

House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice

Minutes of Meeting
2026 Regular Session
March 24, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Debbie Villio, chair of the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in Room 6, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Debbie Villio, chair
Representative Roy Daryl Adams
Representative Doyle Boudreaux
Representative Chad Michael Boyer
Representative Emily Chenevert
Representative Vincent E. Cox, III
Representative Bryan Fontenot
Representative Dodie Horton
Representative Alonzo L. Knox
Representative Vanessa Caston LaFleur, vice chair
Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore
Representative Jeffrey Fons "Jeff" Wiley

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Zachary Gonzalez, attorney
Dave Storment, attorney
Ross Richard, committee administrative assistant
Rashida Keith, division director

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Riley Fitzmorris, clerk
Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms
Janet Anthony, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 957 by Representative Carrier

Representative Carrier presented House Bill No. 957, which provides relative to the transfer of prisoners.

Representative Villio offered an amendment to require that notice of the transfer also be provided to the prosecuting authority. Representative Villio offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, Knox, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Gary Bennett, Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, 1175 Nicholson Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of House Bill No. 957.

Representative Chenevert offered a motion to report House Bill No. 957 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 957 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, Knox, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support and 1 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 106 by Representative Cox

Representative Cox presented House Bill No. 106, which prohibits the administration of nonprescription medication to children without parental consent.

On behalf of Representative Cox, Representative Horton offered an amendment to delete the reference to child day care centers to apply proposed law to all individuals. Representative Horton offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, Knox, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Chief Brett Lawson, Gretna Police Department, 200 Fifth Street, Gretna, LA 70053, spoke in support of House Bill No. 106.

Representative LaFleur offered an amendment to require prior written consent. Representative LaFleur offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment, to which Representative Villio objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 5 yeas and 7 nays. Representatives Adams, Boudreaux, Knox, LaFleur, and Moore voted yea. Representatives Villio, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, and Wiley voted nay.

Cindy Bishop, Child Care Association of Louisiana, P.O. Box 80053, Baton Rouge, LA, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 106.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report House Bill No. 106 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 106 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Knox, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support and 2 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 106.

House Bill No. 111 by Representative Mandie Landry

Representative Mandie Landry presented House Bill No. 111, which provides relative to diminution of sentence for the earning of an associate's degree.

Jonathan Vining, executive counsel, Department of Corrections, 504 Mayflower, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 111.

Mark A. Zelden, C-Tech, 2007 Lake Hills Parkway, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, spoke in support of House Bill No. 111.

Representative Knox offered a motion to report House Bill No. 111 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 111 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, Knox, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley 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. 64 by Representative Muscarello

Representative Muscarello presented House Bill No. 64, which provides relative to the recall of arrest warrants.

On behalf of Representative Muscarello, Representative Villio offered an amendment to:

- (1) Make technical changes.
- (2) Require a magistrate who recalls a warrant of arrest to immediately notify the law enforcement agency that is responsible for execution of the warrant.

- (3) Remove the proposed law prohibition relative to execution of recalled warrants.
- (4) Provide that a warrant of arrest remains in effect until recalled.

Representative Villio offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, Knox, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Joe Marino, 200 Amelia Street, Gretna, LA 70053, spoke in support of House Bill No. 64.

Representative Horton offered a motion to report House Bill No. 64 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 64 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, Knox, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley 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.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 64.

House Bill No. 53 by Representative Fontenot

Representative Fontenot presented House Bill No. 53, which adds certain gambling crimes as predicate offenses for racketeering.

Larry Frieman, chief deputy attorney general, 1885 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke as the designee of Attorney General Liz Murrill in support of House Bill No. 53.

Dawn M. Himel, director, gaming division, 1885 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke as the designee of Attorney General Liz Murrill in support of House Bill No. 53.

Representative Fontenot offered a motion to report House Bill No. 53 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 53 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, Knox, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley 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.

House Bill No. 152 by Representative Mack

Representative Mack presented House Bill No. 152, which adds certain substances to the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law.

Rebecca Chiasson, Louisiana State Police Crime Lab, 376 East Airport Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 152.

Representative Fontenot offered a motion to report House Bill No. 152 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 152 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, Knox, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 7 in support and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 102 by Representative Wiley

Representative Wiley presented House Bill No. 102, which creates the crime of second degree cruelty to the elderly and persons with infirmities.

Representative Wiley offered amendments to:

- (1) Make technical changes.
- (2) Add the proposed law offense as a predicate felony within the present law offenses of first and second degree murder.
- (3) Clarify the affirmative defense in proposed law.
- (4) Remove the proposed law penalty consisting of a range of five to forty years with a five-year mandatory minimum if the death of an elderly or infirmed person occurs.

Representative Wiley offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, Knox, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Larry Frieman, chief deputy attorney general, 1885 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke as the designee of Attorney General Liz Murrill in support of House Bill No. 102.

Andrea "Andi" Quick, 1885 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke as the designee of Attorney General Liz Murrill in support of House Bill No. 102.

Brandi Melissa, P.O. Box 1171, Baton Rouge, LA 70820, spoke in support of House Bill No. 102.

B. J. Smith, 228 West South Street, Opelousas, LA 70570, spoke in support of House Bill No. 102.

Kim Smith, 125 North Dunbar, Opelousas, LA 70570, spoke in support of House Bill No. 102 and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Knox offered a motion to report House Bill No. 102 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 102 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, Knox, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yeas.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 10 in support and 1 designee of an elected official. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 137 by Representative Mike Johnson

Representative Mike Johnson presented House Bill No. 137, which changes sentencing guidelines for posting or calling in threats to schools.

Representative Villio offered an amendment to increase the penalty provided in proposed law for the offense of terrorizing at a school property from with or without hard labor to at hard labor for not less than five nor more than fifteen years. Representative Villio offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Horton, Knox, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yeas.

Representative Josh Carlson appeared as a coauthor in support of House Bill No. 137.

Representative Villio offered a motion to report House Bill No. 137 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 137 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Horton, Knox, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yeas.

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

Vice chair LaFleur in the chair.

House Bill No. 57 by Representative Villio

Representative Villio presented House Bill No. 57, which provides relative to evidence in temporary restraining order proceedings.

Representative Horton offered a motion to report House Bill No. 57 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 57 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, Knox, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yeas.

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

Chair Villio in the chair.

House Bill No. 337 by Representative Beaulieu

Representative Beaulieu presented House Bill No. 337, which provides relative to charitable bingo and the issuance of special licenses.

Jacqueline Green, Calcasieu Council on Aging, 3950 Gerstner Memorial Drive, Lake Charles, LA 70607, spoke in support of House Bill No. 337.

Ruth Collins, Association of Charitable Supporters, 925 S. Lewis Street, New Iberia, LA 70560, spoke in support of House Bill No. 337.

Representative LaFleur offered a motion to report House Bill No. 337 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 337 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Knox, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley 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.

House Bill No. 100 by Representative McMakin

Representative McMakin presented House Bill No. 100, which creates the crime of felony speeding.

On behalf of Representative McMakin, Representative Wiley offered amendments in the form of a substitute bill. Representative Wiley offered a motion to adopt the substitute bill. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, Knox, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Representative Adams offered a motion to report House Bill No. 100 by substitute. Without objection, House Bill No. 100 was reported by substitute by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, Knox, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

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

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 100.

House Bill No. 155 by Representative McMakin

Representative McMakin presented House Bill No. 155, which provides relative to unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft system.

On behalf of Representative McMakin, Representative Villio offered an amendment to add locations where the unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft system is prohibited without the express written consent of the person in charge of the location. Representative Villio offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, Knox, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Representative Knox offered a motion to report House Bill No. 155 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 155 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, Knox, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Horton offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, Knox, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Debbie Villio
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