

House Committee on Health and Welfare

Minutes of Meeting
2021 Regular Session
April 22, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley, chairman of the House Committee on Health and Welfare, called the meeting to order at 8:59 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 Robby Carter
Representative Kenny R. Cox
Representative Raymond J. Crews
Representative Michael Charles Echols
Representative Julie Emerson
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
Representative Christopher Turner, vice chairman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Roy Daryl Adams

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Drew Murray, legislative analyst
Meah Johnson, attorney
Kristy Neubrandner, committee administrative assistant

Nevonda S. Reed, division director
Felicie Jackson, executive assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 391 by Representative Magee

Representative Magee presented House Bill No. 391, which authorizes the recommendation of medical marijuana in raw or crude form and limits the dispensing of such product.

Representative Stagni offered a motion to report House Bill No. 391 favorably, to which Representative Robby Carter objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 391 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 1 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Crews, Echols, Travis Johnson, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Robert Owen, Pressly, Stagni, and Turner voted yea. Representative Robby Carter voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 11 in support and 3 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 316 by Representative Davis

Representative Davis presented House Bill No. 316, which adds mucopolysaccharidosis type I and glycogen storage disorder type II to the state's newborn screening panel.

Tiffany Allemand, 419 Tanglewood Drive, Houma, LA 70364, (985) 665-9256, spoke in support of House Bill No. 316.

Representative Travis Johnson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 316 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 316 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Robby Carter, Cox, Crews, Echols, Emerson, Travis Johnson, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Robert Owen, Pressly, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 383 by Representative Stagni

Representative Stagni presented House Bill No. 383, which amends the definition of "caretaker" in laws pertaining to child in need of care proceedings.

Mona Michelli, Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), 627 North 4th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 202-7541, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 383.

Representative Stagni offered a motion to report House Bill No. 383 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 383 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Robby Carter, Cox, Crews, Echols, Emerson, Travis Johnson, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Robert Owen, Pressly, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 397 by Representative White

Representative White presented House Bill No. 397, which provides relative to public health programs and services related to Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

Representative Bagley offered technical amendments. 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, Robby Carter, Cox, Crews, Echols, Emerson, Travis Johnson, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Robert Owen, Pressly, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

MaryBeth Wilkerson, Alzheimer's Association, 3445 North Causeway Boulevard, Metairie, LA 70002, (256) 366-4517, spoke in support of House Bill No. 397 and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Bagley offered amendments to:

1. Revise proposed law to provide all of the following:
 - a. Delete proposed law stating that it is the public policy of this state to require the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) to provide consistent guidance and effective education outreach programs to healthcare providers across the state, and add instead that it is the public policy of this state that healthcare providers in Louisiana have access to guidance and education outreach programs regarding Alzheimer's disease and other dementia diseases.

- b. Add to proposed law a requirement that LDH work with the Louisiana chapter of the Alzheimer's Association to facilitate the distribution, by any means agreed upon by the department and the association, of the educational materials prepared by the association that address Alzheimer's disease and other dementia diseases.
 - c. Revise proposed law requiring that administrative rules of LDH include types of cognitive assessment tools to be available to healthcare providers to provide instead that such rules may include these cognitive tools.
2. Revise proposed law that mandates LDH to educate, provide outreach programs, and promulgate rules and regulations and add instead an authorization for LDH to perform these functions.
3. Make technical changes.

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, Robby Carter, Cox, Crews, Echols, Emerson, Travis Johnson, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Robert Owen, Pressly, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Representative Turner offered a motion to report House Bill No. 397 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 397 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Robby Carter, Cox, Crews, Echols, Emerson, Travis Johnson, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Robert Owen, Pressly, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 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: 3 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 522 by Representative Selders

Representative Selders presented House Bill No. 522, which provides relative to processing of reports of child abuse and neglect by the Dept. of Children and Family Services.

Mona Michelli, DCFS, 627 North 4th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 202-7541, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 522.

Representative Crews offered a motion to report House Bill No. 522 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 522 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley,

Robby Carter, Cox, Crews, Echols, Emerson, Travis Johnson, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Robert Owen, Pressly, Selders, Stagni, and Turner 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.

House Bill No. 495 by Representative Ivey

Representative Ivey presented House Bill No. 495, which allows full practice authority for advanced practice registered nurses.

Jennifer Wright, Louisiana State Board of Nursing, 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 755-7500, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 495.

Karen Lyon, Louisiana State Board of Nursing, 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 755-7500, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 495.

Representative Turner offered amendments to:

1. Delete proposed law which would have revised present law to authorize certified registered nurse anesthetists to provide anesthesia care within their scope of practice under the direction and supervision of a physician or dentist who is licensed to practice under the laws of this state.
2. Revise present law to provide that certified registered nurse anesthetists shall not be required to have prescriptive authority to provide anesthesia care within their scope of practice under the direction and supervision of a physician or dentist who is licensed to practice under the laws of this state.

Representative Turner 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, Robby Carter, Cox, Crews, Echols, Travis Johnson, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Robert Owen, Pressly, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Lisa Bayhi, 13244 Babin Mill Drive, Gonzales, LA 70737, (225) 288-3360, spoke in support of House Bill No. 495.

Christopher Foret, Louisiana Patient Compensation Fund, 43023 Victory Drive, Franklinton, LA 70438, (915) 515-6867, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 495.

Representative Stagni in the chair.

Chairman Bagley in the chair.

Peggy Gautreau, Louisiana Rural Health Care Association, 22601 Highway 190, Robert, LA 70455, (504) 236-5311, spoke in support of House Bill No. 495.

Denise Bottcher, AARP Louisiana, 301 Main Street, Suite 1012, Baton Rouge, LA 70825, (225) 368-6120, spoke in support of House Bill No. 495.

Eric Peterson, The Pelican Institute, 400 Poydras, New Orleans, LA 70115, info@pelicaninstitute.org, spoke in support of House Bill No. 495.

Sandra C. Brown, Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners (LANP), 6011 Hope Estate Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70820, (225) 328-0147, spoke in support of House Bill No. 495.

Terrie Sterling, Louisiana Organization of Nurse Leaders, 6864 Lower Zachary Road, Zachary, LA 70191, (225) 658-8144, spoke in support of House Bill No. 495.

Kathy Baldrige, LANP, 105 Vit Road, Pineville, LA 71360, (318) 201-4690, spoke in support of House Bill No. 495.

Jennifer Lemoine, LANP, 103 Port Royal Circle, Lafayette, LA 70508, (337) 212-4164, spoke in support of House Bill No. 495.

Esther deJong, Louisiana Affiliate of Maternal Child Health Coalition, 950 Picheloup Place, New Orleans, LA 70119, (504) 473-6311, spoke in support of House Bill No. 495.

Mark DeClouet, LANP, 225 Kings Road, Lafayette, LA 70503, mark@axisbhr.com, spoke in support of House Bill No. 495.

Ed Timmons, Mercatus Center, 3434 Washington Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22201, (814) 472-3073, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 495.

Chairman Bagley read into the record a prepared statement by Johnny Koch, Scott Kirkpatrick, and Cary Koch, LANP, 504 Lakeland Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, in support of House Bill No. 495, which is included in the committee records.

Roderick Clark, Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (LSBME) President, 630 Camp Street, New Orleans, LA 70130, (504) 568-6820, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 495.

Kim Sport, LSBME, 305 Magazine Street, New Orleans, LA 70130, (504) 453-3313, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 495.

Representative Pressly provided a handout, Exhibit B, which is included in the committee records.

Vincent Culotta, LSBME, 630 Camp Street, New Orleans, LA 70130, (504) 568-6820, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 495.

Mark Dawson, LSBME, 717 Curtis Drive, Rayne, LA 70578, (337) 278-7842, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 495.

Christopher Foret, 43023 Victory Drive, Franklinton, LA 70438, (985) 515-6867, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 495.

Ray Morrison, College of Osteopathic Medicine, 4408 Bon Aire Drive, Monroe, LA 71203, (318) 342-7100, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 495.

The committee recessed at 1:04 p.m. The committee reconvened at 2:44 p.m.

Jeff Williams, Physician Coalition of Louisiana, 6767 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 763-2315, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 495.

Representative Pressly provided a handout, Exhibit C, which is included in the committee records.

Mathew Giglia, 6620 Boone Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (337) 278-2386, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 495.

Brianna Shaffer, 2604 Jackson Street, Alexandria, LA 71301, (337) 853-8191, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 495 and provided a handout, Exhibit D, which is included in the committee records.

Lisa Casey, Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians (LAFP), 6242 Louisville Street, New Orleans, LA 70124, (504) 812-4681, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 495.

Philip LeBas, American College of Emergency Physicians, 1633 3rd Street, New Orleans, LA 70130, (337) 693-8630, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 495.

Herndon "Buzz" Jeansonne, LANP, 145 Derick Street, Cottonport, LA 71327, (330) 793-7927, spoke in support of House Bill No. 495.

Kenneth E. Brown, LAFP, 425 Scott Street, Alexandria, LA 71301, (318) 445-7355, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 495.

James Lee, Americans for Prosperity, 7814 Office Park Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (504) 881-0039, provided a handout, Exhibit E, which is included in the committee records.

Keli Williams, Ourso Consulting, P.O. Box 83632, Baton Rouge, LA 70884, (225) 938-2987, provided a handout, Exhibit F, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Turner offered a motion to report House Bill No. 495 with amendments, to which Representative Pressly objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 495 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas, 6 nays, and 1 abstention. Representatives Cox, Crews, Emerson, Hughes, Travis Johnson, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Stagni, and Turner voted yea. Representatives Robby Carter, Echols, Larvadain, Robert Owen, Pressly, and Selders voted nay. Representative Bagley abstained.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 53 in support and 24 in opposition. 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: 572 in support and 3 in opposition. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 461 by Representative Hughes

Representative Hughes presented House Bill No. 461, which provides relative to violations by facilities licensed in accordance with the Specialized Provider Licensing Act.

Representative Robby Carter offered a motion to report House Bill No. 461 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 461 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Robby Carter, Cox, Crews, Echols, Emerson, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Moore, Robert Owen, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

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

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Stagni offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Robby Carter, Crews, Echols, Emerson, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Moore, Robert Owen, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date adopted: