

House Committee on Health and Welfare

Minutes of Meeting
2024 Regular Session
April 4, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Dustin Miller, chairman of the House Committee on Health and Welfare, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. in Room 5, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Dustin Miller, chairman
Representative Stephanie Hunter Berault
Representative Rhonda Gaye Butler, vice chairman
Representative Emily Chenevert
Representative Raymond J. Crews
Representative Kellee Hennessy Dickerson
Representative Michael Charles Echols
Representative Peter F. Egan, Sr.
Representative Adrian Fisher
Representative Jason Hughes
Representative Steven Jackson
Representative Wayne McMahan
Representative Brach Jerad Myers
Representative Larry Selders
Representative Joseph A. Stagni
Representative Christopher Turner

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Meah Johnson, attorney
Taylor Chrisman, attorney
Kristy Neubrandner, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Elizabeth Douglas, sergeant at arms
Nevonda Reed, division director

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Concurrent Resolution No. 11 by Representative Moore**

Representative Moore presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 11, which requests a study to make recommendations regarding behavioral health courts.

Representative Miller offered amendments to:

- (1) Change references from the "office of behavioral health of the La. Dept. of Health" to "the Louisiana Supreme Court Drug and Specialty Court program".
- (2) Provide that the Louisiana Supreme Court Drug and Specialty Court program will survey or invite academic institutions of higher learning or policy institutes to present ideas on how they can assist with the study.
- (3) Require any university partner wishing to contribute to this effort to be considered for participation.
- (4) Require the La. Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections and the La. Dept. of Health to provide information as necessary to produce the requested report.
- (5) Require the submission of a report 30 days prior to the convening of the 2025 Regular Session.

Representative Miller offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Miller, Berault, Butler, Chenevert, Crews, Dickerson, Echols, Egan, Fisher, Jackson, McMahan, Myers, and Turner voted yea.

Patricia Koch, Ninth Judicial District Court, 701 Murray Street, Suite 501, Alexandria, LA 71301, spoke for information only on House Concurrent Resolution No. 11.

Karen Stubbs, Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), 628 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Concurrent Resolution No. 11.

Representative Butler offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 11 with amendments. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 11 was reported with amendments by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Miller, Berault, Butler, Chenevert, Crews, Dickerson, Echols, Egan, Fisher, Jackson, McMahan, Myers, 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. 501 by Representative Phelps

Representative Phelps presented House Bill No. 501, which provides relative to truant children.

Shannon Wyche, Caddo Truancy Assessment and Service Centers, 3005 Knight Street, Shreveport, LA 71115, spoke in support of House Bill No. 501.

Representative Jackson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 501 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 501 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Miller, Berault, Butler, Chenevert, Crews, Dickerson, Echols, Egan, Jackson, McMahan, Myers, and Turner voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 602 by Representative Davis

Representative Davis presented House Bill No. 602, which provides relative to stock emergency medications.

Camille Ivy-O'Donnell, 1850 Cloverdale Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, spoke in support of House Bill No. 602 and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Miller offered amendments to:

- (1) Change reference from "child daycare center" to "licensed early learning center".
- (2) Allow training to be performed by a medical emergency training organization, a registered nurse, or a licensed physician.
- (3) Make technical corrections.

Representative Miller offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Miller, Berault, Butler, Chenevert, Crews, Dickerson, Echols, Egan, Fisher, Jackson, McMahan, and Myers voted yea.

Representative Berault offered a motion to report House Bill No. 602 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 602 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Miller, Berault, Butler, Chenevert, Crews, Dickerson, Egan, Fisher, Hughes, McMahan, and Stagni 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. 632 by Representative Orgeron

Representative Orgeron presented House Bill No. 632, which provides relative to the moratorium on new or additional nursing facilities.

Bob Duet, 798 Tranquility Lane, Cut Off, LA 70345, spoke in support of House Bill No. 632.

Kim Humbles, LDH, 628 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 632.

Chris Jordan, Graceful Senior Living, 3019 West Admiral Doyle Drive, New Iberia, LA 70560, spoke in support of House Bill No. 632.

Jerry "Truck" Gisclair, 157 Bayou Portuguese Drive, Larose, LA 70373, spoke in support of House Bill No. 632.

Mark Berger, Louisiana Nursing Home Association, 7844 Office Park Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 632.

Representative Butler offered a motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 632. After further discussion, Representative Butler withdrew her motion. No vote was taken.

Representative Hughes offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 632. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 632 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Miller, Berault, Butler, Chenevert, Crews, Dickerson, Egan, Fisher, Hughes, Jackson, McMahan, Myers, and Stagni voted yea.

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

Further action was taken by the committee on House Bill No. 632 on May 7, 2024. Please check for the subsequent action to complete the record of discussion and motions on House Bill No. 632.

House Bill No. 584 by Representative Kerner

Representative Kerner presented House Bill No. 584, which prohibits the sale of farm-raised shrimp in Louisiana.

Representative Stagni offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 584. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 584 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Miller, Berault, Butler, Chenevert, Crews, Dickerson, Echols, Egan, Fisher, Hughes, Jackson, McMahan, Myers, and Stagni voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 372 by Representative Crews

Representative Crews presented House Bill No. 372, which provides relative to patient wait time for the provision of emergency care.

Representative Miller offered technical amendments. Representative Miller offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Miller, Berault, Butler, Crews, Dickerson, Echols, Egan, Fisher, Hughes, Jackson, McMahan, Myers, and Stagni voted yea.

Representative Crews offered amendments to remove the requirement for hospitals to report patient wait time data to the Louisiana Department of Health and to remove the requirement for hospitals and ground ambulance providers to report the reason for an extensive transfer wait time. Representative Crews offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Miller, Berault, Butler, Crews, Dickerson, Echols, Egan, Fisher, Hughes, Jackson, McMahan, Myers, Selders, and Stagni voted yea.

Curry Landry, Louisiana Ambulance Alliance, 301 Main Street, Suite 600, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, spoke in support of House Bill No. 372.

Representative Egan offered a motion to report House Bill No. 372 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 372 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Miller, Berault, Butler, Chenevert, Crews, Dickerson, Echols, Egan, Fisher, Hughes, Jackson, McMahan, Myers, Selders, and Stagni 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.

House Bill No. 393 by Representative Lyons

Representative Lyons presented House Bill No. 393, which requires support services for individuals with dementia.

Tatiana Gonzalez Quiroga, Alzheimer's Association, 3445 West Causeway Boulevard, Suite 902, Metairie, LA 70002, spoke in support of House Bill No. 393.

Representative Hughes offered a motion to report House Bill No. 393 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 393 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Miller, Berault, Chenevert, Crews, Dickerson, Echols, Egan, Fisher, Hughes, Jackson, McMahan, Myers, Selders, 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.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 393 pursuant to House Rule 14.33.

House Resolution No. 40 by Representative Bayham

Representative Bayham presented House Resolution No. 40, which requests the Vital Records Registry to effectuate the provisions of R.S. 40:34.2.

Representative Hughes offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 40 favorably. Without objection, House Resolution No. 40 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Miller, Berault, Butler, Chenevert, Crews, Dickerson, Egan, Fisher, Hughes, McMahan, Myers, 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.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Hughes offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Miller, Berault, Butler, Chenevert, Crews, Dickerson, Egan, Fisher, Hughes, McMahan, Myers, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Dustin Miller
House Committee on Health and Welfare

Date adopted: