

House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice

Minutes of Meeting
2026 Regular Session
April 8, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Debbie Villio, chair of the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice, called the meeting to order at 10:05 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 Chad Michael Boyer
Representative Emily Chenevert
Representative Vincent E. Cox, III
Representative Bryan Fontenot
Representative Dodie Horton
Representative Vanessa Caston LaFleur, vice chair
Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore
Representative Jeffrey Fons "Jeff" Wiley

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Doyle Boudreaux
Representative Alonzo L. Knox

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms
Anna Kate Jackson, clerk
Amelia Carman, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 322 by Representative Melerine

Representative Melerine presented House Bill No. 322, which prohibits the assessment of any fees or costs against certain individuals who request a copy of testimony presented in executive session before the Board of Pardons and committee on parole.

Representative Villio offered a motion to report House Bill No. 322 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 322 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 635 by Representative Horton

Representative Horton presented House Bill No. 635, which provides relative to criminal activity committed by an agent of a foreign adversary or an agent of a foreign terrorist organization.

On behalf of the author, Representative Villio offered an amendment to correct the reference to a federal citation. Representative Villio offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Michael Lucci, State Armor, 300 South Riverside, Suite 1625, Chicago, IL 60606, spoke in support of House Bill No. 635.

Jacqueline Deal, State Armor, P.O. Box 40124, Washington, DC 20016, spoke in support of House Bill No. 635.

Tom Rawlings, State Shield, 675 Ponce De Leon Avenue, Suite 2500, Atlanta, GA 30308, spoke in support of House Bill No. 635.

Julie Sandifer, Convention of State Action, 6649 LaSalle Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke in support of House Bill No. 635.

Representative Villio offered a motion to report House Bill No. 635 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 635 was reported with amendments by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 8 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 635.

House Bill No. 132 by Representative Glorioso

Representative Glorioso presented House Bill No. 132, which provides relative to battery of a police officer.

On behalf of the author, Representative Villio offered amendments to:

- (1) Move the language regarding the intentional directing of sound from R.S. 14:34.2 (battery of a police officer) to R.S. 14:33 (battery defined).
- (2) Make technical changes.

Representative Villio offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Sarah Whittington, American Civil Liberties Union, P.O. Box 56157, New Orleans, LA 70156, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 132.

Bruce Reilly, Voice of the Experienced, 4930 Washington Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70125, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 132.

Daniel Ginnetty, Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, 501 South Chestnut Street, Hammond, LA 70403, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 132.

Melissa Flournoy, Ten Thousand Women, 650 North Sixth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 132.

Representative Villio offered a motion to report House Bill No. 132 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 132 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 11 in support and 15 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 275 by Representative Boyd

Representative Boyd presented House Bill No. 275, which provides relative to the minimum sentencing for child domestic abuse convictions.

On behalf of the author, Representative Villio offered an amendment to increase the imprisonment penalty for battery of a dating partner and domestic abuse battery from up to six years to one to three years for a first offense and three to six years for a second or subsequent offense. Representative Villio offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

On behalf of the author, Representative Villio offered an amendment to make technical changes. Representative Villio offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Brandi Melissa, P.O. Box 1171, Baton Rouge, LA 70820, spoke in support of House Bill No. 275.

Daniel Ginnetty, Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, 501 South Chestnut Street, Hammond, LA 70403, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 275.

Representative Moore offered a motion to report House Bill No. 275 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 275 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, 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.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 275.

House Bill No. 808 by Representative McMahan

Representative McMahan presented House Bill No. 808, which provides relative to the intentional exposure to HIV.

On behalf of the author, Representative Villio offered amendments to:

- (1) Clarify the elements of present law as follows:

- (a) Restore the present law name of the offense from intentional transmission of HIV to intentional exposure to HIV.
 - (b) Remove the requirement that the defendant have specific intent.
 - (c) Change the means of contact from "transmission" to "exposure".
- (2) Clarify that the defendant, in order to assert the affirmative defense provided in proposed law, disclosed to the victim that the defendant was receiving medical care for HIV.
 - (3) Permit a defendant to introduce documents or testimony relating to a medical condition or related treatment on the basis of an affirmative defense and provide for related notification procedures, time periods, and duties of the defendant.
 - (4) Provide for duties and authorized actions of the court relative to the introduction of any documents or testimony of any witness offered by the defendant on the issue of medical condition or related treatment.
 - (5) Remove provisions of present and proposed law relative to sex offender registration.
 - (6) Make technical changes.

Representative Villio offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Horton, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Dr. Isolde Butler, 1731 Pine Street, New Orleans, LA 70118, spoke in support of House Bill No. 808.

Robert Smith, Louisiana Coalition on Criminalization and Health, 2531 Creswell Avenue, Apartment 30, Shreveport, LA 71104, spoke in support of House Bill No. 808.

N. Dietz, Louisiana Coalition on Criminalization and Health, 1553 North Dorgenois Street, New Orleans, LA 70119, spoke in support of House Bill No. 808.

Representative LaFleur offered a motion to report House Bill No. 808 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 808 was reported with amendments by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 36 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 808.

Vice Chair LaFleur in the chair.

House Bill No. 1054 by Representative Villio

Representative Villio presented House Bill No. 1054, which provides relative to self-authentication of certain evidence.

Marko Marjanovic, Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office, 1233 Westbank Expressway, Harvey, LA 70058, appeared at the witness table for information only on House Bill No. 1054.

David M. Lago, Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office, 725 Maple Avenue, Harvey, LA 70058, appeared at the witness table for information only on House Bill No. 1054.

Representative Villio offered a motion to report House Bill No. 1054 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 1054 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, 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.

Chair Villio in the chair.

The committee recessed at 11:33 a.m. The committee reconvened at 11:41 a.m. The committee administrative assistant called the roll.

House Bill No. 883 by Representative Schlegel

Representative Schlegel presented House Bill No. 883, which provides relative to enforcement of illegal online gambling.

On behalf of the author, Representative Villio offered amendments to:

- (1) Change all references from "financial transaction provider" to "merchant payment processor".
- (2) Delete the definition of "financial transaction provider" and provide a definition for "merchant payment processor".
- (3) Clarify that "client" refers to individuals physically located in the state of Louisiana.

- (4) Provide that certain provisions regarding merchant payment processors do not apply to a federally insured financial institution, its subsidiaries or affiliates, or any payment card network.

Representative Villio offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Mark Stewart, Live Casino Hotel Louisiana, 601 East Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD 21202, spoke in support of House Bill No. 883.

Randal Johnson, Southern Strategy Group, 543 Spanish Town Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of House Bill No. 883.

Representative Villio offered a motion to report House Bill No. 883 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 883 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 8 in support and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 883.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 7 by Representative Mandie Landry

Representative Mandie Landry presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 7, which requests the Louisiana Department of Justice to issue a report on juveniles who are subject to electronic monitoring conditions.

Jonathan Isaac Carter, 3435 East Fifty-Seventh Street, Tulsa, OK 74135, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 7.

Representative LaFleur offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 7 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 7 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, 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.

House Bill No. 265 by Representative Mandie Landry

Representative Mandie Landry presented House Bill No. 265, which provides relative to conduct that constitutes the crime of video voyeurism.

On behalf of the author, Representative Villio offered amendments to:

- (1) Clarify that proposed law does not apply to any law enforcement officer in his official capacity while in the performance of his official duties.
- (2) Clarify that sex offender registration applies to certain violations of present law.
- (3) Make technical changes.

Representative Villio offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Jonathan Isaac Carter, 3435 East Fifty-Seventh Street, Tulsa, OK 74135, spoke in support of House Bill No. 265.

Representative Villio offered a motion to report House Bill No. 265 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 265 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, 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.

House Bill No. 76 by Representative Mandie Landry

Representative Mandie Landry presented House Bill No. 76, which provides relative to notification of inmates released from a parish prison or jail.

On behalf of the author, Representative Villio offered amendments to:

- (1) Clarify that notification is required when it is determined that an inmate has been improperly released from a parish jail or prison.
- (2) Change the notification recipients as follows:

- (a) Remove any known witness and any person specified in writing by the prosecuting district attorney.
- (b) Add the district attorney and local media outlets within the parish.
- (3) Require notification only for the improper release of an inmate who has been detained or incarcerated on the basis of an arrest or conviction for a felony crime of violence.
- (4) Remove mismanagement of the prison or jail as a circumstance that constitutes "improper release".
- (5) Make technical changes.

Representative Villio offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

On behalf of the author, Representative Villio offered amendments to:

- (1) Clarify that notification provided to the local media outlet is at the discretion of the sheriff, highest ranking employee of the sheriff's office, or the person acting on behalf of the sheriff.
- (2) Make technical changes.

Representative Villio offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Jill Dennis, Association of Supervised Ankle-Monitor Providers, 723 South Dupre Street, New Orleans, LA 70119, spoke in support of House Bill No. 76.

Representative Adams offered a motion to report House Bill No. 76 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 76 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley 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. 84 by Representative Knox

On behalf of Representative Knox, Representative LaFleur presented House Bill No. 84, which designates felony hit-and-run driving as a crime of violence.

Representative LaFleur offered amendments in the form of a substitute bill. Representative LaFleur offered a motion to adopt the substitute bill. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Horton, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Holly Crow, representing Jody Mann, 18415 Lake Stream Drive, Greenwell Springs, LA 70739, spoke in support of House Bill No. 84.

Melissa Kennedy, representing Jody Mann, 36768 Louisiana Highway 16, Lot 25, Denham Springs, LA 70706, spoke in support of House Bill No. 84.

Representative LaFleur offered a motion to report House Bill No. 84 by substitute. Without objection, House Bill No. 84 was reported by substitute by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boyer, Chenevert, Fontenot, Horton, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley 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.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 84.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Horton offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boyer, Chenevert, Fontenot, Horton, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Debbie Villio
House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice