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**TWENTIETH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS**

**Fifty-second Regular Session of the Legislature  
Under the Adoption of the  
Constitution of 1974**

House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Thursday, April 16, 2026

The House of Representatives was called to order at 9:35 A.M., by the Honorable Michael Johnson, Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives.

**Morning Hour**

**ROLL CALL**

The roll being called, the following members answered to their names:

**PRESENT**

Mr. Speaker	Edmonston	McCormick
Adams	Egan	McFarland
Amedee	Farnum	McMahan
Bacala	Firment	McMakin
Bagley	Fisher	Melerine
Bamburg	Fontenot	Mena
Bayham	Freeman	Miller
Beaulieu	Freiberg	Moore
Berault	Gadberry	Murray
Billings	Galle	Muscarello
Boudreaux	Geymann	Newell
Bourriaque	Glorioso	Orgeron
Boyd	Green	Owen
Boyer	Hebert	Phelps
Brass	Henry, C.	Riser
Braud	Henry, D.	Sawyer
Broussard	Hilferty	Schamerhorn
Bryant	Horton	Schlegel
Butler	Illg	Spell
Carlson	Jackson	St. Blanc
Carpenter	Johnson, M.	Stagni
Carrier	Johnson, T.	Tarver
Carter, R.	Jordan	Taylor
Carter, W.	Kerner	Thomas
Carver	Knox	Thompson
Chassion	LaCombe	Turner
Chenevert	LaFleur	Ventrella
Coates	Landry, J.	Villio
Cox	Landry, M.	Walters
Crews	Landry, T.	Wilder
Deshotel	Larvadain	Wiley
Dewitt	Lyons	Wright
Dickerson	Mack	Wyble

Domangue  
Echols  
Total - 104

Marcelle  
Martinez

Zeringue

The Speaker Pro Tempore announced that there were 104 members present and a quorum.

**Prayer**

Prayer was offered by Father Cleo Milano of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Baton Rouge.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Rep. Robert Carter led the House in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**Reading of the Journal**

On motion of Rep. Bacala, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

On motion of Rep. Bacala, the Journal of April 15, 2026, was adopted.

**Petitions, Memorials, and  
Communications**

The following petitions, memorials, and communications were received and read:

**Message from the Senate**

**SIGNED SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

April 16, 2026

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the President of the Senate has signed the following Senate Concurrent Resolutions:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 26

and ask the Speaker of the House of Representatives to affix his signature to the same.

Respectfully submitted,

YOLANDA J. DIXON  
Secretary of the Senate

The Senate Concurrent Resolutions contained herein were signed by the Speaker of the House.

**Message from the Senate**

**ASKING CONCURRENCE IN  
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

April 16, 2026

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has adopted and asks your concurrence in the following Senate Concurrent Resolutions:

Senate Concurrent Resolution Nos. 23 and 32

Respectfully submitted,

YOLANDA J. DIXON

Secretary of the Senate

**Senate Concurrent Resolutions  
Lying Over**

The following Senate Concurrent Resolutions contained in the message were taken up and acted upon as follows:

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23—  
BY SENATOR CATHEY**

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To create and provide for the Agricultural-Based National Security Priorities Task Force.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32—  
BY SENATORS STINE, ABRAHAM AND REESE AND  
REPRESENTATIVES BOURRIQUE, BROUSSARD, CARRIER, FARNUM,  
GEYMANN AND TARVER**

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of Dr. Richard Edward Landry and to commend and honor his life, legacy, and service.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**Suspension of the Rules**

On motion of Rep. Bacala, the rules were suspended in order to take up and consider Petitions, Memorials, and Communications at this time.

**Petitions, Memorials, and  
Communications**

The following petitions, memorials, and communications were received and read:

**Message from the Senate**

**SENATE BILLS**

April 16, 2026

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate has finally passed the following Senate Bills:

Senate Bill Nos. 105, 125, 304, 430, 438, 442 and 522

Respectfully submitted,

YOLANDA J. DIXON  
Secretary of the Senate

**Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions  
on First Reading**

The following Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on first reading were taken up, read, and placed upon the calendar for their second reading:

**SENATE BILL NO. 105—  
BY SENATOR CATHEY**

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 17:5029(E)(1) and 5029(E)(1)(d), relative to the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students; to provide relative to eligibility requirements for certain military veterans to receive a TOPS-Tech Award; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**SENATE BILL NO. 125—  
BY SENATORS BOUDREAU, ABRAHAM AND BARROW**

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:572.8(H)(2) and (Q), relative to reprieve and pardons of convicted persons; to provide for compensation for wrongful conviction and imprisonment; to provide for deadline to file for supplemental compensation; to provide relative to implementation; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**SENATE BILL NO. 304—  
BY SENATOR EDMONDS**

**AN ACT**

To enact R.S. 17:3125.1 and Chapter 25-B of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 17:3171 through 3176, relative to public post secondary institutions and governing boards; to authorize the Board of Regents to set policy regarding accreditation of public postsecondary institutions; to authorize public postsecondary management boards to select an accreditor under certain circumstances; to provide for coordination between the Board of Regents and public postsecondary management boards; to provide for implementation; to provide for electronic notification by certain institutions of higher education; to provide for powers; to provide for duties; to provide for prohibitions; to provide for definitions; to direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to make technical changes; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**SENATE BILL NO. 430—  
BY SENATOR JENKINS**

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4574.1(A)(24)(c)(ii), relative to the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau; to provide relative to hotel occupancy taxes levied by the bureau; to provide relative to the levy of an additional hotel occupancy tax by the bureau; to provide relative to the duration of the authority for the additional tax; to provide relative to renewal of the additional tax; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**SENATE BILL NO. 438—  
BY SENATOR FESI**

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 34:1651(F), relative to the Greater Lafourche Port Commission; to provide for commission per diem; to allow the commission to fix per diem for members; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**SENATE BILL NO. 442—**  
BY SENATOR STINE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:337.9(G), relative to sales and use tax; to authorize a local sales and use tax exemption; to establish an exemption for the repair of certain aircraft, including interior modifications, overhaul, and upgrades; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**SENATE BILL NO. 522** (Substitute of Senate Bill No. 95 by Senator Edmonds)—  
BY SENATOR EDMONDS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3983(A)(2)(a)(i) and to enact R.S. 17:3983(A)(2)(a)(v) and 3991.2 and R.S. 51:934, relative to vocational and technical education; to provide for charter schools; to authorize proposals for a vocational and technical education Type 2 charter school; to provide for resolutions from the State Board of Commerce and Industry; to provide for definitions; to provide for enrollment; to provide for charter governing authority board members; to provide for applications; to provide agreements; to provide for restrictions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**Privileged Report of the Committee on Enrollment**

April 16, 2026

To the honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am directed by your Committee on Enrollment to submit the following report:

The following House Resolutions have been properly enrolled:

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 133—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE MENA

A RESOLUTION

To commend Colette Hirstius on being named president of Shell USA.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 134—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY

A RESOLUTION

To commend Robert E. "Bob" Smith Lupo for his service to Lakeview and the city of New Orleans.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 135—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY

A RESOLUTION

To commend Charles Emile "Peppi" Bruneau, Jr., for his decades of service as a Louisiana legislator and Lakeview civic leader.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 136—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY

A RESOLUTION

To commend Al Petrie for his service to the Lakeview Civic Improvement Association.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 137—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY

A RESOLUTION

To commend Todd Wallace for his leadership during the recovery and revitalization of the Lakeview community in New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 138—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY

A RESOLUTION

To commend Martin Landrieu for his service to the Lakeview community in New Orleans.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 139—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY

A RESOLUTION

To commend Guy Williams, president of Gulf Coast Bank & Trust, for his assistance to the Lakeview community in New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 140—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY

A RESOLUTION

To commend Freddy Yoder for more than thirty years of service with the Lakeview Civic Improvement Association in New Orleans.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 141—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY

A RESOLUTION

To commend Joseph Giarrusso, III, for his service to New Orleans City Council District A.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 142—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE MARCELLE

A RESOLUTION

To commend Etta Jane Harris for her contributions to the state of Louisiana on the occasion of her retirement as deputy undersecretary of the Department of Children and Family Services.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 145—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE MARCELLE

A RESOLUTION

To commend Carolyn Hill for her service to East Baton Rouge Parish and the state of Louisiana.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 146—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE MACK

A RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, April 15, 2026, as The Arc Appreciation Day in Louisiana.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 147—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE BOUDREAU

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of J.L. "Joseph" Richard.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 148—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES LACOMBE AND MARTINEZ

A RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, April 15, 2026, as Iberville Parish Day at the state capitol.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 149—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES LACOMBE AND MARTINEZ

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Honorable Judge Alvin Batiste, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement from the Eighteenth Judicial District Court.

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## **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 150—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS

### **A RESOLUTION**

To commend the Shreveport Fire Department on being awarded the American Heart Association's 2026 Mission: Lifeline EMS - Gold Achievement Award.

## **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 151—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTERS

### **A RESOLUTION**

To designate Wednesday, April 15, 2026, as Stuffed Shrimp Day at the state capitol.

## **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 152—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE

### **A RESOLUTION**

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Charles Wilson.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHANIE HILFERTY  
Chairwoman

The above House Resolutions contained in the report were signed by the Speaker of the House and taken by the Clerk of the House to the Secretary of State in accordance with the rules of the House.

### **Suspension of the Rules**

On motion of Rep. Miller, the rules were suspended in order to take up and consider Introduction of Resolutions, House and House Concurrent at this time.

### **Introduction of Resolutions, House and House Concurrent**

The following members introduced the following entitled House and House Concurrent Resolutions, which were read the first time by their titles and placed upon the calendar for their second reading:

## **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 159—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLER

### **A RESOLUTION**

To designate Wednesday, April 15, 2026, as Louisiana Occupational Therapy Association Day at the state capitol.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

## **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 60—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN

### **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to study the benefits of implementing the D.R.I.V.E. Initiative (DOTD's Responsibility for Interstate 12 Vitality and Efficiency), including major improvements to the shoulders and capacity of the Interstate 12 (I-12), and to develop a comprehensive, shovel-ready plan that addresses safety, congestion, and regional connectivity.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

## **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 61—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN

### **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To authorize and direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to study the Louisiana Supreme Court decision in *Plaquemines Port Harbor and Terminal Dist. v. Nguyen*, No. 2025-C-00827 (La. 3/6/26),

and its implications for the Louisiana Geologic Sequestration of Carbon Dioxide Act, as enacted by Act No. 517 of the 2009 Regular Session and amended by Act No. 61 of the 2020 Regular Session.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

### **Reports of Committees**

The following reports of committees were received and read:

Report of the Committee on  
Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs

April 16, 2026

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

Pursuant to a meeting held on April 15, 2026, I am directed by your Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to submit the following report:

House Bill No. 87, by Mack  
Reported favorably. (14-0)

House Bill No. 115, by Bamburg  
Reported favorably. (13-0)

House Bill No. 162, by McMakin  
Reported favorably. (12-0)

House Bill No. 368, by Freeman  
Reported favorably. (15-0)

House Bill No. 433, by Freiberg  
Reported favorably. (13-0)

House Bill No. 441, by Freeman  
Reported favorably. (13-0)

House Bill No. 447, by Lyons  
Reported favorably. (13-0)

House Bill No. 466, by LaCombe  
Reported with amendments. (12-0)

House Bill No. 481, by Riser  
Reported favorably. (10-5)

House Bill No. 573, by Hilferty  
Reported by substitute. (14-0)

House Bill No. 741, by Boyd  
Reported with amendments. (14-0)

FOY BRYAN GADBERRY  
Chair

### **House and House Concurrent Resolutions Lying Over**

The following House and House Concurrent Resolutions lying over were taken up and acted upon as follows:

## **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 153—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILDER

### **A RESOLUTION**

To commend the Denham Springs High School Robotics Team on winning the FIRST Robotics Pikes Peak Regional Competition.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Wilder, the resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 154—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

A RESOLUTION

To commend Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church and School on the occasion of the seventy-fifth Our Lady of Prompt Succor Tomato Festival.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Bayham, the resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 155—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

A RESOLUTION

To memorialize the observance of April 14, 2026, as Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Bayham, the resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 156—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES WALTERS, JACKSON, AND PHELPS

A RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives upon the death of Kirby Shawn Dawson.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Walters, the resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 157—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE DICKERSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend Baron Baker for his achievements in competitive weightlifting.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Dickerson, the resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 158—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER

A RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, April 28, 2026, as Louisiana 4-H and Future Farmers of America (FFA) Day at the state capitol and commends the state officers of the Louisiana 4-H and the Louisiana FFA Association.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Butler, the resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 57—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE WILEY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Barney Arceneaux on the occasion of his retirement.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Wiley, the resolution was adopted.

Ordered to the Senate.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 58—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE WILEY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, April 22, 2025, as Ascension Parish Day at the state capitol.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Wiley, the resolution was adopted.

Ordered to the Senate.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 59—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the state, agencies, and the Legislature of Louisiana to repudiate the Louisiana Climate Action Plan, including the resulting Priority Climate Action Plan, developed by the Climate Initiatives Task Force.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above resolution was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Environment.

**Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on  
Second Reading to be Referred**

The following Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on second reading to be referred were taken up, read, and referred to committees, as follows:

**SENATE BILL NO. 124—**  
BY SENATOR TALBOT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 13:3715.3(A), 3715.3(A)(2), (B), and (G)(1)(b) and to enact R.S. 13:3715.3(G)(1)(c) and (d) and (H), relative to peer review records; to provide for peer review records of health systems; to provide for definitions; to provide for confidentiality; to provide for sharing of information; to provide for liability; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Health and Welfare.

**SENATE BILL NO. 399—**  
BY SENATORS BASS, HODGES AND MIGUEZ

AN ACT

To enact Part III-D of Chapter 5 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 17:1828 through 1828.11, relative to institutions of higher education; to create the Louisiana Higher Education Research Security Council; to provide for definitions; to provide relative to council responsibilities; to provide for requirements for gifts, contracts, research partnerships, and academic partnerships from foreign adversaries; to provide for penalties; to provide relative to international cultural agreements; to provide relative to travel and gift prohibitions; to provide relative to research partnerships; to provide relative to educational software linked to foreign adversaries; to provide relative to political parties and members; to provide relative to the theft of trade secrets; to provide for severability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Education.

**SENATE BILL NO. 441—**  
BY SENATOR MIZELL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:11(B), 24.8(A), (B), and (D)(1), 407.33(1) and (5), 407.35(A), and 407.41(A), (B)(2) and (3), and (C) and to enact R.S. 17:24.8(E) and 407.41(D), (E), and (F), relative to programs for prekindergarten-aged children; to

provide for nonpublic and public prekindergarten programs; to provide for approval of nonpublic prekindergarten programs; to provide for child safety and welfare standards; to provide for violations; to provide for camps; to provide for exemptions; to provide for rulemaking; to provide for terms, definitions, conditions, and procedures; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Education.

**SENATE BILL NO. 447—**  
BY SENATOR BASS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2491(D)(1) and (H)(1), and 2492(7), and to enact R.S. 33:2491(D)(4) and (H)(5), 2494(C)(8), and 2498(E), relative to the city of Bossier; to provide relative to the classified police service; to provide relative to department and promotional seniority; to provide relative to the classification of promotions for certain positions; to provide relative to testing and competitive employment in certain circumstances; to provide relative to the establishment and maintenance of employment lists; to provide relative to the certification and appointment of eligible persons in the police department; to provide relative to the abolition of classes; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs.

**SENATE BILL NO. 460—**  
BY SENATORS PRESSLY, BASS, JENKINS AND SEABAUGH  
AN ACT

To provide relative to state highways; to designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 526 in Caddo Parish as "Hayden Lane Mangum Memorial Highway"; to provide for location and placement of signage; to provide for restrictions on costs of materials to the department; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Under the rules, the above bill was referred to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

**House and House Concurrent Resolutions  
Reported by Committee**

The following House and House Concurrent Resolutions reported by committee were taken up and acted upon as follows:

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES MCCORMICK AND OWEN  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To suspend for eighteen months the provisions of LAC 76:V.137(B), which provides rules and regulations for supplemental feeding and bating in chronic wasting disease control areas, and to direct the office of the state register to publish a summary of this Resolution in the Louisiana Register.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Natural Resources and Environment.

On motion of Rep. Geymann, the resolution was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 47—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Children and Family Services, in consultation with the state Department of Education, to study the implementation of the provisions of Children's Code Article 603.1(B) relative to online training requirements pertaining to reporting child abuse and to submit a report of findings and conclusions, including any recommendations for related legislation, to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education no later than March 1, 2027.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Education.

On motion of Rep. Schlegel, the resolution was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

**House Bills and Joint Resolutions on  
Second Reading Reported by Committee**

The following House Bills and Joint Resolutions on second reading reported by committee were taken up and acted upon as follows:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 59—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE MARCELLE  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 15:161.1, relative to the funding of the district public defender in the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court; to provide for funding of the office personnel; to provide for funding of the expenses of the office; to provide for allocation of responsibility for funding the office personnel and expenses of the office; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice.

On motion of Rep. Villio, the bill was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 74—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES ECHOLS, ADAMS, BOUDREAUX, BOYER, COX, FONTENOT, HORTON, KNOX, LAFLEUR, MOORE, VILLIO, AND WILEY  
AN ACT

To enact Chapter 24-D of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 40:2529.1 through 2529.4, relative to missing children with autism spectrum disorder; to create a Spectrum Alert program; to develop autism response training for law enforcement officers; to provide for administration of the Spectrum Alert program; to provide for immunity; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice.

On motion of Rep. Villio, the bill was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 159—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 15:571.35.2, relative to incarceration; to authorize the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office to establish a pilot program utilizing home incarceration and electronic monitoring; to provide criteria for eligibility for participation in such program;

to require the development of rules and regulations for the development, implementation, and administration of such program; to provide for applicability; to require the inclusion of certain conditions within the rules and regulations; to provide for a limitation of liability; to require an evaluation of the program and a report regarding the program to be provided to certain legislative committees; to provide for termination of the program; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

#### HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to Original House Bill No. 159 by Representative Jackson

##### AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 3, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

"(5) Any electronic monitoring provider who is chosen or contracted with to enforce the provisions of this Section shall comply with the provisions of R.S. 15:571.36 and 571.37."

On motion of Rep. Villio, the amendments were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Villio, the bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 175—

BY REPRESENTATIVES HEBERT, ADAMS, BOUDREAU, COX, FONTENOT, HORTON, AND WILEY

#### AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:9031 and 9032, relative to the lottery; to create the Veterans Service Grant Board; to provide for the duties and functions of the board; to provide for the Veterans Service Grant Fund; to provide relative to proceeds deposited into the fund; to provide for disbursements to applicants; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

#### HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to Original House Bill No. 175 by Representative Hebert

##### AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, change "R.S. 47:9008(D), 9031, and 9032" to "R.S. 47:9031 and 9032"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, at the end of line 2, delete "to provide for a lottery" and at the beginning of line 3, delete "game to benefit veterans;"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 3, change "Game" to "Service Grant"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 4, change "Game" to "Service Grant"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, line 8, change "R.S. 47:9008(D), 9031, and 9032" to "R.S. 47:9031 and 9032"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 1, delete lines 9 through 19 in their entirety

##### AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, delete lines 1 through 5 in their entirety

##### AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 2, line 6, change "Game" to "Service Grant"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 2, line 7, change "Game" to "Service Grant"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 2, line 9, change "Game" to "Service Grant"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 2, line 12, change "chief executive officer" to "secretary"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 2, line 12, change "Louisiana Lottery Corporation" to "Department of Veterans Affairs"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 2, delete lines 16 through 21 in their entirety

##### AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 2, at the beginning of line 22, change "D." to "C."

##### AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 2, at the end of line 23, delete "The veterans" and delete lines 24 through 26 in their entirety

##### AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 2, at the beginning of line 27, change "E." to "D."

##### AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 3, at the beginning of line 9, change "F." to "E."

##### AMENDMENT NO. 18

On page 3, at the beginning of line 11, change "G." to "F."

##### AMENDMENT NO. 19

On page 3, line 12, change "Game" to "Service Grant"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 20

On page 3, at the beginning of line 21, change "H." to "G."

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## AMENDMENT NO. 21

On page 3, line 22, change "limited to" to "made in amounts up to"

## AMENDMENT NO. 22

On page 3, delete lines 24 through 27 in their entirety

## AMENDMENT NO. 23

On page 4, line 1, change "Game" to "Service Grant"

## AMENDMENT NO. 24

On page 4, line 2, change "Game" to "Service Grant"

## AMENDMENT NO. 25

On page 4, at the end of line 5, delete "all revenue" and at the beginning of line 6, delete "generated from lottery games created pursuant to R.S. 47:9008(D)" and insert "five hundred thousand dollars pursuant to Article XII, Section 6 of the Constitution of Louisiana"

## AMENDMENT NO. 26

On page 4, at the beginning of line 8, delete "returned to the Department of Treasury" and insert "deposited in and credited to the minimum foundation program"

On motion of Rep. Villio, the amendments were adopted.

Under the rules, the above bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations.

## **HOUSE BILL NO. 330—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:10(B) and 225(B)(1) and (2) and to enact R.S. 14:225(D), relative to the desecration of graves and institutional vandalism; to provide for penalties; to provide for restitution; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice.

On motion of Rep. Villio, the bill was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

## **HOUSE BILL NO. 364—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1381.1, relative to public service announcements; to provide notice to the public regarding the discharge of weapons in public; to provide for public messaging by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections; to provide for dissemination of public awareness activities; to provide for collaboration with the Louisiana Department of Health and municipal police departments; to provide for rulemaking; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice.

On motion of Rep. Villio, the bill was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

## **HOUSE BILL NO. 414—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHENEVERT  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1203.1(6), 1203.2(A), (B), (C)(1), and (E)(1), and 1203.3(A)(1), (C), and (D)(1), to enact R.S. 40:1203.2(H) and 1203.3(A)(5), and to repeal R.S. 40:1203.1(4)(g) and (5) and 1203.3(B), relative to unlicensed healthcare workers and licensed ambulance personnel; to provide for hiring certain healthcare staff; to provide for criminal history and security background checks; to prohibit hiring individuals with certain criminal convictions; to repeal certain restrictions on licensed ambulance personnel; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

### **HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to Original House Bill No. 414 by Representative Chenevert

#### AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "reenact" delete the remainder of the line and insert "R.S. 40:1203.1(6), 1203.2(A), (B), (C)(1), and (E)(1), and 1203.3(A)(1), (C), and (D)(1), to enact R.S. 40:1203.2(H) and 1203.3(A)(5), and to repeal R.S. 40:1203.1(4)(g) and (5) and 1203.3(B),"

#### AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 2, delete "repeal R.S. 40:1203.3(B),"

#### AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 4, after "personnel;" delete the remainder of the line

#### AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, delete line 5 in its entirety and insert the following:

"to provide for hiring certain healthcare staff; to provide for criminal history and security background checks; to prohibit hiring individuals with certain criminal convictions; to repeal certain restrictions on licensed ambulance personnel; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters."

#### AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, delete lines 7 and 8 in their entirety and insert the following:

"Section 1. R.S. 40:1203.1(6), 1203.2(A), (B), (C)(1), and (E)(1), and 1203.3(A)(1), (C), and (D)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 40:1203.2(H) and 1203.3(A)(5) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

#### **PART II. CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS ON NONLICENSED PERSONS ~~AND LICENSED~~ AMBULANCE PERSONNEL**

##### §1203.1. Definitions

For the purposes of this Part, the following terms have the meaning ascribed in this Section:

\* \* \*

(6) "Nonlicensed person" means any person who provides for compensation nursing care or other health-related services directly related to patient care to residents in or patients of a ~~nursing facility, intermediate care facility for people with developmental disabilities, adult residential care facility or provider, pediatric day health care facility, adult day health care center, psychiatric residential treatment facility, end stage renal disease facility, behavioral health services provider, home health agency, hospice agency, provider of ambulance services, hospital, adult brain injury facility, crisis receiving center, pain management clinic, outpatient abortion facility, rural health clinic, ambulatory surgical center, therapeutic group home, forensic supervised transitional residential and aftercare facility, case management provider, or home- and community-based service provider~~ an employer and who is not a licensed health provider. "Nonlicensed person" also means any person who provides such services to individuals in their own homes as an employee or contract provider of a home health agency, hospice, or home- and community-based service provider. "Nonlicensed person" also means any other direct service worker as defined in R.S. 40:2179 and 2179.1. "Nonlicensed person" also means a student or trainee applying for enrollment in a clinical preceptor training program authorized by R.S. 40:1201.1 et seq., or in a nurse aide training program approved by the department pursuant to federal and state law or regulation. "Nonlicensed person" does not include a person who, while acting within the course and scope of the person's employment, does not provide direct care or other health-related services to a person including but not limited to cafeteria workers, maintenance and janitorial staff, and groundskeepers.

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§1203.2. Employment of nonlicensed persons ~~and licensed ambulance personnel~~; training program enrollment of nonlicensed persons; mandatory criminal history and security checks; temporary employment; notice to applicants

A.(1) Except as otherwise provided in Subsection C of this Section, prior to any employer making an offer to employ or to contract with a nonlicensed person ~~or any licensed ambulance personnel~~ to provide nursing care, health-related services, ~~medic services~~; or supportive assistance to any individual, the employer shall request that a criminal history and security check be conducted on the nonlicensed person ~~or any licensed ambulance personnel~~ pursuant to the provisions of this Section. If the employer is a facility, home, or institution which is part of a larger complex of buildings, the requirement of a criminal history and security check shall apply only to an offer of employment or contract made to a nonlicensed person ~~or any licensed ambulance personnel~~ who will work primarily in the immediate boundaries of the facility, home, or institution.

(2) Except as otherwise specified in Paragraph (D)(1) of this Section, an employer may obtain the criminal history record maintained by the office of state police of a nonlicensed person ~~or any licensed ambulance personnel~~ offering to provide nursing care, health-related services, or supportive services to any individual.

B.(1)(a) ~~The~~ Except as provided in Paragraph 2 of this Subsection, an employer shall request in writing that the office or authorized agency conduct a criminal history and security check on the nonlicensed person ~~or any licensed ambulance personnel~~ and shall provide the office or authorized agency with any relevant information required by the office or authorized agency to conduct the check. The employer may request that the criminal history and security check be performed using the fingerprints of the nonlicensed person ~~or any licensed ambulance personnel~~.

(~~2~~) (b) An employer or authorized agency shall pay a fee of twenty-six dollars to the office for a search of the office's criminal history files on an applicant for employment.

(~~3~~) (c) The security check shall consist of the use of personal identifiers, such as name, social security number, date of birth, and driver's license number, to search the national sex offender public registry. An authorized agency shall notify the office if a security check reveals that an applicant is listed in the national sex offender public registry.

(2) A hospital, as defined in R.S. 40:2102, shall conduct a criminal history and security check in one of the following ways:

(a) Following the procedure described in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.

(b) Obtaining a criminal history and security check prepared by a consumer reporting agency as defined in 15 U.S.C. 1681a(f) that also meets all of the following criteria:

(i) The consumer reporting agency is accredited by the Professional Background Screening Association or a successor organization maintaining nationally recognized accreditation standards for employment background screening agencies.

(ii) The criminal history and security check includes a search of the criminal court records in each parish or county in which the applicant has resided during the preceding three years, federal criminal court records, and the national sex offender public registry.

(iii) The consumer reporting agency searches records using multiple personal identifiers including but not limited to name, date of birth, and address history.

(iv) The consumer reporting agency prepares the criminal history and security check report in compliance with the requirements of 15 USC 1681.

C.(1) An employer may make an offer of temporary employment to a nonlicensed person ~~or any licensed ambulance personnel~~ pending the results of the criminal history and security check on the person. In such instances, the employer shall provide to the office or authorized agency the name and relevant information relating to the person within seventy-two hours after the date the person accepts temporary employment.

\* \* \*

E.(1) An employer shall inform each applicant for employment or each prospective contract provider that the employer is required to obtain a criminal history record and perform a security check before such employer makes an offer of employment to, or contracts with, a nonlicensed person ~~or any licensed ambulance personnel~~. The employer shall obtain written permission from the applicant for the release of such information to the employer on a form that clearly notifies the applicant it is a crime to provide false information concerning a criminal history check to an employer.

\* \* \*

H. An employer shall maintain documentation demonstrating compliance with the requirements of this Section in accordance with R.S. 40:1203.4."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 1, line 12, delete "licensed ambulance personnel or"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 1, line 13, after "history" and before "check" insert "and security" and at the end of the line, delete "licensed"

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## AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 1, line 14, delete "ambulance personnel or"

## AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 2, line 1, delete "would"

## AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 2, delete line 2 its entirety and insert "is substantially similar to an offense provided for in Paragraphs (1) through (4) of this Subsection."

## AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 2, line 3, after "history" and before "check" insert "and security"

## AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 2, line 4, delete "or any licensed ambulance personnel"

## AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 2, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following:

"D.(1) The provisions of this Section shall not apply to a nonlicensed person ~~or licensed ambulance personnel~~ who was working under a waiver granted under the law in effect prior to August 15, 2010, ~~so long as~~ if that person continues to be employed for the employer who granted the waiver and the person began employment for the employer prior to August 15, 2010, or a person who has received a pardon of the conviction or has had his conviction expunged."

## AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 2, delete line 10 in its entirety and insert the following:

"Section 2. R.S. 40:1203.1(4)(g) and (5) and 1203.3(B) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Section 3. This Act shall become effective on October 1, 2026."

On motion of Rep. Miller, the amendments were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Miller, the bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

## **HOUSE BILL NO. 458—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE KNOX

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:711, relative to work release programs; to provide for purposes relative to work release programs; to provide relative to the assessment of costs for participation in work release programs; to provide relative to the disbursement of wages; to provide relative to the wages earned for participation in work release programs; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice.

On motion of Rep. Villio, the bill was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

## **HOUSE BILL NO. 525—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 15:827.2.1, relative to data collection; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for duties of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections; to provide for the publication of certain data and information; to provide for reporting requirements; to provide for implementation; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

### **HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to Original House Bill No. 525 by Representative Carpenter

#### AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, delete lines 8 and 9 in their entirety and insert the following:

"(a) Availability in Microsoft Excel format."

#### AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 3, after "machine-readable" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 4 in its entirety and at the beginning of line 5, delete "(b) The" and insert "version of the"

#### AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 6, change "reports" to "report"

#### AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 18, after "website," delete the remainder of the line and at the beginning of line 19, delete "and comma-separated values formats" and insert "in Microsoft Excel format"

#### AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, line 3, change "a monthly" to "an annual"

On motion of Rep. Villio, the amendments were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Villio, the bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

## **HOUSE BILL NO. 568—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMENT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:981.3(D) and to enact R.S. 40:981.3(A)(4) and (E), relative to violations of drug free school zones; to provide for enhanced penalties for certain violations; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice.

On motion of Rep. Villio, the bill was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 628—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE TERRY LANDRY  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:407.22.2, relative to early learning centers; to authorize a school board to engage in a cooperative endeavor with an early learning center to operate a microcenter program; to provide for definitions; to provide for eligibility; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported by substitute by the Committee on Education.

The substitute was read by title as follows:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1242** (Substitute for House Bill No. 628 by

Representative Terry Landry)—  
BY REPRESENTATIVE TERRY LANDRY  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:407.39(I), relative to early learning centers; to authorize the state Department of Education to issue more than one early learning center a license at the same location under certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Schlegel, the substitute was adopted and became House Bill No. 1242 by Rep. Terry Landry, on behalf of the Committee on Education, as a substitute for House Bill No. 628 by Rep. Terry Landry.

Under the rules, lies over in the same order of business.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 786—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE EGAN  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:460.75(C) through (E) and to enact R.S. 46:460.75(F), relative to the state medical assistance program; to provide for provider claim payments; to provide for definitions; to prohibit the use of extrapolation; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to Original House Bill No. 786 by Representative Egan

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

On page 1, after line 19, insert the following:

"(3) Nothing in this Subsection shall be interpreted or construed to prevent or otherwise prohibit the department of the Louisiana Department of Justice of using extrapolation to complete an audit of a healthcare provider pursuant to existing state and federal law and regulation."

On motion of Rep. Miller, the amendments were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Miller, the bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 909—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE SPELL  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1059.8, relative to health insurance coverage; to require coverage for behavioral health crisis services; to establish requirements of coverage for a health insurance issuer; to provide for provider eligibility; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Insurance.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Insurance to Original House Bill No. 909 by Representative Spell

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

On page 1, line 2, after "to" and before "health" delete "the"

**AMENDMENT NO. 2**

On page 1, line 4, after "definitions;" and before "and" insert "to provide for an effective date;"

**AMENDMENT NO. 3**

On page 1, line 16, change "section" to "Section"

**AMENDMENT NO. 4**

On page 2, line 2, change the period "." to "₂"

**AMENDMENT NO. 5**

On page 2, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

"(6) In determining coverage, a health insurance issuer may require the treating provider to provide documentation of all of the following:

(a) The presence of a behavioral health crisis at the time of service.

(b) The medical necessity of the intervention.

(c) A disposition and follow-up plan."

**AMENDMENT NO. 6**

On page 2, line 3, change "B(1)." to "B.(1)"

**AMENDMENT NO. 7**

On page 2, line 7, after "(2)" and before "In" delete the period "₂"

**AMENDMENT NO. 8**

On page 2, line 13, change "(1)" to "(1)(a)" and change ""Behavioral Health Crisis Care"" to ""Behavioral health crisis care""

**AMENDMENT NO. 9**

On page 2, line 14, after "resolution" insert a comma "₂"

**AMENDMENT NO. 10**

On page 2, line 16, change "(a)" to "(b)"

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## AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 2, line 21, change "(b)" to "(c)"

## AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 2, line 24, change "(c)" to "(d)" and change after "with" and before "et" change "R.S. 40:1252" to "R.S. 40:2152"

## AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 2, line 27, change "(2)" to "(2)(a)" and change "Health insurance issuer" to "Health insurance issuer"

## AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 3, line 1, change "(a)" to "(b)" and change "shall include" to "includes"

## AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 3, delete line 5, and insert in lieu thereof the following: to "(3)(a) "Louisiana Department of Health sanctioned Crisis Hub" means the"

## AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 3, line 7, after "referral" insert a comma ", "

## AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 3, line 10, after "supports" insert a period ". "

## AMENDMENT NO. 18

On page 3, line 11, change "(4)" to "(4)(a)"

## AMENDMENT NO. 19

On page 3, line 11, change """Mobile Crisis Response""" to """Mobile crisis response"""

## AMENDMENT NO. 20

On page 3, line 14, change "(a)" to "(b)"

## AMENDMENT NO. 21

On page 3, line 16, after "the" and before "experiences" delete "member" and insert "individual"

## AMENDMENT NO. 22

On page 3, line 19, delete the set of asterisks "\*\*\*\*"

On motion of Rep. Firment, the amendments were adopted.

Under the rules, the above bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations.

## **HOUSE BILL NO. 1008—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN  
AN ACT

To enact Part XV of Chapter 26 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 17:3399.51, relative to faculty at public postsecondary education institutions; to prohibit a public postsecondary education institution from retaliating against a faculty member for disclosing certain alleged violations or exercising academic freedom or free speech; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; to provide for remedies; to require the Board of Regents to adopt a uniform policy relative to reporting and investigations; to

require public postsecondary education institutions to adhere to the policy; to provide for annual reporting; to provide for applicability; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Education.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

## **HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Education to Original House Bill No. 1008 by Representative Owen

### AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, delete lines 6 through 8 and insert the following:

"(3) "Free speech" means expression protected under the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America, as interpreted by the United States Supreme Court, and Article I, Section 7 of the Constitution of Louisiana."

### AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, delete lines 1 through 5 and insert the following:

"(c) Exercising free speech during student instruction consistent with his academic field and the subject matter of the course.

(d) Exercising free speech outside the scope of student instruction, including extramural free speech involving public appearances, publications, and other expression on topics outside his academic field."

### AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, delete lines 1 through 5 and insert the following:

"(a) Reinstatement, back pay, and restoration of benefits or tenure status if the faculty member proves by a preponderance of the evidence that an adverse action against him was retaliation for conduct provided for in Paragraph (B)(1) of this Section.

(b) Compensatory damages, including treble damages for willful violations.

(c) Reasonable attorney fees and court costs.

(d) Punitive damages of up to five hundred thousand dollars for egregious or repeated violations."

### AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 4, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following:

"E. Nothing in this Part shall be construed to do either of the following:

(1) Limit or restrict the authority of an institution to make legitimate, merit-based personnel decisions, including the granting or denial of tenure, promotion, or any other employment action.

(2) Prohibit an institution from denying tenure, promotion, or any other benefit to a faculty member who fails to satisfy established, codified performance standards, rubrics, teaching effectiveness criteria, research expectations, service requirements, or other legitimate academic or institutional criteria, as long as such decision is not made in retaliation for conduct provided for in Paragraph (B)(1) of this Section."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 4, at the beginning of line 9, delete "E." and insert "F."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 4, at the beginning of line 12, delete "F." and insert "G."

On motion of Rep. Schlegel, the amendments were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Schlegel, the bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1033—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:61(B)(introductory paragraph) and (1)(a)(v) and R.S. 51:3052(introductory paragraph) and (2) and to enact R.S. 14:61(B)(1)(a)(viii) through (x), relative to critical infrastructure; to provide relative to the definition of critical infrastructure; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice.

On motion of Rep. Villio, the bill was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1034—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:329.9, relative to offenses affecting the public generally; to authorize the establishment of temporary protection zones; to provide for information to be disseminated regarding temporary protection zones; to provide relative to the duration of a temporary protective zone; to provide for penalties; to provide for a limitation; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to Original House Bill No. 1034 by Representative Bacala

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 5, after "penalties;" insert "to provide for a limitation;"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, between lines 27 and 28, insert the following:

"E. This Section does not grant a parish president, mayor, sheriff, chief of police, or chief executive officer of a political subdivision the authority to act in a manner inconsistent with R.S. 40:1796."

On motion of Rep. Villio, the amendments were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Villio, the bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1041—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES GALLE, EDMONSTON, AND OWEN  
AN ACT

To enact Part IX of Chapter 5-G of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 40:1300.81 through 1300.86, relative to medical interventions; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative intent; to provide definitions; to prohibit conditioning access to certain business and governmental entities based on medical intervention status; to provide for exceptions; to provide for enforcement; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to Original House Bill No. 1041 by Representative Galle

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, after "1300.86," delete "and to repeal R.S. 17:170(F),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 7, delete "to repeal requirements relative to"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 8, delete "immunization and school attendance;"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 4, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

"I. Nothing in this Part shall be construed to prevent compliance with child welfare laws of this state.

J. Nothing in this Part shall be construed to prohibit compliance with R.S. 40:31.21 or other applicable laws of this state relating to the control and prevention of tuberculosis.

K. A healthcare facility, provider, or employer is exempt from the provisions of this Part."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 4, delete line 11 in its entirety

On motion of Rep. Miller, the amendments were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Miller, the bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1052—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE SPELL  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:440.8, R.S. 44:4.1(B)(40), and Children's Code Article 513 and to enact Children's Code Articles 525(C), 525.1, and 545(C), relative to confidentiality of records; to provide relative to confidentiality of work product; to provide for a definition; to provide for authorized and prohibited disclosures; to provide for public records exceptions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

Under the rules, the above bill was ordered engrossed and recommitted to the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1062—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONSTON  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:1945.1(B), (D)(2) through (4), and (E)(3) and (5)(introductory paragraph) and to repeal R.S. 17:1945.1(D)(5) through (8), relative to the Special School District; to provide relative to the board of directors of the Special School District; to provide for the membership, powers, and duties of the board; to provide relative to the selection of and duties of the district superintendent; to require annual submission of lists of nominees for appointment to the board; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Education.

On motion of Rep. Schlegel, the bill was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

**Speaker DeVillier in the Chair**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1070—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE BRAUD  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 887(F)(1), relative to court costs assessed against a defendant; to provide for the duties of the administrator of the Trial Court Case Management Information Fund; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to Original House Bill No. 1070 by Representative Braud

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 16, after "magistrate courts," and before "and" insert "shall not be suspended."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, at the end of line 26, insert "The trial court shall not waive, set aside, or redirect such costs for any other purpose."

On motion of Rep. Villio, the amendments were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Villio, the bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1079—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE BOUDREAU  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:3991(C)(1)(c)(vii), relative to charter schools; to provide relative to charter school enrollment; to provide relative to enrollment preference for certain students; to provide relative to early childhood care and education; to provide relative to children in military families; to provide relative to children in

foster care; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Education.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Education to Original House Bill No. 1079 by Representative Boudreaux

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 4, after "education;" and before "and" insert "to provide relative to children in military families; to provide relative to children in foster care; to provide for exceptions;"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete lines 17 through 19 and on page 2, delete lines 1 through 3 and insert the following:

"(vii) Each charter school, except for any school in a school district where the majority of schools were transferred from the local district to the Recovery School District, may give enrollment preference to a student who falls into any of the following categories:

(aa) An entering kindergarten student who attended one of the following:

(I) A licensed early learning center operated by the charter school.

(II) A licensed early learning center not operated by the charter school, if the student attended the center for at least seventy-five days and the charter school and the center have an enrollment articulation agreement.

(bb) A student whose parent or legal guardian is serving in active military service.

(cc) A student who is in foster care pursuant to placement through the Department of Children and Family Services.

(dd) A student who is the subject of a court-ordered custody plan."

On motion of Rep. Schlegel, the amendments were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Schlegel, the bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1112—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES CHENEVERT, BAMBURG, BERAULT, BOYER, BRAUD, BROUSSARD, CARLSON, CARVER, EDMONSTON, HEBERT, HORTON, MARTINEZ, MELERINE, OWEN, SCHLEGEL, SPELL, AND ST. BLANC

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:11(B), 24.8(A), (B), and (D)(1), 407.33(1) and (5), 407.35(A), and 407.41(A), (B)(2) and (3), and (C) and to enact R.S. 17:407.41(D), relative to prekindergarten programs; to remove the requirement that nonpublic prekindergarten programs be licensed as early learning centers; to apply requirements pertaining to child safety and welfare standards to certain school prekindergarten programs; to revise the standards with respect to child-to-staff ratios; to revise the definition of camp as it pertains to exemption from early learning center licensing requirements; to provide for the approval of nonpublic prekindergarten programs by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; to

authorize the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to adopt emergency rules; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Education.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

#### HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Education to Original House Bill No. 1112 by Representative Chenevert

##### AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, delete "24.8(A) and (B)," and insert "24.8(A), (B), and (D)(1),"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 3, after "(C)" and before "relative" delete the comma "," and insert "and to enact R.S. 17:407.41(D),"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 6, after "standards to" and before "school" delete "all" and insert "certain"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 14, delete "24.8(A) and (B)," and insert "24.8(A), (B), and (D)(1),"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, line 15, after "reenacted" and before "to" insert "and R.S. 17:407.41(D) is hereby enacted"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, line 5, after "Subsection" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 6 and 7 and insert a period ":"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, line 12, delete "Subsection" and insert "Paragraph"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 2, line 20, after "parent" and before "who" insert "or legal guardian"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 2, line 21, after "Subsection shall" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 22 and insert "be provided the following information:"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 3, line 2, after "programs" and before "shall" insert a comma "," and insert "except for programs operated by nonpublic schools approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education as provided in R.S. 17:11,"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 3, delete lines 10 through 15 and insert the following:

"(b) The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education may revoke its approval of a nonpublic school at any time if the board determines that the school has jeopardized the health, safety, or welfare of its students."

##### AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 3, between lines 16 and 17, insert the following:

"D.(1) Beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, each city, parish, or other local public school board shall work to develop a mixed provider delivery model for full-day, year-round, high-quality prekindergarten instruction to each child residing within the boundaries of the school district who is eligible for a prekindergarten program pursuant to Subsection A Paragraph (A)(1) of this Section.

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##### AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 4, line 16, after "programs" and before "shall" insert a comma "," and insert "except for programs operated by nonpublic schools approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education as provided in R.S. 17:11,"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 6, at the end of line 7, delete the period "." and insert "and legal guardians."

##### AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 7, between lines 23 and 24, insert the following:

"D. Prekindergarten programs operated by nonpublic schools approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education as provided in R.S. 17:11 are exempt from the provisions of Subsections A through C of this Section."

On motion of Rep. Schlegel, the amendments were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Schlegel, the bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

#### **HOUSE BILL NO. 1118—** BY REPRESENTATIVE FISHER

#### AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:2104.1, relative to certain agreement disclosures between hospitals and real estate investment trusts; to provide for definitions; to provide for reporting requirements; to provide for entering into a lease agreement with a real estate investment trust; to provide for the publication of records; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

#### HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to Original House Bill No. 1118 by Representative Fisher

##### AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 2 after "occupancy" and before "or" insert a comma ","

On motion of Rep. Miller, the amendments were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Miller, the bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1139—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE FISHER  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 28:53.1, relative to behavioral healthcare services; to require certain procedures upon admission and discharge; to provide for patients admitted to treatment pursuant to an emergency certificate; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to Original House Bill No. 1139 by Representative Fisher

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the beginning of line 9, insert "A."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 12, change "(1)" to "B."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 14, change "(a)" to "(1)"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 16, change "(b)" to "(2)"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 1, change "(2)" to "C."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, line 4, delete "(a)" and insert "(1)"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, line 12, delete "(c)" and insert "(2)"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 2, line 19, delete "(d)" and insert "(3)"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 3, delete lines 1 and 2 in their entirety and insert "(4) Ensure that the patient is provided with the appropriate prescriptions."

On motion of Rep. Miller, the amendments were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Miller, the bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1151—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:601.8, relative to the investments of domestic insurers; to provide for solvency; to provide for equity interests of life insurers and insurers other than life insurers; to

provide for limitations on equity held by an insurer; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Insurance.

On motion of Rep. Firmont, the bill was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1154—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE GLORIOSO  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1060.1(9) through (12) and 1060.9 and R.S. 46:153.3.3, relative to prior authorizations for medications: to provide for requirements for certain generic medications prescribed by qualified physicians; to provide for definitions; to require health insurance coverage for medication; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Insurance.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Insurance to Original House Bill No. 1154 by Representative Glorioso

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "(12)" and before "1060.9" delete the comma "," and insert "and"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 12, after "medication" and before "if" insert "that is not an opioid,"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 14, after "prescribed" and before the period "." insert "and the wholesale acquisition cost is no more than two hundred fifty dollars per prescription"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 19, after "physician" and before "whose" insert "or authorized provider"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 22, change "Subsection" to "Section"

On motion of Rep. Firmont, the amendments were adopted.

Under the rules, the above bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1176—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1077.6, relative to integrative care services; to require Medicare Advantage coverage for integrative care services; to provide for definitions; to outline applicability and effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Insurance.

On motion of Rep. Firment, the bill was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1182—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE EGAN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:3006(introductory paragraph) and (2), 3007, 3008, 3009(B) and (D), 3012(B)(3), and 3013(A), relative to occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants; to provide for the requirements for licensure; to provide for the examination for licensure; to provide for waiver requirements for licensure; to provide for the issuance of licenses; to provide for the renewal of licenses; to provide for licensure fees; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

On motion of Rep. Miller, the bill was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1196—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1029(B) relative to health insurance coverage; to establish a classification for colorectal cancer screening colonoscopies; to provide for associated preventive services; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Insurance.

On motion of Rep. Firment, the bill was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1214—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 28:21, 25.1(B), 451.2 (introductory paragraph), (1), and (9)(introductory paragraph), 451.4, and 451.6(A), R.S. 36:251(C)(1), 253, 254(B)(1)(a)(i), 257(A) and (C), and 258(A), (D), and (F), and R.S. 40:16.1(Section Heading), to enact R.S. 36:253.1, 258(N), and 258.1, and to repeal R.S. 28:22.8(A)(2) and (3) and 451.2(9)(a) and (b), relative to the Louisiana Department of Health; to create the office of state health care facilities within the Louisiana Department of Health; to provide for the purposes, duties, and functions of the office of state health care facilities; to provide for the administration of certain healthcare facilities; to provide for the authority and duties of the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health; to provide for the authority and duties of the offices of the Louisiana Department of Health; to provide for the of the executive office of the secretary; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

On motion of Rep. Miller, the bill was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1231—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE BERALT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:450.8(A)(1), relative to Medicaid coverage for pregnant women; to provide Medicaid coverage for continuous glucose monitoring devices in certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to Original House Bill No. 1231 by Representative Berault

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete lines 2 and 3 in their entirety and insert "To amend and reenact R.S. 46:450.8(A)(1), relative to Medicaid coverage for pregnant"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 5, after "circumstances;" delete the remainder of the line and insert " and to provide for related matters."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, delete lines 6 and 7 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, delete lines 9 through 18 and insert the following:

"Section 1. R.S. 46:450.8(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§450.8. Continuous glucose monitors; Medicaid coverage

A. Except as provided in Subsection B of this Section, the Louisiana Medicaid program shall provide coverage for a continuous glucose monitor for the treatment of an enrollee who has one of the following conditions:

(1) Any type of diabetes, including but not limited to gestational diabetes, requiring use with the use of insulin more than two times daily or evidence of level 2 or level 3 hypoglycemia.

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AMENDMENT NO. 5

Delete page 2 in its entirety

On motion of Rep. Miller, the amendments were adopted.

Under the rules, the above bill, as amended, was ordered engrossed and recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1241** (Substitute for House Bill No. 943 by Representative Firment)—  
BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMENT

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:2472, relative to child support enforcement and insurer compliance; to require insurers to conduct data matches with the Department of Children and Family Services prior to issuing qualifying payments; to provide for withholding and remittance of certain payments; to provide for enforcement by the commissioner of insurance; to provide for rulemaking; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

On motion of Rep. Firment, the bill was ordered engrossed and passed to its third reading.

**Senate Instruments on Second Reading**

**Returned from the Legislative Bureau**

The following Senate Instruments on second reading, returned from the Legislative Bureau, were taken up and acted upon as follows:

**SENATE BILL NO. 244—**  
BY SENATORS ALLAIN AND KLEINPETER  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 56:256, relative to recreational alligator hunting; to provide for a special season; to provide for taking alligators; to provide for possession; to provide for quotas; to provide for season modifications; to provide for residency; to provide for methods of taking; to provide for harvest hours; to provide for licenses; to provide for tags; to provide for prohibitions; to provide for violations; to provide for Louisiana Wildlife Commission authority; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Natural Resources and Environment.

The committee amendments were read as follows:

**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 244 by Senator Allain

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 7, after "authority;" and before "and to" insert "to provide an effective date;"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 14, insert the following:

"Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval."

Reported without amendments by the Legislative Bureau.

On motion of Rep. Geymann, the amendments were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Geymann, the bill, as amended, was ordered passed to its third reading.

**Special Order of the Day**

The following legislative instruments on Special Order were taken up and acted upon as follows:

**SPECIAL ORDER NO. 1**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND  
AN ACT

Making annual appropriations for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 for the ordinary expenses of the executive branch of state government, pensions, public schools, public roads, public charities, and state institutions and providing with respect to the expenditure of said appropriations.

Read by title.

**Motion**

On motion of Rep. McFarland, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House to take into consideration House Bill No. 1.

**Chairman**

Rep. Robert Carter in the Chair.

**House Business Resumed**

**Speaker DeVillier in the Chair**

The committee having risen, the chairman, Rep. Robert Carter reported to the House that which the Committee of the Whole House had had under consideration:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND  
AN ACT

Making annual appropriations for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 for the ordinary expenses of the executive branch of state government, pensions, public schools, public roads, public charities, and state institutions and providing with respect to the expenditure of said appropriations.

Read by title.

Reported favorably.

Rep. McFarland moved the final passage of the bill.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

**YEAS**

Mr. Speaker	Edmonston	McCormick
Adams	Egan	McFarland
Amedee	Farnum	McMahan
Bacala	Firment	McMakin
Bagley	Fisher	Melerine
Bamburg	Fontenot	Mena
Bayham	Freeman	Miller
Beaullieu	Freiberg	Moore
Berault	Gadberry	Murray
Billings	Galle	Muscarello
Boudreaux	Geymann	Newell
Bourriaque	Glorioso	Orgeron
Boyd	Green	Owen
Boyer	Hebert	Phelps
Brass	Henry, C.	Riser
Braud	Henry, D.	Sawyer
Broussard	Hilferty	Schamerhorn
Bryant	Horton	Schlegel
Butler	Illg	Spell
Carlson	Jackson	St. Blanc
Carpenter	Johnson, M.	Stagni
Carrier	Johnson, T.	Tarver
Carter, R.	Jordan	Taylor
Carter, W.	Kerner	Thomas
Carver	Knox	Thompson
Chassion	LaCombe	Turner
Chenevert	LaFleur	Ventrella
Coates	Landry, J.	Villio
Cox	Landry, M.	Walters
Crews	Landry, T.	Wilder
Deshotel	Larvadain	Wiley
Dewitt	Lyons	Wright
Dickerson	Mack	Wyble

Domangue Marcelle Zeringue  
 Echols Martinez  
 Total - 104

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Young  
 Total - 1

The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. McFarland moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

**STATE OF LOUISIANA**  
 Legislative Fiscal Office  
 Baton Rouge

TO: The Honorable Phillip DeVillier, Speaker of the House of Representatives  
 Honorable Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Alan M. Boxberger, Legislative Fiscal Officer  
 Patrice Thomas, Deputy Fiscal Officer

DATE: April 15, 2026

SUBJECT: House Rule 7.19, HB 1 Engrossed

Pursuant to House Rule 7.19, the Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) is required to submit a report to the House of Representatives, which indicates whether the appropriation bill appropriates one-time money within House Bill 1 (HB 1). The LFO is providing this information for HB 1 Original.

**HR 7.19 One-Time Money List**

Pursuant to HR 7.19(C)(1)(b), appropriations from one-time money for ordinary recurring expenses may not exceed the projected growth of the state general fund from the fiscal year for which the appropriation is proposed and the subsequent fiscal year according to the most recent official forecast. The threshold calculation is the difference between the official SGF revenue forecast adopted by the Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) on December 11, 2025, for FY 27 of \$12,616.6 M and FY 28 of \$12,355.9, which equates to \$260.7 M of SGF revenue loss. The amount of one-time funds, as defined by HR 7.19, allowed to be appropriated for ordinary recurring expenses in HB 1 for FY 27 expenditure is \$0. **After House committee amendments to HB 1 there is no (\$0) one-time money as defined in House Rule 7.19 in HB 1 Engrossed.**

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 2

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2—**  
 BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA  
 AN ACT

To provide with respect to the capital outlay budget and the capital outlay program for state government, state institutions, and other public entities; to provide for the designation of projects and improvements; to provide for the financing thereof making appropriations from certain sources; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Rep. Bacala moved the final passage of the bill.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

**YEAS**

Mr. Speaker	Egan	McFarland
Adams	Farnum	McMahan
Amedee	Firment	McMakin
Bacala	Fisher	Melerine
Bamburg	Fontenot	Mena
Bayham	Freeman	Miller
Beaullieu	Freiberg	Moore
Berault	Gadberry	Murray
Billings	Galle	Muscarello
Boudreaux	Geymann	Newell
Bourriaque	Glorioso	Orgeron
Boyd	Green	Owen
Boyer	Hebert	Phelps
Brass	Henry, C.	Riser
Braud	Henry, D.	Sawyer
Broussard	Hilferty	Schamerhorn
Bryant	Horton	Schlegel
Butler	Illg	Spell
Carlson	Jackson	St. Blanc
Carpenter	Johnson, M.	Stagni
Carrier	Johnson, T.	Tarver
Carter, R.	Jordan	Taylor
Carter, W.	Kerner	Thomas
Carver	Knox	Thompson
Chassion	LaCombe	Turner
Chenevert	LaFleur	Ventrella
Coates	Landry, J.	Villio
Cox	Landry, M.	Walters
Crews	Landry, T.	Wilder
Deshotel	Larvadain	Wiley
Dewitt	Lyons	Wright
Dickerson	Mack	Wyble
Domangue	Marcelle	Zeringue
Echols	Martinez	
Edmonston	McCormick	
Total - 103		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Bagley Young  
 Total - 2

The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. Bacala moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

**Consent to Correct a Vote Record**

Rep. Bamburg requested the House consent to record his vote on final passage of House Bill No. 2 as yea, which consent was unanimously granted.

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 3

**HOUSE BILL NO. 3—**  
 BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA  
 AN ACT

To enact the Omnibus Bond Authorization Act of 2026, relative to the implementation of a five-year capital improvement program; to provide for the repeal of certain prior bond authorizations; to

provide for new bond authorizations; to provide for authorization and sale of such bonds by the State Bond Commission; to provide relative to the submission of capital outlay applications; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Rep. Bacala moved the final passage of the bill.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

**YEAS**

Mr. Speaker	Edmonston	McCormick
Adams	Egan	McFarland
Amedee	Farnum	McMahan
Bacala	Firment	McMakin
Bagley	Fisher	Melerine
Bamburg	Fontenot	Mena
Bayham	Freeman	Miller
Beaullieu	Freiberg	Moore
Berault	Gadberry	Murray
Billings	Galle	Muscarello
Boudreaux	Geymann	Newell
Bourriaque	Glorioso	Orgeron
Boyd	Green	Owen
Boyer	Hebert	Phelps
Brass	Henry, C.	Riser
Braud	Henry, D.	Sawyer
Broussard	Hilferty	Schamerhorn
Bryant	Horton	Schlegel
Butler	Illg	Spell
Carlson	Jackson	St. Blanc
Carpenter	Johnson, M.	Stagni
Carrier	Johnson, T.	Tarver
Carter, R.	Jordan	Taylor
Carter, W.	Kerner	Thomas
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Dewitt	Lyons	Wright
Dickerson	Mack	Wyble
Domangue	Marcelle	Zeringue
Echols	Martinez	

Total - 104

**NAYS**

Total - 0

**ABSENT**

Young  
Total - 1

The Chair declared the above bill, having received a two-thirds vote of the elected members, was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. Bacala moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 4

**HOUSE BILL NO. 312—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND  
AN ACT

To appropriate funds and to make certain reductions from certain sources to be allocated to designated agencies and purposes in specific amounts for the making of supplemental appropriations and reductions for said agencies and purposes for Fiscal Year 2025-2026; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Rep. McFarland moved the final passage of the bill.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

**YEAS**

Mr. Speaker	Edmonston	McCormick
Adams	Egan	McFarland
Amedee	Farnum	McMahan
Bacala	Firment	McMakin
Bagley	Fisher	Melerine
Bamburg	Fontenot	Mena
Bayham	Freeman	Miller
Beaullieu	Freiberg	Moore
Berault	Gadberry	Murray
Billings	Galle	Muscarello
Boudreaux	Geymann	Newell
Bourriaque	Glorioso	Orgeron
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Carter, R.	Jordan	Taylor
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Chassion	LaCombe	Turner
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Dickerson	Mack	Wyble
Domangue	Marcelle	Zeringue
Echols	Martinez	

Total - 104

**NAYS**

Total - 0

**ABSENT**

Young  
Total - 1

The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. McFarland moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

**STATE OF LOUISIANA**

Legislative Fiscal Office  
Baton Rouge

TO: The Honorable Phillip DeVillier, Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Honorable Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Alan M. Boxberger, Legislative Fiscal Officer  
Patrice Thomas, Deputy Fiscal Officer

DATE: April 15, 2026

SUBJECT: House Rule 7.19, HB 312 Engrossed

Pursuant to House Rule 7.19, the Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) is required to submit a report to the House of Representatives, which indicates whether the Supplemental Appropriations bill appropriates one-time money for ordinary recurring expenses. The Legislative Fiscal Office has determined there is no one-time money used for ordinary recurring expenses in HB 312 Engrossed.

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 5

**HOUSE BILL NO. 313—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND  
AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 39:100.49 and 100.50, relative to certain treasury funds; to provide for the transfer, deposit, and use, as specified, of monies in certain treasury funds and accounts; to repeal certain treasury funds; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Rep. McFarland moved the final passage of the bill.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

**YEAS**

Mr. Speaker	Edmonston	McCormick
Adams	Egan	McFarland
Amedee	Farnum	McMahan
Bacala	Firment	McMakin
Bagley	Fisher	Melerine
Bamburg	Fontenot	Mena
Bayham	Freeman	Miller
Beaullieu	Freiberg	Moore
Berault	Gadberry	Murray
Billings	Galle	Muscarello
Boudreaux	Geymann	Newell
Bourriaque	Glorioso	Orgeron
Boyd	Green	Owen
Boyer	Hebert	Phelps
Brass	Henry, C.	Riser
Braud	Henry, D.	Sawyer
Broussard	Hilferty	Schamerhorn
Bryant	Horton	Schlegel
Butler	Illg	Spell
Carlson	Jackson	St. Blanc
Carpenter	Johnson, M.	Stagni
Carrier	Johnson, T.	Tarver
Carter, R.	Jordan	Taylor
Carter, W.	Kerner	Thomas
Carver	Knox	Thompson
Chassion	LaCombe	Turner
Chenevert	LaFleur	Ventrella
Coates	Landry, J.	Villio
Cox	Landry, M.	Walters

Crews	Landry, T.	Wilder
Deshotel	Larvadain	Wiley
Dewitt	Lyons	Wright
Dickerson	Mack	Wyble
Domangue	Marcelle	Zeringue
Echols	Martinez	

Total - 104

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Young  
Total - 1

The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. McFarland moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 6

**HOUSE BILL NO. 383—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND  
AN ACT

To provide for the establishment and reestablishment of agency ancillary funds, to be specifically known as internal service funds, auxiliary accounts, or enterprise funds for certain state institutions, officials, and agencies; to provide for appropriation of funds for Fiscal Year 2026-2027; to provide for an effective date; to regulate the administration of said funds; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Rep. McFarland moved the final passage of the bill.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

**YEAS**

Mr. Speaker	Edmonston	McCormick
Adams	Egan	McFarland
Amedee	Farnum	McMahan
Bacala	Firment	McMakin
Bagley	Fisher	Melerine
Bamburg	Fontenot	Mena
Bayham	Freeman	Miller
Beaullieu	Freiberg	Moore
Berault	Gadberry	Murray
Billings	Galle	Muscarello
Boudreaux	Geymann	Newell
Bourriaque	Glorioso	Orgeron
Boyd	Green	Owen
Boyer	Hebert	Phelps
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Carlson	Jackson	St. Blanc
Carpenter	Johnson, M.	Stagni
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Carter, R.	Jordan	Taylor
Carter, W.	Kerner	Thomas
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Dewitt	Lyons	Wright
Dickerson	Mack	Wyble
Domangue	Marcelle	Zeringue
Echols	Martinez	

Total - 104

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Young  
Total - 1

The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. McFarland moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

**STATE OF LOUISIANA**

Legislative Fiscal Office  
Baton Rouge

TO: The Honorable Phillip DeVillier, Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Honorable Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Alan M. Boxberger, Legislative Fiscal Officer  
Patrice Thomas, Deputy Fiscal Officer

DATE: April 15, 2026

SUBJECT: House Rule 7.19, HB 383 Engrossed

Pursuant to House Rule 7.19, the Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) is required to submit a report to the House of Representatives, which indicates whether the Ancillary Appropriations Bill appropriates one-time money for ordinary recurring expenses. The Legislative Fiscal Office has determined there is no one-time money used for ordinary recurring expenses in HB 383 Engrossed.

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 7

**HOUSE BILL NO. 314—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND  
AN ACT

To provide with respect to the Revenue Sharing Fund and the allocation and distribution thereof for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Rep. McFarland moved the final passage of the bill.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. Speaker	Egan	McFarland
Adams	Farnum	McMahan
Amedee	Firment	McMakin
Bacala	Fisher	Melerine
Bagley	Fontenot	Mena

Bamburg	Freeman	Miller
Bayham	Freiberg	Moore
Beaullieu	Gadberry	Murray
Berault	Galle	Muscarello
Billings	Geymann	Newell
Boudreaux	Glorioso	Orgeron
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Boyd	Hebert	Phelps
Boyer	Henry, C.	Riser
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Deshotel	Larvadain	Wiley
Dewitt	Lyons	Wright
Dickerson	Mack	Wyble
Domangue	Marcelle	Zeringue
Echols	Martinez	
Edmonston	McCormick	

Total - 103

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Carrier  
Total - 2

Young

The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

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Rep. McFarland moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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Honorable Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Alan M. Boxberger, Legislative Fiscal Officer  
Patrice Thomas, Deputy Fiscal Officer

DATE: April 15, 2026

SUBJECT: House Rule 7.19, HB 314 Engrossed

Pursuant to House Rule 7.19, the Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) is required to submit a report to the House of Representatives, which indicates whether the Revenue Sharing Distribution Bill appropriates one-time money for ordinary recurring expenses. The Legislative Fiscal Office has determined there is no one-time money in HB 314 Engrossed.

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 8

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To provide for a hospital stabilization formula pursuant to Article VII, Section 10.13 of the Constitution of Louisiana; to establish the level and basis of hospital assessments; to establish certain reimbursement enhancements for inpatient and outpatient hospital services; to establish certain criteria for the implementation of the formula; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Rep. McFarland moved the final passage of the resolution.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

**YEAS**

Mr. Speaker	Edmonston	McCormick
Adams	Egan	McFarland
Amedee	Farnum	McMahen
Bacala	Firment	McMakin
Bagley	Fisher	Melerine
Bamburg	Fontenot	Mena
Bayham	Freeman	Miller
Beaullieu	Freiberg	Moore
Berault	Gadberry	Murray
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Deshotel	Larvadain	Wiley
Dewitt	Lyons	Wright
Dickerson	Mack	Wyble
Domangue	Marcelle	Zeringue
Echols	Martinez	

Total - 104

**NAYS**

Total - 0

**ABSENT**

Young

Total - 1

The Chair declared the above resolution was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. McFarland moved to reconsider the vote by which the above resolution was finally passed, and, on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

**SPECIAL ORDER NO. 9**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 983—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND

**AN ACT**

To appropriate funds to defray the expenses of the Louisiana Judiciary, including the Supreme Court, Courts of Appeal, District Courts, Criminal District Court of Orleans Parish, and other courts; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Rep. McFarland moved the final passage of the bill.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

**YEAS**

Mr. Speaker	Edmonston	McCormick
Adams	Egan	McFarland
Amedee	Farnum	McMahen
Bacala	Firment	McMakin
Bagley	Fisher	Melerine
Bamburg	Fontenot	Mena
Bayham	Freeman	Miller
Beaullieu	Freiberg	Moore
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Total - 104

**NAYS**

Total - 0

**ABSENT**

Young

Total - 1

The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. McFarland moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

STATE OF LOUISIANA

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Baton Rouge

TO: The Honorable Phillip DeVillier, Speaker of the House of Representatives
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FROM: Alan M. Boxberger, Legislative Fiscal Officer
Patrice Thomas, Deputy Fiscal Officer

DATE: April 15, 2026

SUBJECT: House Rule 7.19, HB 983 Engrossed

Pursuant to House Rule 7.19, the Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) is required to submit a report to the House of Representatives, which indicates whether the Judicial Expense bill appropriates one-time money for ordinary recurring expenses. The Legislative Fiscal Office has determined there is no one-time money used for ordinary recurring expenses in HB 983 Engrossed.

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 10

HOUSE BILL NO. 1126—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND
AN ACT

To appropriate funds for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 to defray the expenses of the Louisiana Legislature, including the expenses of the House of Representatives and the Senate, of legislative service agencies, and of the Louisiana State Law Institute; to provide for the salary, expenses, and allowances of members, officers, staff, and agencies of the Legislature; to provide with respect to the appropriations and allocations herein made; and to provide for related matters.

Read by title.

Rep. McFarland moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

- Mr. Speaker, Adams, Amedee, Bacala, Bagley, Bamburg, Bayham, Beaulieu, Berault, Billings, Boudreaux, Bourriague, Boyd, Boyer, Brass, Braud, Broussard, Bryant, Butler, Carlson, Carpenter, Carrier, Carter, R., Carter, W., Carver, Chassion, Edmonston, Egan, Farnum, Firment, Fisher, Fontenot, Freeman, Freiberg, Gadberry, Galle, Geymann, Glorioso, Green, Hebert, Henry, C., Henry, D., Hilferty, Horton, Illg, Jackson, Johnson, M., Johnson, T., Jordan, Kerner, Knox, LaCombe, McCormick, McFarland, McMahan, McMakin, Melerine, Mena, Miller, Moore, Murray, Muscarello, Newell, Orgeron, Owen, Phelps, Riser, Sawyer, Schamerhorn, Schlegel, Spell, St. Blanc, Stagni, Tarver, Taylor, Thomas, Thompson, Turner

- Chenevert, Coates, Cox, Crews, Deshotel, Dewitt, Dickerson, Domangue, Echols, LaFleur, Landry, J., Landry, M., Landry, T., Larvadain, Lyons, Mack, Marcelle, Martinez, Ventrella, Villio, Walters, Wilder, Wiley, Wright, Wyble, Zeringue

Total - 104

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Young
Total - 1

The Chair declared the above bill was finally passed.

The title of the above bill was read and adopted.

Rep. McFarland moved to reconsider the vote by which the above bill was finally passed, and, on his own motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

STATE OF LOUISIANA

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Baton Rouge

TO: The Honorable Phillip DeVillier, Speaker of the House of Representatives
Honorable Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Alan M. Boxberger, Legislative Fiscal Officer
Patrice Thomas, Deputy Fiscal Officer

DATE: April 15, 2026

SUBJECT: House Rule 7.19, HB 1126 Engrossed

Pursuant to House Rule 7.19, the Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) is required to submit a report to the House of Representatives, which indicates whether the Legislative Expense bill appropriates one-time money for ordinary recurring expenses. The Legislative Fiscal Office has determined there is no one-time money used for ordinary recurring expenses in HB 1126 Engrossed.

Suspension of the Rules

On motion of Rep. Muscarello, Jr., the rules were suspended in order to take up and consider Introduction of Resolutions, House and House Concurrent at this time.

Introduction of Resolutions, House and House Concurrent

The following members introduced the following entitled House and House Concurrent Resolutions, which were read the first time by their titles and placed upon the calendar for their second reading:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 160—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO
A RESOLUTION

To authorize and request the Louisiana State Law Institute to study and make recommendations regarding the transfer of property with respect to the public records doctrine and the ruling in Simmesport State Bank v. Roy, 614 So.2d 265 (La. Ct. App. 3d Cir. 1993).

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 161—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTERS

A RESOLUTION

To designate April 11-17, 2026, as Black Maternal Health Week in Louisiana.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 162—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS

A RESOLUTION

To designate the month of May 2026 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in Louisiana and to commend American Bikers Active Towards Education of Louisiana, Inc., and New Orleans StreetHogs Motorcycle Club.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 163—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON

A RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, April 21, 2026, as Renewable Energy Day at the state capitol.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 164—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS

A RESOLUTION

To commend Flau'jae Johnson for her accomplishments at Louisiana State University.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 62—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE DOMANGUE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to review Louisiana's floodplain maps and implement updates every five years.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 63—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create a task force, comprised of relevant state entities, to be referred to as the "Tiger Team" to study the feasibility and public safety implications of permitting certain active-duty military personnel without civilian driver's licenses to operate government-owned vehicles on state highways while conducting federal business.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 64—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MOORE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge the Louisiana Supreme Court Drug and Specialty Court program to study the connection between mental health issues, homelessness, and the criminal justice system and the effectiveness of behavioral health courts as an alternative to the traditional judicial system.

Read by title.

Lies over under the rules.

**Leave of Absence**

Rep. Young - 1 day

**Adjournment**

On motion of Rep. Zeringue, at 11:23 A.M., the House agreed to adjourn until Monday, April 20, 2026, at 1:00 P.M.

The Speaker of the House declared the House adjourned until 1:00 P.M., Monday, April 20, 2026.

MICHELLE D. FONTENOT  
Clerk of the House

ANGELA S. SMITH  
Assistant Clerk of the House / Journal Clerk

**Weekly Committee Schedules**

The following committees posted weekly committee schedules as follows:

Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice  
Thursday, April 23, 2026  
Committee Room 6  
10:00 a.m.

INSTRUMENTS TO BE HEARD:

**HB 123 BAYHAM CRIMINAL/JUSTICE** Provides relative to electronic monitoring

**HB 167 FREIBERG PUBLIC SFTY/CORRECTIONS** Provides for the issuance of certain documentation and certification to inmates before their release from incarceration

**HB 255 BAYHAM CRIMINAL/PENALTIES** Provides relative to wearing masks in public

**HB 264 GLORIOSO DWI** Provides relative to operating a vehicle while intoxicated

**HB 321 LAFLEUR HUMAN TRAFFICKING** Provides relative to victims of human trafficking and prostitution offenses

**HB 955 KERNER INSURANCE** Creates licensure for a Cash Bail Fund Surety and a GPS Monitoring Provider

**HB 967 MOORE PARDON/PAROLE** Provides relative to parole eligibility for certain offenders

**HB 968 TURNER CRIMINAL/JUSTICE** Provides relative to electronic monitoring and associated costs

**HB 969 WILEY CRIMINAL/VICTIMS** Provides relative to compensation for victims of criminal offenses

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- HB 978 LACOMBE INDIGENT DEFENSE** Provides an exception for the town of Addis to the mandatory assessment and remittance of special costs to the district indigent defender fund
- HB 985 DICKERSON SEX OFFENSE/REGISTRY** Provides relative to identification procedures for sex offenders
- HB 994 FONTENOT CRIMINAL/RESTITUTION** Provides relative to the payment of restitution from offenders convicted of vehicular homicide under certain circumstances
- HB 1005 MUSCARELLO INDIGENT DEFENSE** Provides relative to the office of the state public defender
- HB 1104 HENRY, DANA CRIME** Prohibits the possession and manufacturing of motor vehicle key programming or emulation devices
- HB 1107 MELERINE CRIMINAL/PROCEDURE** Provides relative to determination of intellectual disability in capital cases
- HB 1109 CREWS VETERANS** Provides relative to the Post-Conviction Veterans Mentor Program
- SCR 3 MYERS HEALTH CARE** Amends rules relative to criminal history background checks on licensed ambulance personnel and nonlicensed persons.

Any interested person or any committee member may file with the committee a prepared statement concerning a specific instrument or matter under consideration by the committee or concerning any matter within the committee's scope of authority, and the committee records shall reflect receipt of such statement and the date and time thereof.

NOTE: Statements may be filed with the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice via email at h-acrj@legis.la.gov. Statements submitted, and the information contained therein, are public records and subject to disclosure pursuant to public records laws.

Audio/visual presentations, such as PowerPoint, shall be filed with the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice via email at h-acrj@legis.la.gov at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled start of the committee meeting. No flash or thumb drives will be accepted.

LEGISLATIVE INSTRUMENTS MAY BE DELETED (DOES NOT REQUIRE HOUSE RULES SUSPENSION) OR ADDED (REQUIRES HOUSE RULES SUSPENSION) PRIOR TO THE MEETING DATE. (HOUSE RULES 14.23 AND 14.24) SEE THE DAILY NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS POSTED PRIOR TO MEETING DATE.

DEBBIE VILLIO  
Chair

Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development  
Friday, April 24, 2026

NO MEETING IS SCHEDULED

LEGISLATIVE INSTRUMENTS MAY BE DELETED (DOES NOT REQUIRE HOUSE RULES SUSPENSION) OR ADDED (REQUIRES HOUSE RULES SUSPENSION) PRIOR TO THE MEETING DATE. (HOUSE RULES 14.23 AND 14.24) SEE THE DAILY NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS POSTED PRIOR TO MEETING DATE.

RHONDA GAYE BUTLER  
Chair

Committee on Education

Thursday, April 23, 2026  
Committee Room 1  
9:00 a.m.

INSTRUMENTS TO BE HEARD:

- HB 624 JOHNSON, MIKE SCHOOLS** Provides relative to emergency operations plans at public schools
- HB 1022 JACKSON HEALTH/SCHOOL CLINICS** Provides relative to health services provided to students
- HB 1084 TURNER STUDENT/TUITION** Provides relative to tuition and mandatory fees for public postsecondary education institutions
- HB 1203 EDMONSTON EDUCATION** Provides relative to parent-driven learning cooperatives
- SB 82 MIZELL SCHOOLS** Provides for a five-day school week for public schools with exceptions. (gov sig)
- SB 206 MILLER, G. HEALTH SERVICES** Provides for blood pressure testing in schools. (8/1/26)
- SB 305 EDMONDS COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES** Requires the Board of Regents, Louisiana Works, and other state agencies to develop a publicly available statewide dashboard for career alignment that provides information related to educational and career opportunities. (8/1/26)
- SB 376 MIZELL SECONDARY EDUCATION** Provides for the Learn and Earn Act. (gov sig)
- SB 441 MIZELL STUDENTS** Provides relative to programs for prekindergarten-aged children. (gov sig)

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NOTE: Statements may be filed with the House Committee on Education via email at h-educ@legis.la.gov. Statements submitted, and the information contained therein, are public records and subject to disclosure pursuant to public records laws.

Audio/visual presentations, such as PowerPoint, shall be filed with the House Committee on Education via email at h-educ@legis.la.gov at least twenty-four hours prior to the scheduled start of the committee meeting. No flash or thumb drives will be accepted.

LEGISLATIVE INSTRUMENTS MAY BE DELETED (DOES NOT REQUIRE HOUSE RULES SUSPENSION) OR ADDED (REQUIRES HOUSE RULES SUSPENSION) PRIOR TO THE MEETING DATE. (HOUSE RULES 14.23 AND 14.24) SEE THE DAILY NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS POSTED PRIOR TO MEETING DATE.

Laurie Schlegel  
Chair

Committee on Health and Welfare  
Thursday, April 23, 2026  
Committee Room 5  
9:00 a.m.

INSTRUMENTS TO BE HEARD:

- HB 689 AMEDEE SNAP/FOOD STAMPS** Provides relative to public assistance benefits for children

- HB 742 AMEDEE HEALTH/LDH** Provides relative to certain eligibility requirements for certain public assistance programs
- HB 926 BAYHAM VACCINES/VACCINATION** Prohibits the use of vaccine status to determine admission to public buildings
- HB 946 LANDRY, MANDIE HEALTH** Provides relative to penalties for noncompliance with Federal requirements for healthcare cost publication
- HB 948 AMEDEE HEALTH/CHILDREN** Provides with respect to the rights of parents regarding the medical treatment of their minor children
- HB 1028 LYONS MEDICAID** Requires the Louisiana Department of Health to increase the reimbursement rates for nonemergency medical transportation providers
- HB 1093 CARLSON HEALTH** Creates the Louisiana Board of Naturopathic Medicine
- HB 1095 HEBERT NURSING HOMES** Provides for alternative power sources at nursing facilities
- HB 1114 CARTER, WILFORD NURSES** Provide relative to licensing by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing
- HB 1121 VENTRELLA HEALTH CARE/PROVIDERS** Authorizes certain healthcare entities to refuse to provide healthcare services under certain circumstances
- HB 1145 VENTRELLA PSYCHOLOGISTS** Provides relative to psychologists
- HB 1155 CARTER, ROBBY HEALTH CARE/PROVIDERS** Provides for the use of nitrous oxide by physicians during medical procedures
- HB 1185 MILLER, D. MEDICAID** Provides for other rural hospital reimbursement payments and directed payments
- HB 1217 ECHOLS HEALTH** Provides with respect to pharmacy benefit managers
- HB 1220 LACOMBE BOARDS/COMMISSIONS** Provides relative to the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners
- HB 1227 DEWITT PHYSICIANS** Provides with respect to the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners

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LEGISLATIVE INSTRUMENTS MAY BE DELETED (DOES NOT REQUIRE HOUSE RULES SUSPENSION) OR ADDED (REQUIRES HOUSE RULES SUSPENSION) PRIOR TO THE MEETING DATE. (HOUSE RULES 14.23 AND

14.24) SEE THE DAILY NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS POSTED PRIOR TO MEETING DATE.

DUSTIN MILLER  
Chair

Committee on Insurance  
Thursday, April 23, 2026  
Committee Room 3  
9:00 a.m.

INSTRUMENTS TO BE HEARD:

- HB 600 VENTRELLA INSURANCE** Provides relative to public adjusters
- HB 751 TAYLOR INSURANCE** Requires insurers or business entities promoting term life insurance policies to provide certain notices to applicants
- HB 771 TAYLOR INSURANCE/HEALTH** Provides relative to Medicare as the secondary payer for retirees with employer-sponsored health insurance
- HB 869 LYONS INSURANCE/HEALTH** Provides relative to expand glucose-improving medications coverage to individuals based on body mass index
- HB 880 JORDAN INSURANCE** Creates the Louisiana Artificial Intelligence Insurance Fairness Act
- HB 920 JORDAN INSURANCE/HEALTH** Requires drug manufacturers to limit pricing of GLP-1 medications for health insurance plans
- HB 1142 MARTINEZ INSURANCE DEPARTMENT** Requires the Department of Insurance to issue an annual market accountability report
- HB 1187 SAWYER INSURANCE** Provides for emergency assessments of the Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation
- HB 1199 JORDAN INSURANCE/HEALTH** Provides relative to health insurance coverage for genetic testing and the treatment of SCN2A-associated medical conditions
- HB 1210 HENRY, DANA INSURANCE/PROPERTY** Creates a mandatory pre-suit claim review process relative to residential property insurance
- HB 1221 AMEDEE INSURANCE** Provides for policy data exemptions of information collected for the Louisiana Fortified Homes Program Fund
- HB 1225 HENRY, DANA INSURANCE/PROPERTY** Provides with respect to residential property and catastrophic event modeling
- HB 1226 HENRY, DANA INSURANCE DEPARTMENT** Creates a public dashboard for insurance rate transparency and requires data submissions from insurers

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MICHAEL "GABE" FIRMENT  
Chair

Committee on Natural Resources and Environment  
Thursday, April 23, 2026  
Committee Room 4  
9:00 a.m.

### INSTRUMENTS TO BE HEARD:

- HCR 15 LACOMBE WILDLIFE/HABITAT** Expresses legislative support for a request by Senator John N. Kennedy to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to conduct a study addressing the impact of flooded corn on migratory waterfowl behavior
- HB 496 MCCORMICK ENERGY/OIL & GAS WELLS** Provides for the operation of saltwater disposal wells in the parishes of Bossier, Caddo, and Webster
- HB 508 MCCORMICK HUNTING/LICENSES** Provides an exception to hunting license requirements for the taking of outlaw quadrupeds on a person's private property
- HB 662 GEYMANN WILDLIFE & FISHERIES** Provides with respect to seizure of sick, injured, or orphaned wildlife legally possessed
- HB 706 RISER ENERGY/OIL & GAS WELLS** Provides for the operation of commercial saltwater disposal wells
- HB 802 MCMAKIN WATER/RESOURCES** Provides with respect to the management of watershed restoration
- HB 804 GEYMANN ENERGY** Creates the Louisiana Energy Protection Act
- HB 890 COATES COASTAL RES/COASTAL ZONE** Imposes additional requirements for certain coastal use permits on Lake Maurepas and Lake Pontchartrain
- HB 934 VENTRELLA WILDLIFE & FISHERIES** Permits the possession of certain wildlife
- HB 1171 MACK WILDLIFE/MGT AREAS** Authorizes the use of airboats in the Maurepas Swamp Wildlife Management Area

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BRETT F. GEYMANN  
Chair

Committee on Retirement  
Friday, April 24, 2026

### NO MEETING IS SCHEDULED

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CHRISTOPHER TURNER  
Chair