

## House Committee on Health and Welfare

Minutes of Meeting  
2022 Regular Session  
May 4, 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 10:14 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 Jason Hughes  
Representative Ed Larvadain, III  
Representative Wayne McMahan  
Representative Dustin Miller  
Representative Thomas A. Pressly  
Representative Larry Selders  
Representative Laurie Schlegel  
Representative Joseph A. Stagni  
Representative Christopher Turner, vice chairman

#### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Robby Carter  
Representative Kenny R. Cox  
Representative C. Travis Johnson  
Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore  
Representative Robert "Bob" Owen

#### 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

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****Senate Bill No. 77 by Senator Luneau**

On behalf of Senator Luneau, Representative Davis presented Senate Bill No. 77, which provides relative to prior authorization of prescription drugs.

Ruby Noble Evans, 632 Orion Avenue, Metairie, LA 70005, (504) 831-7370, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 77.

Representative Hughes offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 77 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 77 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Echols, Hughes, Larvadain, McMahan, Pressly, Schlegel, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 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. 99 by Representative Bagley**

*Representative Turner in the chair.*

Representative Bagley presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 99, which requests the La. Department of Health to fully utilize the NASPO ValuePoint process to procure Medicaid management information system components and services.

Representative Bagley offered amendments to specify that the instrument pertains to Medicaid management information system components and services. Representative Bagley offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Echols, Hughes, Larvadain, McMahan, Pressly, Schlegel, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Representative Bagley offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 99 with amendments. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 99 was reported with

amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Echols, Hughes, Larvadain, McMahan, Pressly, Schlegel, 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 Resolution No. 62 by Representative Echols**

Representative Echols presented House Resolution No. 62, which requests the La. Department of Health to develop a proposal for a statewide hospital coordination plan for use in disasters and other emergency situations.

Representative Stagni offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 62 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 62 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Larvadain, McMahan, Pressly, Schlegel, and Stagni voted yea.

### **Senate Bill No. 40 by Senator McMath**

Senator McMath presented Senate Bill No. 40, which provides relative to protections for foster children.

Karen Austin, Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services, 627 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-4006, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 40.

Representative Hughes offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 40 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 40 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Crews, Hughes, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Pressly, Schlegel, Selders, and Stagni voted yea.

### **Senate Bill No. 116 by Senator Barrow**

Senator Barrow presented Senate Bill No. 116, which creates the office on women's health within the Louisiana Department of Health.

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 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Pressly, Schlegel, Selders, and Stagni voted yea.

Kim Hood, Louisiana Department of Health, 628 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-9509, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 116.

Representative Hughes offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 116 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 116 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Pressly, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 8 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: 1 in opposition. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 767 by Representative Marino**

Representative Marino presented House Bill No. 767, which provides relative to licensure of production facilities for therapeutic marijuana.

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, Hughes, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

John Davis, Good Day Farm Louisiana, 18350 Petroleum Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 938-3305, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 767.

Janana Snowden, Southern University Ag Center, P.O. Box 10010, Baton Rouge, LA 70813, (225) 771-2134, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 767.

Kevin Caldwell, Marijuana Policy Project, 2370 Champlain Street Northwest, Suite 12, Washington, DC 20009, (504) 914-1406, spoke in support of House Bill No. 767.

James Moises, 604 Moss Street, New Orleans, LA 70119, (504) 858-4815, spoke in support of House Bill No. 767.

John Ford, Black Farmers Hemp, 102 Rue Felicite, Lafayette, LA 70507, (337) 781-7778, spoke in support of House Bill No. 767 and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Jeff Schmidtke, BioSciences of Louisiana, 438 Henry Clay Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118, (504) 905-8751, spoke in support of House Bill No. 767.

David Brown, 4202 Burgundy Street, New Orleans, LA 70117, (225) 255-1030, spoke in support of House Bill No. 767.

Jonathan Brown, Common Sense NOLA, 3855 Jena Street, Apartment A, New Orleans, LA 70125, (601) 447-3724, spoke in support of House Bill No. 767.

Representative Pressly offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 767. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 767 was involuntarily deferred by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Pressly, Schlegel, Selders, and Stagni voted yea.

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

### **House Concurrent Resolution No. 80 by Representative Crews**

*This is a continuation of the discussion on House Concurrent Resolution No. 80 from May 3, 2022. Please check for the prior action to complete the record of discussion and motions on House Concurrent Resolution No. 80.*

Representative Crews presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 80, which directs the office of public health to conduct a comprehensive assessment of this state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Representative Dustin Miller offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 80 with amendments. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 80 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Pressly, Schlegel, Selders, and Stagni voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 7 in support 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: 23 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

### **Senate Bill No. 194 by Senator Hewitt**

Senator Hewitt presented Senate Bill No. 194, which provides relative to the membership of the Louisiana Health Works Commission.

Ahnyel Burkes, Louisiana State Nurses Association, 543 Spanish Town Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (504) 390-2737, spoke in support of House Bill No. 194.

Representative Hughes offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 194 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 194 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Pressly, Schlegel, and Stagni 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.

### **Senate Bill No. 98 by Senator Hewitt**

Senator Hewitt presented Senate Bill No. 98, which provides relative to the Louisiana Commission for the Deaf.

Representative Hughes offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 98 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 98 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Echols, Hughes, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Pressly, Schlegel, 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.

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### **Senate Bill No. 411 by Senator White**

On behalf of Senator White, Paige Hargrove, Louisiana Emergency Response Network, 14141 Airline Highway, Building 1, Suite B, Baton Rouge, LA 70817, (225) 756-3440, presented Senate Bill No. 411, which provides relative to the Louisiana Emergency Response Network.

Representative Bagley offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 411 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 411 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Echols, Larvadain, McMahan, Pressly, Schlegel, Selders, 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.

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

There was no other business.

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Schlegel offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Echols, Larvadain, McMahan, Pressly, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date adopted: