

## **House Committee on Health and Welfare**

Minutes of Meeting  
2022 Regular Session  
March 24, 2022

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Representative Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley, chairman of the House Committee on Health and Welfare, called the meeting to order at 9:31 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 Roy Daryl Adams  
Representative Raymond J. Crews  
Representative Michael Charles Echols  
Representative Julie Emerson  
Representative C. Travis Johnson  
Representative Ed Larvadain, III  
Representative Wayne McMahan  
Representative Thomas A. Pressly  
Representative Joseph A. Stagni  
Representative Christopher Turner, vice chairman

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Robby Carter  
Representative Kenny R. Cox  
Representative Jason Hughes  
Representative Dustin Miller  
Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore  
Representative Robert "Bob" Owen  
Representative Larry Selders

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Braley Trabeau, committee clerk  
Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms  
Vivian Hurst, sergeant at arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****House Bill No. 55 by Representative Butler**

The committee stood at ease at 9:35 a.m. The committee reconvened at 9:37 a.m.

Representative Butler presented House Bill No. 55, which provides for Medicaid coverage of dental care for certain residents of intermediate care facilities.

Kathy Dwyer, Louisiana Dental Task Force, 1525 Papworth Avenue, Metairie, LA 70005, (504) 833-2439, spoke in support of House Bill No. 55.

Representative Pressly offered a motion to report House Bill No. 55 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 55 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Crews, Echols, Emerson, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Pressly, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 10 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: 1 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 4 by Representative Butler**

Representative Butler presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 4, which increases Medicaid reimbursement to intermediate care facilities for resident leave of absence days.

Representative Pressly offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 4 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 4 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Crews, Echols, Emerson, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Pressly, Stagni, and Turner 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.

**House Bill No. 284 by Representative Stagni**

Representative Stagni presented House Bill No. 284, which deletes references to the Metropolitan Hospital Council of New Orleans in various provisions of law.

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 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Crews, Echols, Emerson, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Pressly, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Greg Waddell, Louisiana Hospital Association, 9521 Brookline Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 333-0800, spoke in support of House Bill No. 284.

Representative Echols offered a motion to report House Bill No. 284 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 284 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Crews, Echols, Emerson, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Pressly, 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. 582 by Representative Stagni**

Representative Stagni presented House Bill No. 582, which joins Louisiana to the licensed professional counselors interstate compact.

Adrienne Trogden, Louisiana Counseling Association, 830 Saint Philip Street, Apartment I, New Orleans, LA 70116, (504) 994-0881, spoke in support of House Bill No. 582.

Representative Stagni offered amendments to:

- (1) Define "criminal history background check" to include all state records of arrest, prosecution, and conviction, including those which have been expunged or dismissed pursuant to Code of Criminal Procedure, as well as national records which shall include fingerprints of the applicant, biometrics, and other identifying information;
- (2) Provide standard criminal background check provisions that are common to health professional licensing boards and regulated by the state;
- (3) Prohibit communications between a member state, the commission, and among member states regarding the verification of eligibility for licensure through the compact from including any information received from the Federal Bureau of

Investigation and the Louisiana Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information relative to any federal criminal records check performed by a member state; and

- (4) Make technical corrections.

Representative Turner offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Crews, Echols, Emerson, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Pressly, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Representative Pressly offered a motion to report House Bill No. 582 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 582 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Crews, Echols, Emerson, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Pressly, Stagni, and Turner 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.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 2 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Larvadain offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Crews, Echols, Emerson, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Pressly, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date adopted: