

House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice

Minutes of Meeting
2026 Regular Session
May 12, 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 Dodie Horton
Representative Alonzo L. Knox
Representative Vanessa Caston LaFleur, vice chair
Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore
Representative Jeffrey Fons "Jeff" Wiley

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Bryan Fontenot

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
Janet Anthony, sergeant at arms
Amelia Carman, clerk
Riley Fitzmorris, clerk

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Senate Bill No. 258 by Senator Lambert

Senator Lambert presented Senate Bill No. 258, which provides relative to juvenile traffic violations.

Representative Wiley offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 258 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 258 was reported favorably by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Boudreaux, Chenevert, Cox, Horton, 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.

Senate Bill No. 321 by Senator Kleinpeter

Senator Kleinpeter presented Senate Bill No. 321, which provides relative to electronic bonds.

Steve Adams, Louisiana Bail Underwriters, 609 Lakeland Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 321.

Representative Horton offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 321 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 321 was reported favorably by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Boudreaux, Chenevert, Cox, Horton, Moore, and Wiley 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. 134 by Senator Kleinpeter

Senator Kleinpeter presented Senate Bill No. 134, which provides that certain crimes relative to child sexual abuse materials do not apply to persons under seventeen under certain circumstances.

Representative Villio offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 134 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 134 was reported favorably by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Boudreaux, Chenevert, Cox, Horton, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

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House Bill No. 75 by Representative Jackson

Representative Jackson presented House Bill No. 75, which provides for the allowable amount of promotional play offered by certain gaming operators and for deductions regarding promotional play.

On behalf of the author, Representative Villio offered an amendment to change the type of gaming facility to which proposed law applies from riverboat casinos and the land-based casino to racetrack casinos. Representative Villio offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Boudreaux, Chenevert, Cox, Horton, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Representative Villio offered a motion to report House Bill No. 75 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 75 was reported with amendments by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Boudreaux, Chenevert, Cox, Horton, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 422 by Senator Miller

On behalf of Senator Miller, William Starr, St. Charles Parish Assistant District Attorney, 3505 Lake Kristin Drive, Gretna, LA 70056, presented Senate Bill No. 422, which provides for unsupervised probation in certain circumstances for fourth offense operating while impaired.

Representative Villio offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 422 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 422 was reported favorably by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Boudreaux, Chenevert, Cox, Horton, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 440 by Senator Luneau

Senator Luneau presented Senate Bill No. 440, which provides for the membership of the board of commissioners in a renaissance district.

Representative Knox offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 440 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 440 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Chenevert, Cox, Horton, Knox, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 393 by Senator Owen

Senator Owen presented Senate Bill No. 393, which provides for the regulation of explosives.

On behalf of Senator Owen, Representative Villio offered an amendment to clarify that, within the definition of "person", one of the responsibilities is transporting, rather than handling, explosives in the state of Louisiana. 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, Boudreaux, Chenevert, Cox, Horton, Knox, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Representative Knox offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 393 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 393 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Chenevert, Cox, Horton, Knox, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Senate Bill No. 487 by Senator Owen

Senator Owen presented Senate Bill No. 487, which provides for the Charitable Raffles, Bingo and Keno Licensing Law.

Representative Adams offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 487 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 487 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Chenevert, Cox, Horton, Knox, 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.

Senate Bill No. 339 by Senator Reese

On behalf of Senator Reese, Major Adam Albright, Louisiana State Police, 7919 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, presented Senate Bill No. 339, which provides relative to criminal background checks in the gaming industry.

Representative Villio offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 339 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 339 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Horton, Knox, Moore, and Wiley 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. 325 by Senator Reese

On behalf of Senator Reese, Dawn Himel, director of gaming division, office of the attorney general, 1885 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, presented Senate Bill No. 325, which excludes certain persons from participating in sports wagering.

Representative Villio offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 325 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 325 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Horton, Knox, Moore, and Wiley 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. 288 by Senator Reese

On behalf of Senator Reese, Senator Robert "Bob" Owen presented Senate Bill No. 288, which provides relative to background checks.

Lt. Markus Smith, Louisiana State Police, 7919 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 288.

Representative Villio offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 288 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 288 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Horton, Knox, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Representative Horton in the chair.

Senate Bill No. 201 by Senator Morris

On behalf of Senator Morris, Representative Villio presented Senate Bill No. 201, which limits juvenile offender parole eligibility in resentencing court.

Natalie LaBorde, assistant chief deputy, office of the attorney general, 1885 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke as a designee of Attorney General Murrill in support of Senate Bill No. 201.

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

- (1) Authorize a district attorney, within one hundred eighty days after the indictment, to file a notice of intent to seek a sentence of life imprisonment without possibility of parole for a juvenile offender who is indicted on or after August 1, 2026, for second degree murder.
- (2) Provide for parole eligibility or ineligibility based on either judicial determination or the failure of the district attorney to timely file a notice of intent.
- (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, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Horton, Knox, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Chandra Shae Foster, Southern Poverty Law Center, 201 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70130, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 201.

Hannah Van DeCar, Louisiana Center for Children's Rights, 1100-B Milton Street, New Orleans, LA 70122, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 201.

Kristen Rome, Louisiana Center for Children's Rights, 1100-B Milton Street, New Orleans, LA 70122, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 201.

Representative Villio offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 201 with amendments, to which Representative Knox objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and Senate Bill No. 201 was reported with amendments by a vote of 7 yeas and 3 nays. Representatives Villio, Boudreaux,

Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Horton, and Wiley voted yea. Representatives Adams, Knox, and Moore voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support, 7 in opposition, and 2 designees of an elected official. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Chair Villio in the chair.

Senate Bill No. 523 by Senator Mizell

Senator Mizell presented Senate Bill No. 523, which provides relative to defendants who are victims of domestic abuse, human trafficking, or sexual assault.

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

- (1) Remove terrorizing and menacing as offenses that are not eligible for pardon or commutation pursuant to proposed law.
- (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, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, Horton, Knox, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Carlotta Lepingwell, 1900 Pine Street, New Orleans, LA 70118, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 523.

Mariah Wineski, Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence, P.O. Box 77308, Baton Rouge, LA 70879, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 523.

Natalie Sharp, Justice for Survivors Coalition, 2332 S. Scott Drive, New Orleans, LA 70119, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 523.

Francis Abbott, executive director, Louisiana Board of Pardons and Committee on Parole, 504 Mayflower Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, appeared for information only on Senate Bill No. 523.

Representative Boyer offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 523 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 523 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 yea.

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

Senate Bill No. 320 by Senator Mizell

Senator Mizell presented Senate Bill No. 320, which provides relative to DNA detection of sexual and violent offenses.

Captain Chad Guidry, Louisiana State Police Crime Lab, 376 East Airport Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, appeared at the witness table for information only on Senate Bill No. 320.

Representative Villio offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 320 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 320 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Chenevert, Cox, 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.

Senate Bill No. 470 by Senator Mizell

Senator Mizell presented Senate Bill No. 470, which provides relative to pregnant women in custody.

Kevin Cobb, executive director, Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, 1175 Nicholson Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 470.

Representative LaFleur offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 470 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 470 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boudreaux, Boyer, Cox, 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.

Senate Bill No. 345 by Senator Barrow

On behalf of Senator Barrow, Representative LaFleur presented Senate Bill No. 345, which requires the office of juvenile justice to submit an annual report to the legislature.

Representative LaFleur offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 345 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 345 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Boudreaux, Boyer, Horton, Knox, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley 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. 313 by Senator Jackson-Andrews

On behalf of Senator Jackson-Andrews, Representative LaFleur presented Senate Bill No. 313, which prohibits clerks of court from charging additional electronic filing fees in criminal matters.

Scott Carrington, i3 Verticals Inc., 7951 Batture Drive, Shreveport, LA 71115, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 313.

Representative LaFleur offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 313 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 313 was reported favorably by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Boudreaux, Boyer, Cox, Knox, LaFleur, and Moore 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.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Debbie Villio
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