2020 Second Extraordinary Session
October 20, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley, chairman of the House Committee on Health and Welfare, called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. in Room 5, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley, chairman
Representative Christopher Turner, vice chairman
Representative Roy Daryl Adams
Representative Kenny R. Cox
Representative Raymond J. Crews
Representative Michael Charles Echols
Representative Jason Hughes
Representative C. Travis Johnson
Representative Ed Larvadain, III
Representative Wayne McMahan
Representative Dustin Miller
Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore
Representative Robert "Bob" Owen
Representative Thomas A. Pressly
Representative Larry Selders
Representative Joseph A. Stagni

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Robby Carter
Representative Julie Emerson

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Shayla Cockerm, attorney
Drew Murray, legislative analyst
Felicie Jackson, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 82 by Representative Amedee**

Representative Amedee presented House Bill No. 82, which prohibits a school from sharing a student's personally identifiable information relative to illness or disease with the Dept. of Health for purposes of the Sanitary Code or any other purpose without parental consent.

Representative Bagley offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 82. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 82 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Turner, Adams, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Pressly, Selders, and Stagni voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support, 2 in opposition, and 3 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 90 by Representative Amedee

Representative Amedee presented House Bill No. 90, which provides limitations on orders, regulations, and other actions effecting isolation or quarantine.

Representative Bagley offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 90. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 90 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Turner, Adams, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Pressly, Selders, and Stagni voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support, 2 in opposition, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 53 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 99 by Representative Amedee

Representative Amedee presented House Bill No. 99, which provides relative to visitation of nursing home residents and residents of adult residential care provider facilities.

Representative Bagley offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 99. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 99 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Turner, Adams, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Pressly, Selders, and Stagni voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 12 by Senator Robert Mills

Senator Robert Mills presented Senate Bill No. 12, which provides access for patients of hospitals and residents of nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and other adult residential care homes to members of the clergy who volunteer to minister and provide religious sacraments and services, counseling, and mental health support during COVID-19 and other public health emergencies.

Representative Bagley offered amendments which make technical changes. Representative Bagley offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Turner, Adams, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Pressly, Selders, and Stagni voted yea.

Representative Adams offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 12 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 12 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Turner, Adams, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Pressly, Selders, and Stagni voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 13 by Senator Peacock

Senator Peacock presented Senate Bill No. 13, which provides for the Recognition of Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact.

Senator Peacock provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Bill Salmeron, New Orleans Emergency Medical Services, 2929 Earhart Dr, New Orleans, LA 70125, (504) 250-2378, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 13.

Chad Major, Professional Firefighters of Louisiana, 9021 Aurora Ln, Shreveport LA 70777, (225) 572-8483, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 13.

Susan Bailey, Louisiana Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, 7273 Florida Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 925-4022, spoke for information only on Senate Bill 13.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 13 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 13 was reported favorably by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Turner, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Robert Owen, Pressly, Selders, and Stagni voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 8 in support, 1 in opposition, and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 1 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 27 by Senator Peacock

Senator Peacock presented Senate Bill No. 27, which provides relative to the practice of medicine.

Senator Peacock provided a handout, Exhibit B, which is included in the committee records.

Dr. Vincent Culotta, Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, 630 Camp St, New Orleans, LA 70130, (504) 905-2719, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 27.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 27 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 27 was reported favorably by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Turner, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Robert Owen, Pressly, Selders, and Stagni voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 34 by Senator Peacock

Senator Peacock presented Senate Bill No. 34, which provides for the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact.

Representative Bagley offered amendments to clarify that a license issued to an audiologist or speech-language pathologist shall be recognized by each member state where the licensee chooses to obtain license privilege. Representative Bagley offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Bagley, Turner, Adams, Crews, Echols, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Robert Owen, Pressly, Selders, and Stagni voted yea.

Representative Turner offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 34 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 34 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Turner, Adams, Crews, Echols, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Robert Owen, Pressly, Selders, and Stagni voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 9 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 9 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 24 by Senator Talbot

Senator Talbot presented Senate Bill No. 24, which provides an exemption to certain fees collected by the Louisiana Department of Health.

Mike Vidrine, Louisiana Department of Health, 628 N 4th St, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-9509, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 24.

Patrice Thomas, Louisiana Legislative Fiscal Office, P.O. Box 44097, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 342-7243, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 24.

Representative Turner offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 24 favorably. Representative Stagni offered a substitute motion to report Senate Bill No. 24 favorably with recommendation that it be recommitted to the House Committee on Ways and Means. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 24 was reported favorably with recommendation that it be recommitted to the House Committee on Ways and Means by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Turner, Adams, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Robert Owen, Pressly, Selders, and Stagni voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Senate Bill No. 53 by Senator McMath

Senator McMath presented Senate Bill No. 53, which provides for the rehiring of nonlicensed persons by certain health care providers required to temporarily close during a public health emergency.

Representative Bagley offered amendments to change the type of facilities to which proposed law applies from nonprofit adult day healthcare providers to all adult day healthcare providers and all home- and community-based service providers that provide adult day care services. Representative Bagley offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Turner, Adams, Cox, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Robert Owen, Pressly, Selders, and Stagni voted yea.

Caroline Meehan, Community Provider Association, P.O. Box 19571, New Orleans, LA 70179, (202) 374-8695, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 53.

Kevin Hayes, Community Provider Association, 412 N 4th St, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 368-2725, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 53.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 53 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 53 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Turner, Adams, Cox, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Robert Owen, Pressly, and Selders voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the 2020 Regular Session dated March 11, May 6, May 13, May 19, and May 27 and the 2020 First Extraordinary Session dated June 11 and June 16 were presented to the committee for approval. Representative Bagley offered a motion to approve the minutes. Without objection, the minutes were approved by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Turner, Adams, Cox, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Robert Owen, Pressly, Selders, and Stagni voted yea.

Miscellaneous Other Business

Informational hearing on administration and delivery of nonemergency medical transportation (NEMT) services in the Medicaid managed care program.

Steven Feist, Logisticare, 1900 Scofield Ridge Pkwy, Austin, TX 78727, (303) 638-8614, spoke for information only.

Paul Broussard, MediTrans, 115 Hansel St, New Iberia, LA 70560, (337) 581-1213, spoke for information only.

Steve Buckner, Southeastrans, 4751 Best Rd, Ste 300, Atlanta, GA 30337, (404) 307-2074, spoke for information only.

Rick Born, Aetna Better Health of Louisiana, 2400 Veterans Memorial Blvd, Ste 200, Kenner, LA 70062, (504) 667-4580, spoke for information only.

Morgan Landry, Medi Trans, 3417 Myrtle Grove, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 892-7488, spoke for information only.

James Degliunberto, Southeastrans, Inc, 4751 Best Rd, Ste 300, Atlanta, GA 30337, (678) 510-4600, spoke for information only.

Rose Hitchen, Rose's Transportation, 170 Pearl and Martha Rd, Greensburg, LA 70441, (225) 380-6084, spoke for information only.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support and 8 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 3 in opposition and 4 for information only. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Pressly offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Turner, Adams, Cox, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Robert Owen, Pressly, Selders, and Stagni voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley
House Committee on Health and Welfare

Date adopted: April 27, 2021