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SIXTEENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS**

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

Senate Chamber  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Monday, May 19, 2025

The Senate was called to order at 4:46 o'clock P.M. by Hon. J. Cameron Henry, Jr., President of the Senate.

**Morning Hour**

**CONVENING ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

Mr. President	Foil	Mizell
Abraham	Harris	Myers
Allain	Hensgens	Owen
Barrow	Hodges	Pressly
Boudreaux	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Bouie	Jenkins	Reese
Cathey	Kleinpeter	Selders
Cloud	Lambert	Stine
Connick	Luneau	Wheat
Duplessis	McMath	Womack
Edmonds	Miguez	
Fesi	Miller	

Total - 34

**ABSENT**

Bass	Morris	Talbot
Carter	Seabaugh	

Total - 5

The President of the Senate announced there were 34 Senators present and a quorum.

**Prayer**

The prayer was offered by Senator Brach Myers, following which the Senate joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

**Reading of the Journal**

On motion of Senator Myers, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal of May 14, 2025, was adopted.

**Privileged Report of the  
Legislative Bureau**

May 19, 2025

To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Legislative Bureau to submit the following report:

The following instruments are approved as to construction and duplication.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 23—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 892(C) and to enact R.S. 15:1228.10, relative to post-sentence statements and documents; to provide for the submission of certain statements to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections; to authorize the adoption of standards and policies adopted by the Integrated Criminal Justice Information System Policy Board for the electronic transmission of criminal justice data; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 66—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:5554(JJ)(1), relative to the Jefferson Davis Parish Sheriff's Office; to provide for insurance premium payments for sheriff and deputy sheriff retirees; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 80—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEWITT  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 23:1017.1(6) and R.S. 29:739(C) and to enact R.S. 29:723(20), relative to first responders; to expand the definition of "first responder" to include electrical linemen; to provide for the definition of "electrical lineman"; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 95—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBBY CARTER  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 11:610, relative to retired commissioned officers; to authorize certain commissioned officers employed by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry to purchase their service firearms upon retirement; to provide for certain criteria; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 189—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE TRAVIS JOHNSON  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:5554(NN), relative to the East Carroll Parish Sheriff's Office; to provide for insurance premium payments for sheriff and deputy sheriff retirees; to provide for eligibility; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 361—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:5554(S), relative to the Franklin Parish Sheriff's Office; to provide relative to insurance premium payments for sheriff and deputy sheriff retirees; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

Respectfully submitted,  
GREGORY A. MILLER  
Chair

**Adoption of Legislative Bureau Report**

On motion of Senator Gregory A. Miller, the Bills and Joint Resolutions were read by title and passed to a third reading.

**Introduction of Senate Resolutions**

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 116—**  
BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

**A RESOLUTION**

To commend and congratulate the Academy of the Sacred Heart Girls Golf Team for winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association (LHSAA) Girls Division II State Golf Championship and for their dominant performance in the Metro Championship.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 117—**  
BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

**A RESOLUTION**

To commend West Baton Rouge Parish for its outstanding achievements and to designate Tuesday, May 20, 2025, as West Baton Rouge Parish Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 118—**  
BY SENATOR SELDERS

**A RESOLUTION**

To commend and congratulate the Baton Rouge Community College Bears softball team for its historic season and for reaching the semifinals of the South-Central District Tournament in Piedmont, Oklahoma.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 119—**  
BY SENATOR MIZELL

**A RESOLUTION**

To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Education to develop and implement a system for collecting and reporting aggregated, non-identifiable data on suicide risk assessments conducted in public schools and to submit an annual report of the data to the House and Senate committees on health and welfare, and to involve Peer Initiative and the Louisiana Mental Health Association in the development, implementation, and training associated with this process.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 120—**  
BY SENATOR BARROW

**A RESOLUTION**

To urge and request the Senate Committee on Finance, or a subcommittee thereof, to study and make recommendations on court costs in suits involving the state and political subdivisions in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court prior to the convening of the 2026 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 121—**  
BY SENATORS MIZELL AND BOUDREAUX

**A RESOLUTION**

To commend the Ready Louisiana Coalition and to designate Tuesday, May 20, 2025, as Early Ed Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

Senator Mizell asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to read Senate Resolution No. 121 a first and second time.

On motion of Senator Mizell the resolution was read by title and adopted.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 122—**  
BY SENATOR MIZELL

**A RESOLUTION**

To urge and request local governing authorities throughout the state of Louisiana to adopt ordinances providing for the abatement of public nuisances in order to deter illicit businesses, including massage therapy establishments operating without a license or engaging in criminal acts.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**Introduction of  
Senate Concurrent Resolutions**

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 40—**  
BY SENATOR EDMONDS

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To create and provide for the K-12 School Safety Task Force to study and make recommendations relative to school safety and security.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 245— (Substitute of Senate Bill No. 184 by  
Senator Cloud)**

BY SENATOR CLOUD

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:51.1(B)(11), to enact R.S. 39:16.15, 51.1(I) and (J), and Subpart F of Part II of Chapter 1 of Subtitle 1 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 39:89.1 through 89.4, and to repeal R.S. 39:51.1(B)(10) and (F), relative to nongovernmental entities; to provide for requirements for nongovernmental entities; to provide for nongovernmental entity funding request form information; to provide for criminal penalties; to provide for reporting requirements; to provide for audit requirements; to prohibit certain activities of nongovernmental entities; to provide for a nongovernmental entity database; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

On motion of Senator Womack the bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

**Senate Resolutions on  
Second Reading**

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 109—**  
BY SENATORS BARROW, KLEINPETER AND SELDERS

**A RESOLUTION**

To recognize May 5, 2025, as Louisiana Firefighter's Appreciation Day and commend firefighters across the state for their dedication to public safety and their service to the citizens of Louisiana and the United States of America.

On motion of Senator Barrow the resolution was read by title and adopted.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 110—**  
BY SENATOR MIZELL

**A RESOLUTION**

To commend the Louisiana Department of Health's launching of Project Maternal Overdose Mortality (Project M.O.M.).

On motion of Senator Mizell the resolution was read by title and adopted.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 111—**

BY SENATOR CATHEY

**A RESOLUTION**

To urge and request the village of Downs ville to consolidate its municipal water system.

The resolution was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 115—**

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

**A RESOLUTION**

To designate May 18-24, 2025, as Emergency Medical Services Week in Louisiana.

On motion of Senator Boudreaux the resolution was read by title and adopted.

### Senate Concurrent Resolutions on Second Reading

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 39—**

BY SENATOR EDMONDS

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to make a training program accessible to athletic directors and coaches that provides important safety information for the prevention and treatment of injuries to student athletes.

The resolution was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Education.

### Message from the House

#### ASKING CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

May 14, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has finally passed and asks your concurrence in the following House Bills and Joint Resolutions:

HB No. 259	HB No. 371	HB No. 493
HB No. 517	HB No. 559	HB No. 565
HB No. 575	HB No. 588	HB No. 593
HB No. 613	HB No. 684	HB No. 2
HB No. 3	HB No. 463	HB No. 462
HB No. 647	HB No. 664	HB No. 1
HB No. 460	HB No. 461	HB No. 126
HB No. 188	HB No. 199	HB No. 257
HB No. 383	HB No. 402	HB No. 408

Respectfully submitted,  
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT  
Clerk of the House of Representatives

### House Bills and Joint Resolutions on First Reading

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND

**AN ACT**

Making annual appropriations for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 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.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON

**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.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 3—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON

**AN ACT**

To enact the Omnibus Bond Authorization Act of 2025, 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.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 126—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES LYONS, BAGLEY, BERAULT, BUTLER, FREIBERG, HORTON, HUGHES, ILLG, LAFLEUR, MARCELLE, OWEN, ROMERO, AND THOMPSON

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:1606(A) and (B)(1), relative to state funding for parish councils on aging; to modify the funding formula for determining annual state funding for each such council; to provide for distribution of such funding; to provide minimum amounts to be appropriated for such funding; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 188—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN

**AN ACT**

To enact R.S. 47:305.2(B)(13) and to repeal R.S. 47:305.2(A)(4), relative to sales and use taxes; to provide for exemptions from sales and use taxes imposed by certain taxing authorities; to authorize a local sales and use tax exemption for certain adaptive driving equipment and motor vehicle modifications; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 199—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONSTON  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:1186(A) and (B)(1) and 1188(B)(2), relative to civil claims of prisoners; to provide relative for proceeding in forma pauperis; to provide for procedural requirements; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 257—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE ST. BLANC  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 45:1206, relative to receivership of water or wastewater companies; to provide for definitions; to provide for a bond; to provide for orders by the court; to provide for the dissolution of a receivership; to provide for a transition and operational plan; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 259—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE TAYLOR  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 35:71(A), (B), (D)(2), and (E), 191(A)(3)(c), 192(A), 201(A)(3), 391(6), and 412(C), to enact R.S. 35:192(C), and to repeal R.S. 39:342, relative to bonds of notaries public; to provide relative to the bond amount notaries public are required to maintain; to provide relative to insurance requirements for notaries public; to provide relative to the filing requirements for bonds of notaries public; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 371—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BERAULT, CARRIER, CARVER, CHENEVERT, COX, CREWS, DEVILLIER, EDMONSTON, EGAN, FIRMENT, GLORIOSO, HORTON, MACK, MCCORMICK, MOORE, OWEN, SCHAMERHORN, TARVER, TAYLOR, VENTRELLA, WILDER, AND WYBLE AND SENATOR HODGES  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:5232(1), 5233, 5234(3), (5), and (6)(introductory paragraph), 5237, 5239, and 5240(A) and (B) and R.S. 17:407.33(1) and to enact R.S. 13:5232(7) and 5233.1 and R.S. 17:236.1(H) and 407.33(9) and (10), relative to the Preservation of Religion Freedom Act; to provide relative to the free exercise of religion; to provide for protections for places of worship; to prohibit certain restrictions against places of worship; to provide for an effective date; to provide relative to home study cooperatives; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 383—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:6006(A)(3), relative to income tax; to provide with respect to tax credits; to provide for the claiming by certain filers of the tax credit for local inventory taxes paid; to extend the period in which certain corporate taxpayers may claim the credit; to provide for credit amounts available to those taxpayers; to provide for termination of the credit for those filers; to provide for applicability; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 402—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES KNOX, NEWELL, AND TAYLOR  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:293(9)(a)(xxvii) and 297.26, relative to income tax; to authorize an income tax deduction for veterans with certain service-connected disabilities; to provide for the amount of the deduction; to provide for certain requirements and limitations; to authorize the promulgation of rules and regulations; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 408—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE DICKERSON  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1028.6, relative to health insurance; to require coverage of therapies and treatments for pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome and related types of autoimmune encephalitis; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 460—**

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 2024-2025; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 461—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 39:100.112(F)(2)(d), relative to certain treasury funds; to provide for the transfer, deposit, and use, as specified, of monies in certain treasury funds and accounts; to authorize appropriation from the Revenue Stabilization Fund; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 462—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND  
AN ACT

To provide with respect to the Revenue Sharing Fund and the allocation and distribution thereof for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 463—**

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 2025-2026; to provide for an effective date; and to regulate the administration of said funds; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 493—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE CREWS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:6001(A) and to repeal R.S. 47:6001(B), relative to tax exemptions; to provide for a property tax exemption for certain aircraft; to repeal inoperative provisions relating to the exemption; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 517—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES BRASS AND MANDIE LANDRY

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:841.2, relative to the tobacco tax; to establish the Youth Cessation and Prevention Fund as a special fund in the state treasury; to provide for the transfer, deposit, and use of the monies in the fund; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 559—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES ECHOLS, BAGLEY, EGAN, FIRMENT, FISHER, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, WILDER, AND WRIGHT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 28:914(D)(1) and 918(A) and to enact R.S. 28:914(E), relative to human services district and authority boards; to provide for the hiring of executive directors of the boards; to provide for duties and responsibilities of the boards; to provide for reporting of the actions of the boards; to provide for monitoring of the boards; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 565—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE SPELL

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:460.71(E) and 460.76.3, relative to the state medical assistance program; to provide for claim payment information; to provide for third-party liability; to require notification; to provide penalties; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 575—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES VENTRELLA, EMERSON, AMEDEE, BUTLER, CARRIER, DEVILLIER, DESHOTEL, DEWITT, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, EGAN, FIRMENT, HORTON, MACK, MCCORMICK, OWEN, SCHAMERHORN, THOMPSON, AND WILDER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:2800.12, relative to abortion; to provide a cause of action; to provide damages; to provide definitions; to provide exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 588—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES MENA AND BOYD

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 48:1655(A)(1)(c)(ii) and (2) and (I)(1) and (2), 1656(23), and 1656.1(B)(3), (C)(2) through (5), (D), and (E) and to repeal R.S. 48:1656(24) through (26), relative to the Regional Transit Authority; to provide for the membership of the board of commissioners; to provide for certain powers and authority of the board; to require transit-specific training for members added to the board; to require a minimum of ten meetings per year for board members; to provide for voting and quorum; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 593—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYER

AN ACT

To enact Part VI of Chapter 4 of Title 4 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 4:281 through 290, relative to the Louisiana Equestrian Corporation; to provide for purpose; to provide for definitions; to provide for the functions of the corporation; to provide for the board of directors; to provide for powers of the corporation; to provide for liability or debt; to provide relative to other applicable law; to provide for dissolution; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 613—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU

AN ACT

To enact Subpart D of Part IV of Chapter 2 of Title 2 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 2:350.1 through 350.6, relative to the creation of the Acadiana Regional Airport and the Lemaire Memorial Airport District; to provide for powers, duties, functions and governance of the district; to provide for the composition and tenure of the board of commissioners, officers, domicile, and authority; to provide specific authority to the board upon an approval date by the Federal Aviation Administration; to provide for local government compliance; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Senator Connick asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to read House Bill No. 613 a first and second time.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 647—**

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.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 664—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND

AN ACT

To appropriate funds for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 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.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 684— (Substitute for House Bill No. 237 by Representative Mack)**

BY REPRESENTATIVES MACK, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BILLINGS, WILFORD CARTER, CARVER, COATES, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, JACKSON, OWEN, SPELL, AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:7(5)(b)(i), 416.1(B)(3)(b), 416.21, 1944.1(A) and (D)(1)(introductory paragraph), 1948(A) and (B), to enact R.S. 17:7.2(A)(10), 8.1(A)(8), and 1944.1(D)(1)(d), and to repeal R.S. 17:1948(C)(7) and (9) and (G), relative to the

behavior of students with exceptionalities; to provide relative to the use of seclusion and seclusion rooms; to provide relative to the use of physical restraint; to provide for reporting and documentation; to require the installation of cameras in special education classrooms; to require teacher preparation programs to include instruction on the use of seclusion and physical restraint of students with exceptionalities; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

### **Message from the House**

#### **ASKING CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

May 15, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has finally passed and asks your concurrence in the following House Concurrent Resolutions:

HCR No. 2                      HCR No. 49

Respectfully submitted,  
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT  
Clerk of the House of Representatives

### **House Concurrent Resolutions on First Reading**

#### **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2— 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.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

#### **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 49— BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON**

##### **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To designate March 5, 2026, as Louisiana Academy of Sciences Day at the state capitol.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

### **House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Second Reading**

#### **HOUSE BILL NO. 15—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MACK

##### **AN ACT**

To enact R.S. 40:964(Schedule I)(A)(106) and (107) and (E)(17), relative to the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law; to add certain substances to the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Judiciary C.

#### **HOUSE BILL NO. 49—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES MELERINE, BACALA, BAMBURG, BOYER, COX, FONTENOT, HORTON, KNOX, LAFLEUR, MOORE, AND WILEY  
**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:572.4(B)(2), 573, and 574.2(D)(9)(a), R.S. 42:17(A)(10), and R.S. 44:4.1(B)(8) and to enact R.S. 14:81.5.1, R.S. 15:574.4.1(A)(3) and 574.12.1, and R.S. 42:17(A)(11), relative to records from certain hearings of the Board of Pardons and committee on parole; to create the crime of unlawful posting of certain hearings of the Board of Pardons and committee on parole; to provide for exceptions; to provide for penalties; to provide for a public records exception; to provide for disclosure procedures; to provide for a protective order; to provide relative to procedures and sessions before the Board of Pardons and committee on parole; to provide for an exception to open meetings; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Judiciary C.

#### **HOUSE BILL NO. 93—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES HENRY, BERAULT, BOYER, BRYANT, DOMANGUE, JACKSON, OWEN, ROMERO, AND SPELL  
**AN ACT**

To enact R.S. 15:1109.5(C) and (D), relative to the authority of the Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District to levy certain taxes; to provide for the authorization and levy of certain taxes; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Judiciary B.

#### **HOUSE BILL NO. 137—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARLSON

##### **AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 28:53(B)(1), relative to admission for emergency certificates via telehealth; to authorize psychologists and medical psychologists to conduct telehealth examinations under certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Health and Welfare.

#### **HOUSE BILL NO. 145—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILDER

##### **AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:293(2)(a)(i), (b), and (c), relative to individual income tax; to provide for the construction code retrofitting income tax deduction; to provide for the amount of the deduction; to provide for costs eligible for the deduction; to provide for applicability; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs.

#### **HOUSE BILL NO. 151—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

##### **AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 27:29.3(A) and (B)(1)(b) and (2) and to repeal R.S. 27:29.3(F), relative to non-gaming supplier permits; to provide relative to findings of suitability; to provide for contracting of goods and services; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Judiciary B.

#### **HOUSE BILL NO. 163—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE DICKERSON

##### **AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:539.1(F)(3) and 539.2, relative to victims of certain sex-related crimes; to provide for a mandatory monetary assessment for certain sex-related crimes; to provide relative to the Exploited Children's Survivor Special Fund; to

provide for a renaming of the fund; to provide for distribution and use of monies deposited into the fund; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Judiciary C.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 171—

BY REPRESENTATIVE COATES

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:574.2(A)(7), relative to the members of the committee on parole; to provide relative to the annual compensation of members; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Judiciary B.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 177—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROWN

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:2623, relative to the Iberville Parish justice of the peace courts; to provide for the territorial jurisdiction of such courts; to provide relative to the election to the offices of justice of the peace and constable; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 202—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYD

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:3138.1, relative to postsecondary education management boards; to require each public postsecondary education institution to offer a privacy waiver to its students for certain health information; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Education.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 258—

BY REPRESENTATIVE TAYLOR

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1286, relative to rates charged for automobile liability insurance coverage; to provide relative to prohibited increases to policyholders based solely on having attained the age of sixty-five or older; to provide a penalty for insurers in violation; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Insurance.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 261—

BY REPRESENTATIVES GALLE, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BILLINGS, CARRIER, ROBBY CARTER, CARVER, CHENEVERT, COX, DEVILLIER, DICKERSON, EGAN, GLORIOSO, HORTON, MIKE JOHNSON, JACOB LANDRY, MCMAKIN, MOORE, OWEN, TAYLOR, AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:337(B)(5) and (6) and (G) and 337.1, relative to offenses affecting the public generally; to provide relative to the crime of unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft system; to provide for definitions; to provide for duties of law enforcement; to create the crime of unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft system at a parade; to provide for elements; to provide for penalties; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Judiciary C.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 268—

BY REPRESENTATIVES LAFLEUR, ADAMS, BACALA, BOYD, BOYER, COX, HORTON, KNOX, AND MOORE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:73.8 (A), (C), and (D), 81.1(A), (B)(8) and (9), (E)(1) through (4) and (5)(a) and (b), (F)(2), (3)(b) and (c), (4), and (5)(introductory paragraph) and (d),

89.1(A)(2)(b)(i), 91.2(B), and 91.5(A)(1), R.S. 15:537(A), 539.1(F)(introductory paragraph), 541(24)(a) and (25)(d), 543.1(18), 545.1(C), and 1352(A)(45), R.S. 17:100.7(A)(1), R.S. 46:51.2(C)(1)(a), Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 571.1, 648(B)(3)(i), and 718.1(A), and (B), Children's Code Articles 502(3) and (4)(l), 603(8) and (12)(l), and 610(F), and Civil Code Article 2315.3 and to enact R.S. 14:81.1(l) and R.S. 15:541(24)(c), relative to pornography involving juveniles; to change all references of "pornography involving juveniles" to "child sexual abuse materials"; to provide relative to the effects of these changes; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Judiciary C.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 274—

BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 29:1(B), 722(A)(1), 724(B)(3), 725(A), (B), (C)(1), (E), and (H), and 726(A) and R.S. 36:4(B)(7) and to repeal R.S. 36:4(B)(3), relative to the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness; to provide for transition to the Military Department; to provide for the employment, authority, and duties of the director; to provide for the powers, duties, and authority of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 304—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBBY CARTER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:1108(C), relative to expropriation under the Louisiana Geologic Sequestration of Carbon Dioxide Act; to provide for venue for expropriations; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Natural Resources.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 342—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:410.5(A), 464(B)(1), and 465(C)(1) and (3)(b), relative to qualifying for elections; to increase qualifying fees of certain candidates; to provide for nominating petitions; to provide for the number of required signatures for nominating petitions of certain state candidates; to provide for who can sign a nominating petition; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 344—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BERAULT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:112(B) and to enact R.S. 17:3996(B)(89), relative to student records; to require that student records include full disciplinary records upon transfer from one school to another; to apply requirements pertaining to certain student records to charter schools; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Education.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 355—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 42:1121(B)(3), relative to the Code of Governmental Ethics; to provide relative to assistance to certain persons after termination of public service; to provide for an exception for sexual assault nurse examiners to render services to a former

public employer after termination of public service; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 362—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHAMERHORN

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 36:742(11), relative to the functions, powers, and duties of the secretary of state; to provide that the secretary of state shall act as the chief protocol officer of the state; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 370—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:563(13) through (17) and to enact R.S. 37:563(18) through (21) and 584.1, relative to the Louisiana Cosmetology Act; to provide for definitions; to establish a special permit for natural hair braiding services; to provide for permit qualifications; to provide for fees to the Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology; to provide for sanitation and safety training by the office of public health in the Louisiana Department of Health; to provide for exemptions; to provide for state preemption; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 384—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRYANT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:416(C)(2)(a) and (b), relative to discipline of students in public schools; to provide for discipline of certain students found to be in possession of certain substances on school property; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Education.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 399—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHENEVERT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 44:4.1(B)(24) and to enact R.S. 37:3085(7), 3086(C)(5), and Part II of Chapter 41 of Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 37:3095.1, relative to the Dietitian Licensure Compact; to provide for the powers and duties of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners in Dietetics and Nutrition; to provide for the qualifications of dietitians; to establish the purpose of the compact; to identify objectives of the compact; to provide for definitions; to establish procedures for the issuance of a compact privilege; to establish the Dietitian Licensure Compact Commission; to provide for member state licensing authority; to establish provisions for military families; to establish authority for certain entities to take adverse action; to require the usage of a coordinated data system; to provide for the promulgation of rules; to provide for oversight, dispute resolution, and enforcement of certain provisions; to provide for construction and severability; to require consistency and conflict resolution between states; to redesignate certain provisions; to provide for exceptions to public records; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Health and Welfare.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 425—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARLSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:66(A)(introductory paragraph) and (6) and 87.6 and to enact R.S. 14:66(A)(7), relative to abortion; to provide relative to the crime of coerced abortion; to provide relative to the elements of coerced abortion; to provide for circumstances that constitute coerced abortion; to provide for penalties; to provide for conduct that constitutes extortion; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Judiciary C.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 459—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE COATES

AN ACT

To enact Chapter 12 of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 30:1131 and 1141, relative to renewable energy development; to require certain permits for renewable energy producers; to provide for the promulgation and adoption of rules and regulations; to exclude residential properties; to define the term "onshore"; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Natural Resources.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 482—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:532.1(C)(4) and to enact R.S. 18:532(F), 532.1(C)(5), and 1922.2, relative to the review of local precinct and redistricting plans by the parish registrar of voters and clerk of court prior to adoption; to provide for consultation with a demographer; to provide for transmission of relevant data files; to provide for criteria for review; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 509—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MOORE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 37:563(18) through (22), 581.1, and 584.1, relative to alternative hair design and natural hair braiding; to provide for definitions; to provide for an alternative hair design certificate of registration; to provide for a natural hair braiding special permit; to provide for powers and duties of the board; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 538—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE WYBLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 4:61(A), 65(A)(2) and (B), 67(C)(1), 72, 79(C), 81.1(A), 83(B)(2) and (C)(1), and 85(3) and R.S. 36:4.1(C)(11) and to enact R.S. 4:67(C)(4), relative to the State Boxing and Wrestling Commission; to change the name of the commission; to provide with respect to a safety zone for events; to provide for the assessment of fees; to provide that the board shall not receive any state funds; to repeal provisions regarding salaries for board members; to repeal the statutorily defined amounts of certain licensing fees; to authorize the board to fix salaries and licensing fees; to provide with respect to an events coordinator; to provide with respect to the venue capacity for certain professional wrestling events; to provide for professional wrestling event fees; to provide for an exception for professional wrestling bonds; and to provide for related matters.



The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 543—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAHEN  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 44:4.1(B)(24) and to enact R.S. 37:799, relative to the Interstate Dental and Dental Hygiene Licensure Compact; to enact the Interstate Dental and Dental Hygiene Licensure Compact into law and to cause this state to enter into the compact; to provide for definitions; to create the Interstate Dental and Dental Hygiene Licensure Compact and Commission; to provide for the duties of the compact member states; to provide for the powers and duties of the commission; to provide for compact license privilege to member states; to provide for fees and military waivers; to provide for joint investigations and disciplinary actions; to provide for rulemaking functions of the commission; to provide for enforcement, default procedures, and dispute resolution; to provide for withdrawal from and dissolution of the compact; to provide for severability; to provide for exceptions to public records; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Health and Welfare.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 584—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:951(C) and (E) and to enact R.S. 15:827.3(A)(2)(d), relative to children; to provide relative to the Back on Track Youth Pilot Program; to provide relative to allocation of certain monies; to provide for administration of the program; to provide for an intermediary; to provide relative to the definition of "youth or youths"; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Judiciary B.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 595—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:977.24(A)(6), relative to Medicaid coverage; to provide for Medicaid coverage through the TEFRA option; to provide for eligibility; to provide for the treatment of a severe health condition; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Health and Welfare.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 607—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:1069.2, relative to hospital service districts; to provide for operating a healthcare facility in a hospital service district; to require the consent of hospital service district where the healthcare facility is located; to provide for notice; to establish procedures to obtain consent; to provide for an effective date; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Health and Welfare.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 635—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAMBURG AND SENATOR BASS  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Subpart S of Part I of Chapter 2 of Title 22 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 22:550.1 through 550.32 and R.S. 44:4.1(B)(11) and to enact R.S. 22:821(40), relative to captive insurance companies; to provide for definitions; to provide for application and regulation requirements; to provide for capital and surplus requirements; to provide for confidentiality of certain records; to provide a public

records exception for certain records; to provide for examinations; to provide for redomestication; to provide for dormancy; to require for the payment of fees; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Insurance.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 655—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE FISHER  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:31.36(A) through (C) and to enact R.S. 40:31.36(F), relative to fees charged by the Louisiana Department of Health in parish health units for certain healthcare services; to provide for maximum fees to be charged; to authorize rulemaking; to provide for the manner of setting and posting fee schedules; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Health and Welfare.

### House Concurrent Resolutions on Second Reading

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 48—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE TARVER  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate September 21-28, 2025, as Frontotemporal Degeneration Awareness Week in Louisiana.

The resolution was read by title. Senator Stine moved to concur in the House Concurrent Resolution.

### ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

#### YEAS

Mr. President	Fesi	Mizell
Abraham	Foil	Morris
Allain	Hensgens	Myers
Barrow	Hodges	Owen
Bass	Jackson-Andrews	Pressly
Boudreaux	Jenkins	Price
Bouie	Kleinpeter	Reese
Cathey	Lambert	Selders
Cloud	Luneau	Stine
Connick	McMath	Talbot
Duplessis	Miguez	Wheat
Edmonds	Miller	Womack
Total - 36		

#### NAYS

Total - 0

#### ABSENT

Carter	Harris	Seabaugh
Total - 3		

The Chair declared the Senate concurred in the House Concurrent Resolution and ordered it returned to the House.

### Reports of Committees

The following reports of committees were received and read:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

#### RETIREMENT

Senator Edward J. "Ed" Price, Chair on behalf of the Committee on Retirement, submitted the following report:

May 19, 2025

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 24—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES BACALA, ADAMS, BAGLEY, BERAULT, BUTLER, CARPENTER, CARRIER, DEWITT, FREIBERG, HUGHES, KERNER, LAFLEUR, MACK, MCFARLAND, AND ZERINGUE

**AN ACT**

To amend and R.S. 11:921, 924(2) and (5), 925, 927(B)(2)(b)(introductory paragraph), (c), (d), and (e) and (3)(a) and (b), 928, 931, and 932(B), (C), and (D), to enact R.S. 11:721.1(D), 822(A)(11), 932(E), and 933, and to repeal R.S. 11:927(B)(2)(f), relative to the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana; to provide for optional participation in the regular retirement plan; to provide for membership on the board of trustees; to provide for the expansion of participation in the optional retirement plan; to provide for eligibility; to provide relative to employer contributions; to provide for implementation; to provide relative to transferring from the optional retirement plan to the regular retirement plan; to provide for an Optional Retirement Plan Advisory Committee; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,  
EDWARD J. "ED" PRICE  
Chair

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON**

**REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS**

Senator Franklin J. Foil, Chair on behalf of the Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs, submitted the following report:

May 19, 2025

To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs to submit the following report:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 211—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MANDIE LANDRY

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:297.24(A)(1), relative to income tax; to provide relative to the individual income tax credit for purchases of firearm safety devices; to provide for definitions; to provide relative to purchases which qualify taxpayers for the credit; to provide for applicability; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 365—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL

**AN ACT**

To enact R.S. 47:1703.2 and 1703.3, relative to ad valorem taxes; to provide for ad valorem property tax exemptions; to provide for the classification of certain property; to provide for the adjustment of fair market value percentage of certain property under certain circumstances; to authorize a parish to exempt certain property under certain circumstances; to authorize certain payments to certain parishes; to provide for the administration of ad valorem property tax exemptions; to provide for limitations and requirements; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 366—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL

**A JOINT RESOLUTION**

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 18(A) and (B) and to add Article VII, Section 20.1 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to ad valorem taxes; to provide for the classification of certain property; to authorize the exemption of certain property under certain circumstances; to provide for effectiveness; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 381—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:112(E)(2)(e)(i)(introductory paragraph), relative to capital outlay; to provide for requirements for the waiver of matching funds for certain nonstate capital outlay projects; to increase the population threshold under which a municipality may qualify for a waiver; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 523—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:306(A)(3) and to enact R.S. 47:337.2(B)(3)(e), 337.18(A)(3), 337.23(C)(1)(a)(ii), and 340(G)(6)(d), relative to sales and use taxes; to provide for the compensation of certain dealers for the accounting for and remittance of taxes levied by taxing authorities; to provide for the amount of compensation; to authorize vendor's compensation as an item on certain electronic tax returns; to provide for limitations; to provide for applicability; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,  
FRANKLIN J. FOIL  
Chair

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON**

**FINANCE**

Senator Glen Womack, Chair on behalf of the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report:

May 19, 2025

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 36—**

BY SENATOR FOIL

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To urge and request the division of administration, the Patient's Compensation Fund, and the Patient's Compensation Fund Oversight Board to study the feasibility and potential costs of implementing an e-filing system for medical review panel requests and an e-payment system for filing fees.

Reported favorably.

**SENATE BILL NO. 24—**  
BY SENATOR MCMATH

## AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:440.1(B) through (E), relative to the Medical Assistance Programs Fraud Detection Fund; to provide for the dedication of certain revenues and for the deposit and use of monies in the fund; to limit the amount of monies in the fund; to provide for the allocation of monies from the fund; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

**SENATE BILL NO. 96—**  
BY SENATOR MCMATH

## AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:460.77.4, relative to Medicaid reimbursement rates for behavioral health services; to require certain behavioral health services to be reimbursed at one hundred percent of Medicare rates; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

**SENATE BILL NO. 202—**

BY SENATORS HARRIS, CARTER, EDMONDS AND JACKSON-ANDREWS

## AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3215(9) and 3241(B)(2), to enact R.S. 17:3215(10) and 3230.1, and to repeal R.S. 17:3217(A)(9) and 3230, relative to postsecondary education; to provide for the transfer of the University of New Orleans to the Louisiana State University System; to provide relative to the transfer of the facilities, resources, funds, obligations, and functions of the institution; to provide for the transition responsibilities of the impacted institution and management boards and the division of administration; to provide for cooperative agreements; to provide relative to accreditation issues; to provide relative to funding; to provide relative to employees; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 123—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARLSON

## AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:4521(B) and to enact R.S. 13:4521(A)(6), relative to deferral of costs and fees associated with electronic filing requirements; to provide for definitions; to provide relative to periods within which to pay court costs; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 226—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREIBERG

## AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:322.9(B), relative to the use of monies in certain treasury funds; to provide for the use of monies in the East Baton Rouge Parish Enhancement Fund; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 249—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEWITT

## AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:1875(12)(c) and to repeal Sections 2 and 4 of Act No. 121 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana, relative to court costs and civil filing fees in the City Court of Alexandria; to provide for the use of court costs; to provide for the repeal of certain sunset provisions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 347—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE GADBERRY AND SENATOR WOMACK

## AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:126, relative to change orders for a project in the Capital Outlay Act; to provide relative to threshold amounts required for approval and review by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,  
GLEN WOMACK  
Chair

**Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions  
on Second Reading  
Reported by Committees**

**SENATE BILL NO. 37—**

BY SENATOR HENSGENS

## AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 32:1253(A), 1253(A)(1), (D), (E), (F), and (H), relative to the Louisiana Motor Vehicle Commission; to provide for members of the motor vehicle commission; to provide for the powers and duties of the commission; to provide for technical changes; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs.

**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs to Original Senate Bill No. 37 by Senator Hensgens

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "reenact" delete the remainder of the line and insert "R.S. 32:1253(A),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 3, delete "(F), and (H),"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

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

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 5, delete "the commission; to provide for technical changes;" and insert "to provide for terms, conditions, and requirements;"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, line 7, after "Section 1." delete the remainder of the line and insert "R.S. 32:1253 (A)"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 1, line 8, delete "and (H) are" and insert "is"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 1, delete lines 9 through 17

AMENDMENT NO. 8

Delete pages 2 and 3 and insert the following:

"§1253. Motor Vehicle Commission; appointment and qualifications of members; terms of office; organization; oath; official bond; compensation; powers and duties

A. The Louisiana Motor Vehicle Commission is hereby created within the office of the governor and shall be composed of eighteen members appointed by the governor, as follows:

(1) A chairman of the commission shall be appointed from the state at large. Fourteen members shall be appointed in such manner

that at least one shall be from each of the commission districts as listed below:

(a) Commission District 1 shall consist of the following parishes: Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, and Washington.

(b) Commission District 2 shall consist of the following parishes: Jefferson, St. Charles, St. John, St. James, and Tangipahoa.

(c) Commission District 3 shall consist of the following parishes: East Baton Rouge, West Baton Rouge, Iberville, Ascension, East Feliciana, West Feliciana, St. Helena, Livingston, Assumption, and Pointe Coupee.

(d) Commission District 4 shall consist of the following parishes: Richland, Franklin, Union, Lincoln, Jackson, Winn, Caldwell, Ouachita, Morehouse, West Carroll, East Carroll, and Madison.

(e) Commission District 5 shall consist of the following parishes: Caddo, Bossier, Webster, DeSoto, Red River, Bienville, Claiborne, and Sabine.

(f) Commission District 6 shall consist of the following parishes: Rapides, Grant, LaSalle, Catahoula, Concordia, Avoyelles, Vernon, Tensas, and Natchitoches.

(g) Commission District 7 shall consist of the following parishes: Beauregard, Allen, Calcasieu, Cameron, Jefferson Davis, Acadia, and Evangeline.

(h) Commission District 8 shall consist of the following parishes: Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, Iberia, Terrebonne, Lafourche, and Vermilion.

(2) Each of the commissioners appointed under the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall have been an actively engaged licensee of the commission or its previous Louisiana licensing commission for not less than five consecutive years prior to such appointment, and be a holder of such a license at all times while a member of the commission. Being engaged in more than one such pursuit shall not disqualify a person otherwise qualified from serving on the commission. Of these members, one member shall be primarily engaged in the business of lease or rental, one member shall be primarily engaged in the business of heavy truck sales, one member shall be primarily engaged in the business of marine product sales, one member shall be primarily engaged in the business of motorcycle sales, one member shall be primarily engaged in the business of recreational vehicle sales, and one member shall be primarily engaged in the business of sales finance.

(3)(a) Each of the three remaining appointive members shall be a public member who is not a licensee under this Chapter and shall be appointed from the state at large. These three commissioners shall have the sole function of hearing and deciding matters concerning brokers and disputes between manufacturers, distributors, converters, motor vehicle lessor franchisors, or representatives and motor vehicle dealers, recreational products dealers, specialty vehicle dealers, motor vehicle lessors, and hearings pursuant to R.S. 32:1270.31 et seq.

(b) This function shall be performed only when so requested in writing at the time of the filing of the initial protest or initial answer to the protest. If no party requests a hearing before these commissioners, the commissioners appointed pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall retain jurisdiction over the dispute. Should a consumer, broker, manufacturer, distributor, converter, motor vehicle lessor franchisor, representative, motor vehicle lessor, specialty vehicle dealer, recreational product dealer, or motor vehicle dealer make the request as set forth above, the commissioners appointed pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall not participate, deliberate, or in any way take part in the hearing.

(c) The three commissioners shall elect among themselves a chairman to serve as presiding officer of the hearing.

(4) Each appointment to the commission by the governor shall be submitted to the Senate for confirmation. Each commissioner shall at the time of appointment be a resident of this state and shall be of good moral character.

(1) One member shall be appointed from the state at large and shall serve as chairman of the commission. The remaining seventeen members shall be appointed from the state's six congressional districts, with at least one member appointed from each district, based on the congressional districts in effect at the time of appointment.

(2)(a) Of the eighteen members appointed pursuant to this Subsection, fifteen members shall each meet all of the following qualifications:

(i) Has held an active license issued by the commission for at least five consecutive years immediately prior to the appointment.

(ii) Maintain an active license throughout his term of service on the commission.

(iii) Be a resident of this state and be of good moral character at the time of appointment.

(b) Among the fifteen members, there shall be representation from the following:

(i) At least one member shall be primarily engaged in vehicle leasing or rental.

(ii) At least one member shall be primarily engaged in heavy truck sales.

(iii) At least one member shall be primarily engaged in marine product sales.

(iv) At least one member shall be primarily engaged in motorcycle sales.

(v) At least one member shall be primarily engaged in recreational vehicle sales.

(vi) At least one member shall be primarily engaged in sales financing.

(3) The remaining three members shall be members of the public, each of whom shall meet all of the following qualifications:

(a) Be either a retired judge or a licensed attorney in the state of Louisiana with not less than ten years of legal experience.

(b) Is not, and has never been, licensed by the commission as provided in this Chapter.

(4)(a) The following disputes, protests, complaints, or other contested matters shall be heard and decided by a dispute resolution panel composed exclusively of the three commissioners as set forth in Paragraph (3) of this Subsection:

(i) Disputes between converters, distributors, manufacturers, motor vehicle lessor franchisors, wholesalers, or their representatives and marine dealers, motorcycle or all-terrain vehicle dealers, motor vehicle dealers, motor vehicle lessors, recreational product dealers, recreational vehicle dealers, or specialty vehicle dealers.

(ii) Disputes concerning the licensure of any person listed in Item (i) of this Subparagraph.

(iii) Matters raised by consumers pursuant to the New Recreational Vehicle Warranty Act, R.S. 32:1270.31 et seq.

(iv) Disputes between or among marine dealers, motorcycle or all-terrain vehicle dealers, motor vehicle dealers, motor vehicle lessors, recreational products dealers, recreational vehicle dealers, or specialty vehicle dealers.

(c) The dispute resolution panel shall have full adjudicatory authority, including the power to issue subpoenas, compel attendance of witnesses, administer oaths, receive evidence, and render final decisions. The panel shall elect a chairman and presiding officer for each proceeding. The commission staff shall exercise investigatory authority as may be delegated and overseen by the commission.

(d) The attorney general shall supervise the legal services provided to the commission, including the appointment of separate legal counsel for the dispute resolution panel, who may be an attorney from the office of the attorney general or a private attorney retained through the attorney general.

(h) Final decisions of the dispute resolution panel shall be in writing, state specific findings of fact and conclusions of law, and be based solely on the record and any matters officially noticed. The decision shall constitute the final action of the commission and be subject to judicial review under the Administration Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq.

(i) Any party aggrieved by a final decision shall have the right to seek judicial review by filing a petition in the Twenty-Fourth Judicial District Court within thirty days of the date the decision is transmitted to the parties by certified mail or served as otherwise provided by law. For purposes of this Section, "aggrieved party" means any person whose legal rights, duties, or privileges were adversely affected by the final decision.

**(j) Each member of the dispute resolution panel shall be entitled to reasonable compensation for his service in connection with any hearing conducted pursuant to this Paragraph. The amount and manner of compensation shall be established by the attorney general and paid from the commission's administrative funds.**

**(5) Engagement in more than one category of business regulated under this Chapter shall not disqualify an otherwise qualified licensee from appointment to the commission.**

**(6) Each appointment by the governor shall be submitted to the Senate for confirmation.**

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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."

On motion of Senator Mizell, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

**SENATE BILL NO. 39—**  
BY SENATOR MORRIS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 9:2800.30, relative to liability of public entities; to provide relative to limitation of liability for false imprisonment of an offender sentenced to a term of imprisonment; to provide relative to the limitation of the use of delictual actions for certain injuries and damages to an offender; to provide relative to false imprisonment and unlawful detention of a convicted offender; to provide relative to certain challenges to lawful imprisonment; to provide relative to the calculation of an offender's sentence, release date, good time date, or parole date; to provide relative to the limitation of certain causes of action brought by an offender; to provide for definitions, terms, conditions and procedures; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Judiciary A.

#### SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary A to Original Senate Bill No. 39 by Senator Morris

##### AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 4, change "delictual" to "civil"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 9, delete "the limitation of certain causes of action brought by an offender" and insert "jurisdiction and venue"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, delete lines 15 through 17

##### AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, delete lines 1 through 13

##### AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 14, change "**B.**" to "**A.**"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, between lines 17 and 18, insert the following:

**"(2) 'Offender' means a person convicted of a crime and sentenced to serve a term of imprisonment."**

##### AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, line 18, change "**(2)**" to "**(3)**"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 2, line 18, after "**means**" delete the remainder of the line

##### AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 2, delete lines 19 through 22 in their entirety and insert "**the unlawful detention of an offender by or on behalf of the department, including incarceration of an offender beyond the date the offender was**"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 2, delete lines 24 through 29

##### AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 3, line 1, change "**(5)**" to "**(4)**"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 3, line 3, change "**C. Delictual**" to "**B. Civil**"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 2, delete line 4, and insert the following:

**"(1) Any civil action for damages based on claims of false imprisonment"**

##### AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 3, delete lines 7 through 12

##### AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 3, line 13 change "**(1)**" to "**(2)**"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 3, line 16, after "**review**" delete the remainder of the line and insert "**in the parish of East Baton Rouge in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court**"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 3, delete lines 17 through 27

##### AMENDMENT NO. 18

On page 3, line 28, change "**E.**" to "**C.**"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 19

On page 3, line 29, delete "**No delictual action claiming false imprisonment**" and insert the following: "**No civil action for damages based on claims of false imprisonment arising from the computation or calculation of the offender's sentence, release date, good time date, or parole date**"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 20

On page 4, line 1, after "**sheriff**" delete "**or**" and insert a comma

##### AMENDMENT NO. 21

On page 4, line 1, after "**department**" delete "**by an offender**" and insert "**, or any officer or employee thereof,**"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 22

On page 4, delete lines 3 and 4 and insert "**to the provisions of R.S. 15:1171 et seq., including judicial review.**"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 23

On page 4, line 5, delete "**lawsuit**" and insert "**civil action for damages**"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 24

On page 4, at the end of line 6, change "**bona fide**" to "**a bona fide**"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 25

On page 4, delete lines 8 through 10 and insert the following:

**"(2) Any civil action for damages claiming false imprisonment brought after the offender fails to timely initiate or pursue the procedure required to challenge the computation or calculation of the offender's sentence, release date, good time date, or parole date, shall be dismissed with prejudice."**

##### AMENDMENT NO. 26

On page 4, delete lines 11 through 29

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## AMENDMENT NO. 27

On page 5, delete lines 1 through 12 and insert "Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall have prospective application only."

On motion of Senator Miller, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

## SENATE BILL NO. 105— BY SENATOR ABRAHAM

### AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:10.1(A)(2) and (B) and to enact R.S. 17:10.1(J), relative to school and district accountability; to provide for the use of a nationally normed assessment; to provide for a task force; to provide for membership and appointments to the task force; to provide for duties of the members of the task force; to provide with respect to compensation, reports, and termination of the task force; to provide with respect to social studies examinations in certain grade levels; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported by substitute by the Committee on Education. The bill was read by title; the committee substitute bill was read.

## SENATE BILL NO. 246— (Substitute of Senate Bill No. 105 Senator Abraham)

BY SENATOR ABRAHAM

### AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:24.4(F)(1)(c) and (4)(a), relative to student assessments; to provide with respect to the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program; to provide with respect to standards-based assessments in English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:24.4(F)(1)(c) and (4)(a) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§24.4. Louisiana Competency-Based Education Program; statewide standards for required subjects; Louisiana Educational Assessment Program; parish or city school board comprehensive pupil progression plans; waivers

F.(1)

(c)(i) Standards-based assessments in English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies based on state content standards and rigorous student achievement standards set with reference to test scores of students of the same grade level nationally shall be implemented by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. Such tests **in English language arts** shall be administered, ~~at a minimum~~, in grades three through **eight and at least once in grades nine through eleven. Such tests in mathematics shall be administered in grades three through eight and at least once in grades nine through eleven.**

(ii) **No later than the school year 2027-2028, such tests in science and social studies shall be administered in not more than four grade levels each. The science test shall not be given in the same grade levels as the social studies test. Nothing herein shall prohibit a student from retesting in any grade level.**

(4)(a) In addition to the other requirements of this Subsection, the state Department of Education shall establish, subject to the approval of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, the level of achievement on certain tests or on certain portions of the tests given as required in this Subsection ~~in fourth and eighth grades~~ as definitive of the level of the student's proficiency in mathematics, English language arts, science, and social studies. Fourth and eighth grade students shall be required to demonstrate proficiency on such tests **in English language arts and mathematics** in order to advance to grades five and nine, pursuant to rules adopted by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. Such proficiency levels shall be set with reference to test scores of students of the same grade level nationally. The department shall establish, subject to the approval of

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the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, the nature and application of various intervention options in the case of a failure to demonstrate proficiency, which may include remediation, retention in grade, an alternative placement in succeeding grades, or any other option which will support a student's achieving the required proficiency level.

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Section 2. The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall investigate whether a nationally normed assessment or a criterion-referenced assessment may be used to satisfy federal requirements for assessments used for the school and district accountability system and other ways to ensure comparability to rigorous expectations of other states. Based upon the investigation, a list shall be compiled of the available tests which satisfy the federal requirements. Not later than February 6, 2026, the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall send a report to the Senate and House committees on education regarding the findings of such investigation. The report shall include, at a minimum, any recommendations regarding which nationally normed assessments or criterion-referenced assessments are available and recommended for implementation. Nothing in the report shall require the disclosure of any procurement information that would violate any provision of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature of 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.

On motion of Senator Edmonds, the committee substitute bill was adopted and becomes Senate Bill No. 246 by Senator Abraham, substitute for Senate Bill No. 105 by Senator Abraham.

## SENATE BILL NO. 246— (Substitute of Senate Bill No. 105 Senator Abraham)

BY SENATOR ABRAHAM

### AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:24.4(F)(1)(c) and (4)(a), relative to student assessments; to provide with respect to the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program; to provide with respect to standards-based assessments in English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

## SENATE BILL NO. 121— BY SENATOR SELDERS

### AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:416.24, relative to mental health screenings in schools; to require public schools to offer annual mental health screenings for students; to require notification of parents; to provide for parental consent; to provide for duties of the Louisiana Department of Health and state Department of Education; to provide for confidentiality; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Education.

## SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Education to Original Senate Bill No. 121 by Senator Selders

## AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "17:416.24" and before the comma ",", insert "and "3996(B)(89)"

## AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 5, after "and" and before "state" insert "the"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 10, after "**Each**" and before "**shall**" delete "**public school**" and insert "**city, parish, or other local public school board**"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 14, after "**parent**" and before "**the option**" insert "**or legal guardian**"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 4, after "**shall**" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 5 through 11, in their entirety, and insert, "**select a mental health screener appropriate to the provisions of this Section and provide the screener, at no cost to each city, parish, and other local public school board.**"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, line 13, after "**guardian.**" delete the remainder of the line and insert "**Within thirty days following**"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, line 14, after "**parent or**" and before "**guardian**" insert "**legal**"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 2, line 16, after "**F.**" and before "**use**" delete "**A school shall not**" and insert "**No city, parish, or other school board shall**"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 2, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following:

**"G. There shall be no cause of action against the public school governing authority, or any employee thereof, related to the results of the screener provided for in this Section.**

**H. The provisions of this Section are subject to the approval and funding by the school board of a city, parish, or other local public school system.**

Section 2. R.S. 17:3996(B)(89) is hereby enacted to read as follows: §3996. Charter schools; exemptions; requirements

B. Notwithstanding any state law, rule, or regulation to the contrary and except as may be otherwise specifically provided for in an approved charter, a charter school established and operated in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter and its approved charter and the school's officers and employees shall be exempt from all statutory mandates or other statutory requirements that are applicable to public schools and to public school officers and employees except for the following laws otherwise applicable to public schools with the same grades:

**(89) Mental health screenings, R.S. 17:416.24.**

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 2, at the beginning of line 19, change "Section 2." to "Section 3."

On motion of Senator Edmonds, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and recommitted to the Committee on Finance.

SENATE BILL NO. 155—

BY SENATOR STINE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:318(G), relative to emergency vehicle equipment for licensed surgeons; to provide for emergency visual signal equipment for licensed surgeons; to provide for procedures and requirements for emergency equipment; to provide for use of emergency equipment; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to Original Senate Bill No. 155 by Senator Stine

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, delete "R.S. 32:318(G)" and insert "R.S. 32:1(1) and 318(G)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1 line 3, at the beginning of the line after "surgeons;" insert "to provide for the definition of authorized emergency vehicle;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 7, delete "R.S. 32:318(G) is" and insert "R.S. 32:1(1) and 318(G) are"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following:

"§1. Definitions

When used in this Chapter, the following terms have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(1) "Authorized emergency vehicle" means a vehicle of a fire department, a vehicle of the department's weights and standards police force, a police vehicle, a private vehicle, a privately owned vehicle belonging to **trauma surgeons or** members of an organized volunteer fire department or fire district when so designated or authorized by the fire chief of that fire department or fire district, an industrial-owned vehicle assigned to members of a fire department or fire district when so designated or authorized by the fire chief of that fire department or fire district, a vehicle parked or stopped by elevator repair or construction personnel while responding to an elevator emergency, such as ambulances and emergency medical response vehicles certified by the Louisiana Department of Health that are operated by certified ambulance services, and emergency vehicles of municipal departments or public service corporations as are designated or authorized by the secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development or by the chief of police of any incorporated municipality. For purposes of this Section, elevator repair shall be limited to those elevators that move people.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 15, after "**surgeon**" insert "**who has been board certified by the American Board of Surgery or the American Board of Medical Specialties with a subspecialty in complex surgeries.**"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, line 16, after "**state**" insert "," and after "**Level I**" insert "**, II, or III**"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, line 23, delete "**and**"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 2, line 24, after "**annually**" insert "**, and revocation or suspension of authority due to failure to comply with all rules and regulations**"

On motion of Senator Connick, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 172—

BY SENATOR ALLAIN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1261(A), 1262, 1264(A) and (C), 1265(A)(1), the introductory paragraph of 1266(A), 1266(B)(2), (C), (D)(1), the introductory paragraph of (E)(1), (E)(2), (G), and (M)(1), the introductory paragraph of 1267(B), 1267(B)(2) and (3), (D)(1), (E)(1), and (G)(1), the introductory paragraph of 1267.1(A), 1268(A), 1269(A), (B)(2) and (4)(b), and (C), 1270(A), and 1271(A), relative to property insurance; to provide

for property insurance; to provide for the regulation of property insurance; to provide for the operation of property insurance; and to provide for related matters.

Reported by substitute by the Committee on Insurance. The bill was read by title; the committee substitute bill was read.

**SENATE BILL NO. 247— (Substitute of Senate Bill No. 172 by Senator Allain)**

BY SENATOR ALLAIN

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1354(1), 1452(C)(6), 1453, 1454(A), and 1465(A)(1) and (4), to enact R.S. 22:1452(C)(26), and to repeal R.S. 22:1451(D), 1452(C)(4) and (15), and 1455, relative to insurance rate regulation; to provide for definitions; to prohibit rates from being excessive; to provide for disapproval of rates; to provide for refunding of rates; to repeal distinctions between competitive and noncompetitive markets; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 22:1354(1), 1452(C)(6), 1453, 1454(A), and 1465(A)(1) and (4) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 22:1452(C)(26) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1354. Travel protection plans

Travel protection plans may be offered for one price for the combined features that the travel protection plan offers in this state if all of the following are met:

(1) There is no finding by the commissioner, pursuant to R.S. 22:1453, that the travel insurance market in the state is noncompetitive or that the travel protection plan restricts competition by either significantly decreasing output or efficiency in the market or that a travel insurer or travel retailer is exerting sufficient market power in providing travel insurance or a travel protection plan such that competition is adversely impacted or that the travel protection plan would exact burdensome terms that would not exist in a competitive market.

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§1452. Purpose of rate regulation; construction; definitions

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C. As used in this Subpart, the following definitions shall be applicable:

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(6) "Excessive" means a rate that is likely to produce a long term profit that is unreasonably high for the insurance provided or the expense provision, as defined in R.S. 22:1454(B)(3), included therein is unreasonably high in relation to the services rendered. No rate in a competitive market shall be considered excessive.

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**(26) "Unreasonably high" means a rate that does not comply with the Actuarial Standards of Practice adopted by the American Academy of Actuaries.**

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§1453. Competitive market

A. ~~(1) A competitive market for a line of insurance is presumed to exist unless the commissioner, after giving reasonable notice and after conducting a public hearing, determines that a reasonable degree of competition does not exist within a market and issues a ruling that a reasonable degree of competition in the market for a particular line of insurance does not exist. In any public hearing to determine whether a competitive market exists for a line of insurance, the party alleging that competition does not exist shall have the burden of proving that market competition does not exist.~~

~~(2) If the commissioner issues a ruling pursuant to this Section that a competitive market does not exist for a line of insurance, the ruling shall identify those factors listed in Subsection B of this Section that have caused the market to be noncompetitive and shall describe the action or actions to be undertaken by the commissioner and the state to return competition to the market.~~

~~(3) Each ruling that a market is not competitive shall expire one year from the date of issuance unless rescinded by the commissioner prior to such date or renewed by the commissioner pursuant to this Subsection.~~

~~(4) The commissioner may renew a ruling that a market is not competitive if, after conducting a public hearing on such renewal, the~~

~~commissioner determines that a continued lack of reasonable competition exists in the market for a line of insurance. The action to renew a finding of no competition under this Subsection shall state the actions undertaken by the commissioner and the state to restore competition and the reasons such actions failed to return competition to the market.~~

~~B. The following factors shall be considered by the commissioner in determining if a reasonable degree of competition exists in a particular line of insurance:~~

~~(1) The number of insurers or groups of affiliated insurers providing coverage in the market;~~

~~(2) Measures of market concentration and changes of market concentration over time;~~

~~(3) Ease of entry into the market and the existence of financial or economic barriers preventing new insurers from entering the market;~~

~~(4) The extent to which any insurer or group of affiliated insurers controls all or a portion of the market;~~

~~(5) Whether the total number of companies writing the line of insurance in this state is sufficient to provide multiple options;~~

~~(6) The availability of insurance coverage to consumers in the market;~~

~~(7) The opportunities available to consumers in the market to acquire pricing and other consumer information.~~

C. The commissioner shall regularly continuously monitor the degree and existence of competition in the state. The commissioner may utilize existing relevant information, analytical systems, and other sources, or any combination of such items. These monitoring activities may be conducted within the Department of Insurance, in cooperation with other state insurance regulators, through outside contractors, or in any other appropriate manner.

D. B. An aggrieved party affected by the commissioner's decision, act, or order may demand a hearing in accordance with Chapter 12 of this Title, R.S. 22:2191 et seq.

§1454. Rating standards and methods

A. ~~Rates shall not be inadequate or unfairly discriminatory in a competitive market. Rates shall not be excessive, inadequate, or unfairly discriminatory in a noncompetitive market.~~ Risks may be classified using any criteria except that no risk shall be classified on the basis of race, color, creed, or national origin.

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§1465. Disapproval of filings; rates; procedures

A. ~~(1) The commissioner shall disapprove a rate in a competitive market only if he determines that the rate is inadequate or unfairly discriminatory. The commissioner shall disapprove a rate for use in a noncompetitive market only if he determines that the rate is excessive, inadequate, or unfairly discriminatory.~~

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(4) If a rate filing is determined to be excessive, inadequate, or unfairly discriminatory pursuant to the provisions of this Subpart, the commissioner may direct the insurer to collect additional premiums to ensure that the rate is adequate or to require a refund of any sums deemed to be excessive or discriminatory.

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Section 2. R.S. 22:1451(D), 1452(C)(4) and (15), and 1455 are hereby repealed in their entirety.

On motion of Senator Talbot, the committee substitute bill was adopted and becomes Senate Bill No. 247 by Senator Allain, substitute for Senate Bill No. 172 by Senator Allain.

**SENATE BILL NO. 247— (Substitute of Senate Bill No. 172 by Senator Allain)**

BY SENATOR ALLAIN

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1354(1), 1452(C)(6), 1453, 1454(A), and 1465(A)(1) and (4), to enact R.S. 22:1452(C)(26), and to repeal R.S. 22:1451(D), 1452(C)(4) and (15), and 1455, relative to insurance rate regulation; to provide for definitions; to prohibit rates from being excessive; to provide for disapproval of rates; to provide for refunding of rates; to repeal distinctions between competitive and noncompetitive markets; and to provide for related matters.



The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**SENATE BILL NO. 178—**  
BY SENATOR JENKINS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:416(A)(1)(b)(i) and the introductory paragraph of 416.8(A)(1)(a) and to enact R.S. 17:416.8(A)(1)(a)(x) and 416.18.1, relative to school employees; to provide for the School Employee Bill of Rights relative to disciplinary matters; to provide for membership on certain committees; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Education.

**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Education to Original Senate Bill No. 178 by Senator Jenkins

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

On page 2, line 29, after "school" and before "employment" change "employees" to "employee's"

**AMENDMENT NO. 2**

On page 3, line 11, after "17:418" and before "and" delete the comma ","

On motion of Senator Edmonds, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

**SENATE BILL NO. 189—**  
BY SENATOR JENKINS

AN ACT

To enact Part VIII of Chapter 3 of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 40:599.1 through 599.32, relative to the creation of the Louisiana Land Bank Authority Act; to provide relative to land banking; to provide relative to the purpose; to provide relative to definitions; to provide relative to the establishment of Land Banks by political subdivisions; to provide relative to the board of directors; to provide relative to powers of the land bank authority; to provide relative to property; to provide relative to the hiring of staff and consultants; to provide relative to the appointment of receivers; to provide relative to internal administration; to provide for immunity; to provide relative to property rights; to provide relative to inventory and classification; to provide relative to tax liens; to provide relative to money and proceeds; to provide for taxes; to provide for civil actions; to provide relative to public property; to provide relative to annual reports; to provide relative to bonds; to provide relative to trusts; to provide relative to securities; to provide relative to conveyance of title and release of collateral; to provide relative to enforcement of rights and duties; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs.

**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs to Original Senate Bill No. 189 by Senator Jenkins

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

On page 1, at the end of line 3, change "Louisiana" to "State"

**AMENDMENT NO. 2**

On page 1, line 4, change "Land Bank Authority Act" to "Land Banking Authority Act"

**AMENDMENT NO. 3**

On page 2, line 3, change "LOUISIANA LAND BANK AUTHORITY ACT" to "STATE LAND BANKING AUTHORITY ACT"

**AMENDMENT NO. 4**

On page 2, line 18, delete "nonprofit or quasi-governmental" and insert "quasi-public nonprofit"

**AMENDMENT NO. 5**

On page 4, line 23, after "Part" insert ", which shall be subject to the provisions of the Nonprofit Corporation Law, R.S. 12:201 et seq"

**AMENDMENT NO. 6**

On page 5, at the end of line 4, after "include" insert "all of the following"

**AMENDMENT NO. 7**

On page 5, line 5, delete "proposed articles of incorporation of an authority that states"

**AMENDMENT NO. 8**

On page 5, line 14, after "E.(1)" insert "(a)"

**AMENDMENT NO. 9**

On page 5, line 16, after "articles of incorporation" delete the remainder of the line and insert "in accordance with the provisions of the Nonprofit Corporation Law, R.S. 12:201 et seq., and pay applicable filing fees in accordance with R.S. 49:222, to the secretary of state."

**AMENDMENT NO. 10**

On page 5, delete line 17 and insert: "(b) An entity incorporated pursuant to this Part shall not be subject to the restrictions in R.S. 12:204."

**AMENDMENT NO. 11**

On page 5, line 18, delete "Louisiana Secretary of State accepts the"

**AMENDMENT NO. 12**

On page 5, line 19, delete "for recordation" and insert "are filed in accordance with the requirements of this Section"

**AMENDMENT NO. 13**

On page 5, line 21, after "(3)" delete the remainder of the line and insert "Filing of the articles of incorporation with the"

**AMENDMENT NO. 14**

On page 5, line 22, change "Louisiana Secretary of State" to "secretary of state"

**AMENDMENT NO. 15**

On page 5, line 25, delete "adopt an amendment to" and insert "seek to amend"

**AMENDMENT NO. 16**

On page 5, line 27, after "(2)" delete "The articles of amendment" and insert "The proposed articles of amendment, passed by ordinance,"

**AMENDMENT NO. 17**

On page 5, line 28, change "could" to "may"

**AMENDMENT NO. 18**

On page 5, line 29, after "(3)" delete the remainder of the line and insert "The governing authority shall take all steps to file the articles of amendment with the"

**AMENDMENT NO. 19**

On page 6, line 1, change "Louisiana Secretary of State" to "secretary of state"

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## AMENDMENT NO. 20

On page 6, line 2, delete "Louisiana"

## AMENDMENT NO. 21

On page 6, delete line 3 and insert "**articles of amendments are filed with the secretary of state in accordance with the provisions of the Nonprofit Corporation Law, R.S. 12:201 et seq.**"

## AMENDMENT NO. 22

On page 6, delete lines 4 through 6

## AMENDMENT NO. 23

On page 6, after line 29, insert:

**"(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section, an entity incorporated pursuant to this Part shall be required to follow the provisions of the Nonprofit Corporation Law, R.S. 12:201 et seq., when amending its articles of incorporation and articles of amendments or electing to terminate its operations."**

On motion of Senator Mizell, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

## SENATE BILL NO. 214—

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

### AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:45(A), 551(B)(1)(c), and 1483(13), R.S. 22:2(A) and 454(B), and R.S. 36:681(C), 682(A), and 683, relative to the commissioner of insurance; to provide for appointment of the commissioner of insurance by the governor and for appointment of deputy commissioners of insurance; to provide for recommendations to the governor for the position of commissioner; to provide for effectiveness; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs.

### SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to Original Senate Bill No. 214 by Senator Duplessis

## AMENDMENT NO. 1

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

**"(viii) One member appointed by the governor from the Louisiana Chapter of the Consumer Federation of America.**

**(ix) One member appointed by the governor from United Policyholders, Inc.**

**(x) One member appointed by the governor from HousingLOUISIANA.**

**(xi) One member appointed by the governor from Invest in Louisiana."**

## AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, line 9, remove "**(viii)**" and replace with "**(xii)**"

## AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 7, delete line 29 and on page 8, delete lines 1 through 4 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following"

"Section 5, This Act shall become effective on August 1, 2028; if vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later."

On motion of Senator Kleinpeter, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

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## SENATE BILL NO. 216—

BY SENATOR HODGES AND REPRESENTATIVE DICKERSON

### AN ACT

To enact R.S. 48:2086, relative to the Department of Transportation and Development; to provide for methods of bidding contracts for road construction; to provide for contract provisions to decrease delays in the completion of roads; to provide for incentives for contractors to complete road construction contracts prior to the contracted deadline; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

### SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to Original Senate Bill No. 216 by Senator Hodges

## AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, change "R.S. 48:2086" to "R.S. 48:255.8"

## AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 9, change "R.S. 48:2086" to "R.S. 48:255.8"

## AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 10, change "**§2086.**" to "**§255.8.**"

## AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 12, after "**expediency**" delete the remainder of the line and on line 13 delete "**projects for**" and insert "**in**"

## AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, line 14, delete "**shall**" and insert "**may**"

## AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 1, line 17 change "**B.(1)**" to "**B.**"

## AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, delete lines 1 through 6 and insert the following: "**on or after July 1, 2025, the department shall evaluate use of the A+B bidding method for projects meeting one or more of the following criteria:**

**(a) The project is located on a roadway with average daily traffic greater than twenty thousand.**

**(b) The estimated time to complete the project is greater than three hundred sixty five calendar days.**

**(c) The estimated cost to construct the project is greater than ten million dollars.**

**(d) The project will be constructed in multiple phases."**

On motion of Senator Connick, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

## SENATE BILL NO. 220—

BY SENATOR CATHEY

### AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 33:404(A), 4341 and 4342, R.S. 38:113, 141, 142 and 214 and to enact Chapter 50 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 33:9720, and to repeal R.S. 33:130.621.1, relative to the revision of statutes relating to local agencies; to provide relative to the sale or lease of revenue-producing property; to provide relative to the election to determine whether to dispose of utility property; to provide relative to exceptions; to provide relative to the creation of districts and commissions at a local level; to provide relative to the control of drainage channels and outfall canals in Levee and Drainage districts; to provide relative to drainage of levee and parallel or contiguous roads; to provide relative to interference with drainage; to provide relative to the Union Parish Railroad District; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs. The bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

**SENATE BILL NO. 227—**  
BY SENATOR CLOUD

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 23:1472(12)(H)(XXIII), relative to unemployment insurance benefits; to provide definitions; to prohibit the classification of certain services as employment; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported by substitute by the Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations. The bill was read by title; the committee substitute bill was read.

**SENATE BILL NO. 248— (Substitute of Senate Bill No. 227 by Senator Cloud)**

BY SENATOR CLOUD

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 23:1541(A) and 1576, relative to unemployment compensation; to provide with respect to contributions; to provide relative to the social charge account; to provide relative to the unemployment benefit charges; to provide relative to an employer's experience rating records; to provide relative to the notice of separation; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 23:1541(A) and 1576 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1541. Notice of benefits charged against employer's experience rating record; employer's right to contest; application for review; procedure

A. The administrator shall, not later than ninety days after the close of each calendar quarter, render a statement to each employer of benefits paid each individual and charged to his experience-rating record. These benefit charges are conclusive and binding upon the employer unless he files an application to review the charges setting forth his reasons therefor within thirty days after the mailing of the notice to his last known address. ~~However, any benefits paid to employees of experience-rated employers pursuant to Executive Orders KBB 2005-34, KBB 2005-46, and KBB 2005-76 shall not be charged to employers' experience-rating records.~~

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§1576. Notice of separation

Each employer shall file with the administrator a notice of separation from service in a form prescribed by the administrator with respect to each employee who leaves its employ for any cause which may be potentially disqualifying and shall therein provide the date of separation, a full explanation of the cause or causes therefor, and all requested information about payments made to the separated employee. The notice shall be ~~mailed, delivered, or electronically transmitted~~ to the administrator and shall be mailed, delivered, or transmitted to the separated employee within ~~three~~ ten days after the date on which the separation from service occurred.

On motion of Senator Seabaugh, the committee substitute bill was adopted and becomes Senate Bill No. 248 by Senator Cloud, substitute for Senate Bill No. 227 by Senator Cloud.

**SENATE BILL NO. 248— (Substitute of Senate Bill No. 227 by Senator Cloud)**

BY SENATOR CLOUD

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 23:1541(A) and 1576, relative to unemployment compensation; to provide with respect to contributions; to provide relative to the social charge account; to provide relative to the unemployment benefit charges; to provide relative to an employer's experience rating records; to provide relative to the notice of separation; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**SENATE BILL NO. 231—**  
BY SENATOR REESE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:2800.27 and to repeal R.S. 9:2800.27 (F) and (G), relative to civil actions; to provide relative to recoverable medical expenses; to provide relative to the amount billed and the amount paid in certain circumstances; to provide relative to the calculation of certain damages; to provide relative to admissible evidence; to provide relative to certain definitions; to provide relative to health insurance coverage; to provide relative to health care providers; to provide relative to obtaining discovery in certain circumstances; to provide relative to expert testimony in certain circumstances; to provide relative to agreements between a health care provider and a third party; to provide relative to the attorney-client privilege and other privileges; to provide for prospective application; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Judiciary A.

**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary A to Original Senate Bill No. 231 by Senator Reese

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

On page 1, line 2, delete "and to repeal R.S. 9:2800.27(F) and (G)" and insert "and to enact R.S. 9:2800.27(H)"

**AMENDMENT NO. 2**

On page 1, line 8, after "certain circumstances;" delete the remainder of the line and insert the following: "to provide relative to admissibility of evidence; to provide relative to automobile liability insurance that provides for medical payments coverage; to provide relative to attorney-negotiated write-offs or discounts for medical expenses; to provide relative to write-offs or discounts provided by a medical provider; to provide related to consideration; to provide relative to attorney fees;"

**AMENDMENT NO. 3**

On page 1, delete lines 9 and 10

**AMENDMENT NO. 4**

On page 1, line 14, after "and reenacted" insert "and R.S. 9:2800.27(H) is hereby enacted"

**AMENDMENT NO. 5**

On page 1, line 15, change "~~past~~" to "past" and "~~limitations~~;" to "limitations;"

**AMENDMENT NO. 6**

On page 2, delete lines 1 through 10 and insert the following:

"(1) "Contracted medical provider" means any in-network medical provider that has entered into a contract or agreement directly with a health insurance issuer or with a health insurance issuer through a network of providers for the provision of covered healthcare services at a pre-negotiated rate, or any medical provider that has billed and received payment for covered healthcare services from Medicare when the provider is a participating provider in those programs.

(2) "Cost of procurement" means the cost paid by or on behalf of the claimant to procure the benefit paid by a health insurance issuer or Medicare and the cost of procurement of the award of medical expenses, including but not limited to contracted attorney fees and health insurance premiums paid."

**AMENDMENT NO. 7**

On page 2, line 11, change "(3)" to "(3)"

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## AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 2, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

**"(4) 'Health care provider' means a physician or health care practitioner licensed, certified, and registered to perform specified health care services in accordance with the applicable law and any facility or institution providing health care services, including but not limited to a hospital, licensed inpatient center, ambulatory, surgical, or treatment center, skilled nursing facility, inpatient hospice facility, residential treatment center, diagnostic laboratory or imaging center, or rehabilitation or therapeutic health setting.**

**(5) 'Health insurance coverage' means benefits consisting of health care services provided through insurance, or reimbursement, which includes items and services paid for as health care services under any hospital or medical service policy or certificate, hospital or medical service plan contract, preferred provider organization agreement, or health maintenance organization contract offered by a private health insurer, the Office of Group Benefits, Medicare, Medicaid, Louisiana Workers' Compensation Law, or equivalent state health plans."**

## AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 2, line 14, delete "~~(4)(2)~~" and insert "**(6)**"

## AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 2, delete lines 18 through 25

## AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 2, line 26, change "~~(5)(4)~~" to "~~(5)(7)~~"

## AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 2, delete lines 28 and 29

## AMENDMENT NO. 13

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

"B. In cases where a claimant's medical expenses have been paid, in whole or in part, by a health insurance issuer or Medicare to a contracted medical provider, the claimant's recovery of medical expenses is limited to the amount actually paid to the contracted medical provider by the health insurance issuer or Medicare, and any applicable cost sharing amounts paid or owed by the claimant, and not the amount billed. The court shall award to the claimant ~~forty~~ **thirty** percent of the difference between the amount billed and the amount actually paid to the contracted medical provider by a health insurance issuer or Medicare in consideration of the claimant's cost of procurement, provided that this amount shall be reduced if the defendant proves that the recovery of the cost of procurement would make the award unreasonable. The determination of this award shall be made only in accordance with the provisions of Subsection F of this Section."

## AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 3, line 18, change "€" to "C."

## AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 3, delete lines 23 through 28 and insert the following:

"D. The recovery of past medical expenses other than those provided by Subsection B or C of this Section shall be limited to amounts paid to a medical provider by or on behalf of the claimant, and amounts remaining owed to a medical provider, including medical expenses secured by a contractual or statutory privilege, lien, or guarantee. The determination of this award shall be made only in accordance with Subsection F of this Section, **but shall not exceed three hundred percent of the Medicare fee schedule for services.**"

## AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 3, line 29, change "E.C." to "E."

## AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 4, delete lines 4 through 17 and insert the following:

"F. In a jury trial, only after a jury verdict is rendered may the court receive evidence related to the limitations of recoverable past medical expenses provided by Subsection B or D of this Section. The jury shall be informed only of the amount billed by a medical

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provider for medical treatment. Whether any person, health insurance issuer, or Medicare has paid or has agreed to pay, in whole or in part, any of a claimant's medical expenses, shall not be disclosed to the jury, **but shall be discoverable before trial subject to the Code of Civil Procedure and Code of Evidence.** In trial to the court alone, the court may consider such evidence.

**G. The recovery of medical expenses by a claimant shall not include attorney-negotiated write-offs or discounts for medical expenses obtained as a product of the litigation process. Attorney fees paid by the claimant to recover medical expenses shall not be deemed consideration that diminishes a claimant's patrimony."**

## AMENDMENT NO. 18

On page 4, line 18, change "~~G.E.~~" to "**G.H.**"

## AMENDMENT NO. 19

On page 4, line 19, after "et seq." insert the following: **"or to any benefits received by a party through a policy of automobile liability insurance that provides for medical payments coverage."**

On motion of Senator Miller, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

## House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Second Reading Reported by Committees

### HOUSE BILL NO. 12—

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHLEGEL  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:961.1 and 966(A)(3) and to enact R.S. 14:93.16 and 93.17 and R.S. 40:966(A)(4) and (B)(4), relative to unlawful sales of consumable hemp; to provide for possession of consumable hemp by minors; to prohibit the manufacturing and possession of consumable hemp under certain circumstances; to provide for penalties; to provide exceptions for industrial hemp; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Judiciary C.

### SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary C to Reengrossed House Bill No. 12 by Representative Schlegel

#### AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 7, after "exceptions;" insert "to provide for defenses;"

#### AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 4, after "or" delete "have possession of" and insert "possess"

#### AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, delete lines 10 through 13 and insert:

**"(b) It shall be an affirmative defense to prosecution for a violation of Subparagraph (A)(3)(a) of this Section if the sole basis for the violation was that the permit for the processor, wholesaler, or retailer had expired, if the defendant had applied for renewal of his permit prior to the alleged offense, and that renewal was under review by the Louisiana Department of Health or Alcohol and Tobacco Control for no more than forty-five days."**

#### AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, line 15, delete "U.S."

On motion of Senator Morris, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 40—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE HENRY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:1651(C), relative to Acadia Parish; to provide relative to the office of parish secretary-treasurer; to provide for the election of a parish administrator; to provide for terms; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 52—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLARD

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:270(B)(2)(n), relative to curricula; to add an instructional requirement in the high school financial literacy course; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Education. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 53—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9091.12(F)(2) and (4)(b) and to repeal Section 3 of Act No. 307 of the 2021 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, relative to Orleans Parish; to provide relative to the Upper Audubon Security District; to provide relative to the parcel fee imposed within the district; to increase the maximum fee authorized to be imposed; to provide limitations; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 54—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE HORTON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3138.5(B)(1) and (D)(3) and (4)(d) and to enact R.S. 17:3138.5(B)(2)(f) through (i), relative to postsecondary education institutions; to change the name of a designation an institution may earn from "Governor's Military and Veteran Friendly Campus" to "Purple Star Campus"; to provide for requirements; to provide relative to the length of the term of the designation; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Education.

**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Education to Engrossed House Bill No. 54 by Representative Horton

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

On page 2, delete line 12 in its entirety

On motion of Senator Edmonds, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 55—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:9097.42, relative to East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide for the creation of the Cross Gates Subdivision Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Improvement District; to provide for the boundaries, purpose, governance, and powers and duties of the district; to provide for district funding; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 69—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE JORDAN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9097.40(B), relative to East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide relative to the Delmont Neighborhood Crime Prevention District; to expand the boundaries of the district; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 79—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 893.2 and 893.3(A) through (D) and (E)(1)(a), relative to sentencing; to provide for the applicability of firearm enhancement sentencing provisions to plea agreements; to provide for stipulations; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary C. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 89—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:41(C)(6), relative to death certificates; to permit a notary to obtain a death certificate in certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Health and Welfare. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 91—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 6:333(C)(2)(b) and (G), relative to disclosure of financial records; to require satisfaction of certain conditions before a bank may disclose financial records; to provide for notification and service requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 92—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES BEAULLIEU, BAYHAM, BILLINGS, COX, FARNUM, FONTENOT, JACKSON, AND STAGNI

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:2267.6, relative to the Acadiana Criminalistics Laboratory District; to authorize the Acadiana Criminalistics Laboratory Commission to name the new Acadiana Criminalistics Laboratory building; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 115—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE STAGNI

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1312(introductory paragraph) and to enact R.S. 37:1312(15) and 1313(A)(3), relative to licensing requirements for clinical laboratory personnel; to provide for definitions; to create an exemption to licensing requirements for clinical laboratory personnel working in certain source plasma donation centers; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Health and Welfare. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 118—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE EGAN

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 28:53(G)(7)(b)(i), relative to the issuance of a emergency certificate in the parish of St. Tammany; to provide for the manner of initial examination; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Health and Welfare. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 119—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:361.1(C)(1), relative to motor vehicle sun screening device regulations; to reduce the allowable light transmission percentage for any sun blocking film or device on the front side windows of motor vehicles; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 121—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE ADAMS

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1693(G) and 1706(H)(introductory paragraph) and R.S. 37:2159.1(Section Heading), (introductory paragraph), and (3) and to enact R.S. 22:1706(H)(11) and R.S. 37:2159.1(7) and (8), relative to property and casualty insurance; to provide for public adjusters; to provide for prohibited acts; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Insurance. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 122—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULT

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact the heading of Chapter 14 of Title 22 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and to enact R.S. 22:2271, relative to the Department of Insurance; to create the Louisiana Roof Registry; to authorize submission of information relative to building permits; to provide for rulemaking; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Insurance. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 143—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MENA

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 334, relative to bail; to provide relative to notice of warrant for arrest; to provide for additional recipients of a notice of warrant for arrest; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary C. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 148—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES WILEY AND BROWN

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:881.1, 1452(C)(introductory paragraph) and (6), 1454(A), and 1465(A)(1) and (4) and to repeal R.S. 22:1451(D), 1452(C)(4) and (15), 1453, and 1455, relative to the powers and duties of the commissioner of insurance; to provide with respect to rate filings and methods; to modify relative to excessive rates; to provide for disapproval of rates by the commissioner of insurance; to repeal relative to competitive and noncompetitive markets; to provide relative to

insurers; to provide relative to homeowners' and private passenger motor vehicle insurance; to require insurers to provide the prior premium amount with renewals; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Insurance. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 154—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAHEN

**AN ACT**

To authorize and provide for the transfer of certain state property; to authorize the transfer of certain state property in Webster and Bienville Parishes; to provide property descriptions; to provide for reservation of mineral rights; to provide terms and conditions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Natural Resources. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 159—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE STAGNI

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:2418(F)(1) and (2), relative to the practice of physical therapist assistants; to provide for the supervision of physical therapist assistants and unlicensed supportive personnel; to repeal the requirement for documented conferences between a physical therapist and a physical therapist assistant; to provide for the treatment and reassessment of patients; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Health and Welfare. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 161—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUGHES

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:5002(D)(1) and 5081(B)(1) and (D)(4) and to enact R.S. 17:3047.1(H), relative to the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students; to provide relative to TOPS Tech and TOPS Tech Early Start; to provide for eligibility requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Education. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 170—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:408(B)(2)(d), relative to a Class "D" chauffeur's license; to remove the requirement that taxi cab drivers obtain a chauffeur's license; to specify that taxi cab drivers are only required to hold a Class "E" driver's license; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 173—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES ILLG AND THOMPSON

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:1688(C) and to enact R.S. 56:1688.1, relative to the authority of state park wardens; to authorize state park wardens to enforce litter laws statewide; to provide for an administrative hearing process for litter citations; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Natural Resources. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 180—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON  
AN ACT

To redesignate a portion of United States Highway 425 between the northern junction of Louisiana Highway 132 and the southern junction of Louisiana Highway 584 in Richland Parish as the "Sheriff Gary Lynn Gilley Memorial Highway"; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 191—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9091.8(F)(2)(a) and (4)(c) and to repeal R.S. 33:9091.8(F)(4)(b), relative to Orleans Parish; to provide relative to the Lakewood Crime Prevention and Improvement District; to provide relative to the parcel fee levied within the district; to provide for the maximum fee amount; to provide for the expiration and renewal of the fee; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 196—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES STAGNI AND VILLIO  
AN ACT

To authorize and provide for the lease of certain state property; to authorize the lease of certain state property in Jefferson Parish; to provide for a property description; to provide for the reservation of mineral rights; to provide terms and conditions; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Natural Resources. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 204—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE HENRY  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:153, relative to annual duck stamps; to remove fees for resident and nonresident duck stamps; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Natural Resources. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 206—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MELERINE  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:6, relative to prohibiting certain changes to election procedures without legislative approval; to prohibit election officials and the state and parish boards of election supervisors from entering into certain agreements regarding election procedures; to provide for legislative approval of such actions by concurrent resolution; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs.

**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to Engrossed House Bill No. 206 by Representative Melerine

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

On page 1, line 2, change "18:6" to "18.5"

**AMENDMENT NO. 2**

On page 1, line 8, change "18:6" to "18.5"

**AMENDMENT NO. 3**

On page 1, line 9, change "18.6" to "18.5"

**AMENDMENT NO. 4**

On page 1, line 10, insert "A." before "No"

**AMENDMENT NO. 5**

On page 1, line 14, insert "or interim mail ballot" after "concurrent resolution"

**AMENDMENT NO. 6**

On page 1, following line 15, insert the following:

"B. If approval of a consent decree subject to this Subpart is required when the Legislature is not in Session, then the clerk and the secretary shall follow the procedures set forth in R.S. 24:15 to obtain a vote on the consent decree in question.

C. If the legislature is not in session on the transmittal date, the ballots shall be returned to the clerk of the House of Representatives and the secretary of the Senate no later than five o'clock p.m. on the fifteenth day after the transmittal date."

On motion of Senator Kleinpeter, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 214—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE VILLIO  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 900(A)(6)(e)(i)(bb) and 901(A) and to enact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 901(D), relative to probation; to provide relative to revocation of probation; to provide relative to a technical violation of probation; to provide for an exception; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary C. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 219—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARRIER  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:125(B), relative to sex identification of deer; to eliminate the requirement for hunters to maintain sex identification of deer after tag validation; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Natural Resources. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 246—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE AMEDEE  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:1964(D)(5), relative to the Jimmy D. Long, Sr. Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts; to provide for the salary schedule established by the board of directors for teachers and other school employees; to provide for the funding of the salaries; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Education. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 263—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 6:333(F)(19), relative to access to documents by the office of elderly affairs; to clarify the authority granted to the office; to clarify that banks and their affiliates are authorized to disclose financial records to the office that are needed to perform its duties; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs.

**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs to Engrossed House Bill No. 263 by Representative Davis

### AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, after line 18 insert:

"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."

On motion of Senator Mizell, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

### HOUSE BILL NO. 281—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WYBLE

#### AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1462(A)(4), relative to acts prohibited during early voting or on election day; to prohibit the wearing of campaign apparel; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

### HOUSE BILL NO. 291—

BY REPRESENTATIVES GALLE, ADAMS, BAGLEY, BAYHAM, BERAULT, CARRIER, ROBBY CARTER, CARVER, CHASSION, CREWS, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, EGAN, KNOX, STAGNI, TAYLOR, VENTRELLA, AND WILDER

#### AN ACT

To amend and reenact Civil Code Article 2315.1(A)(introductory paragraph) and 2315.2(B) and to enact Civil Code Articles 2315.1(F) and 2315.2(F), relative to prescription in wrongful death and survival actions; to provide for a prescriptive period of two years from the date of death of the deceased; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Judiciary A.

### SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary A to Reengrossed House Bill No. 291 by Representative Galle

### AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, delete lines 7 and 8 and insert the following:

"F. The right of action granted by this Article for medical malpractice actions prescribes one year from the death of the deceased."

On motion of Senator Miller, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

### HOUSE BILL NO. 292—

BY REPRESENTATIVE KNOX

#### AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 812, relative to jury polling; to provide for polling when a verdict is not reached; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary C. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

### HOUSE BILL NO. 293—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MELERINE

#### AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:457 and to enact R.S. 17:438(E) through (H), relative to labor organizations; to provide for the resignation from labor organization dues or fees for teachers or

other school employees; to provide for the resignation from labor organization and union dues or fees for public employees; to provide for collective bargaining agreements or contracts; to provide for applicability; to provide for reporting and notification requirements; to provide for mass transit employees; to allow the secretary of the Louisiana Workforce Commission to waive certain requirements; to require labor organizations or unions to cover administrative costs incurred from the collection of dues or fees and for opting out; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

### HOUSE BILL NO. 314—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLER

#### AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:2109(B)(6), relative to establishing classifications of and standards for hospitals; to remove exemptions for certain hospitals to the requirement of maintaining in-house obstetric anesthesia personnel on a twenty-four-hour basis; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Health and Welfare. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

### HOUSE BILL NO. 316—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER

#### AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 49:219.1, 219.2(B)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (a)(introductory paragraph) and (xi) and (c)(i), (iii), and (viii) and (2), 219.3(A), and 219.4 and to enact R.S. 49:219.2(B)(1)(a)(xiv) and (xv), relative to the Drug Policy Board; to provide for the policy and purpose of the board; to provide for the membership of the board; to update and modernize language; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Health and Welfare. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

### HOUSE BILL NO. 327—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION

#### AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:5024(A)(1), relative to the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students; to require schools to use a ten-point grading scale to assign grades used to calculate the minimum grade point average for initial qualification for a program award; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Education. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

### HOUSE BILL NO. 329—

BY REPRESENTATIVES HEBERT, BAMBURG, CARLSON, CARVER, CHENEVERT, COATES, DOMANGUE, HENRY, AND MELERINE

#### AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:439(A)(1)(c), (E), and (F), 821(C), and 831(C), relative to revenues collected by the Department of Insurance; to dedicate certain revenues to the Louisiana Fortify Homes Program Fund; to provide with respect to the powers and duties of the commissioner of the Department of Insurance; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Insurance. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

### HOUSE BILL NO. 351—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON

#### AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:1401(G), relative to objections to candidacy; to provide for penalties for attesting to false information in a notice of candidacy; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.



Reported favorably by the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 358—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1212, relative to pharmacy technicians; to permit a pharmacy technician to work remotely in certain circumstances; to require a pharmacy to protect confidential information; to prohibit certain administrative actions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to Engrossed House Bill No. 358 by Representative Miller

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

On page 1, line 8, change "; remote access" to "; remote access"

**AMENDMENT NO. 2**

On page 2, line 2, after "system" insert "from a location other than a pharmacy"

**AMENDMENT NO. 3**

On page 2, after line 6, insert the following:

"(4) The board shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this Subsection."

On motion of Senator McMath, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 372—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUGHES

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:5025.7(introductory paragraph) and 5026(F)(introductory paragraph) and to repeal Section 6(A) and (D) of Act No. 211 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana, relative to curricula; to provide relative to Computer Science as a required high school course; to provide for alignment with the core curriculum requirements for qualifications for TOPS awards; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Education. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 401—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE DICKERSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1428(C) and to repeal R.S. 40:1428(A)(3), relative to fees assessed on direct premiums of insurers; to provide relative to fee collection by the Department of Insurance; to provide for deposits into the Insurance Fraud Investigation Dedicated Fund Account; to provide for unexpended and unencumbered funds; to repeal certain fee reductions; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Insurance. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 420—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BILLINGS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:441(B)(1) and to enact R.S. 18:107(G) and 441(B)(4) and (E), relative to political parties; to provide for recognition of a political party; to provide for party affiliation for voter registration; to prohibit recognition of certain political parties; to prohibit designation of party affiliation with certain

parties for voter registration; to require a change in party affiliation under certain circumstances; to provide for a procedure allowing a political party to request that it be dissolved; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 431—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES CHENEVERT, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAGLEY, BAMBURG, BEAULLIEU, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOYER, BUTLER, CARLSON, CARVER, COATES, COX, CREWS, DEVILLIER, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, ECHOLS, EDMONSTON, EGAN, EMERSON, FIRMONT, GADBERRY, GALLE, HENRY, HORTON, MIKE JOHNSON, JACOB LANDRY, MACK, MCFARLAND, MCMAHON, MCMAKIN, MELERINE, OWEN, RISER, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, WILDER, WRIGHT, AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Civil Code Article 2323(A), relative to comparative fault; to establish a modified comparative fault system; to provide for the recovery of damages; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Judiciary A.

**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary A to Reengrossed House Bill No. 431 by Representative Chenevert

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

On page 1, line 2, after "Civil Code Article 2323(A)" insert "and to enact Civil Code Article 2323(D)"

**AMENDMENT NO. 2**

On page 1, line 6, after "reenacted" insert "and Civil Code Article 2323(D) is hereby enacted"

**AMENDMENT NO. 3**

On page 2, delete lines 1 through 7 and insert the following:

"(2) If a person suffers injury, death, or loss partly as the result of his own negligence and partly as a result of the fault of another person or persons, then the following shall apply:

(a) If the degree or percentage of negligence attributable to the person suffering injury, death, or loss is equal to or greater than fifty-one percent, then the person suffering injury, death, or loss shall not be entitled to recover damages.

(b) If the degree or percentage of negligence attributable to the person suffering injury, death, or loss is less than fifty-one percent, then the amount of damages recoverable shall be reduced in proportion to the degree or percentage of negligence attributable to the person suffering the injury, death, or loss.

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D. In cases where the issue of comparative fault is submitted to the jury, the jury shall be instructed on the effect of this Article."

On motion of Senator Miller, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 434—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES DEWITT, CARLSON, CHENEVERT, EDMONSTON, EGAN, FIRMONT, GLORIOSO, MIKE JOHNSON, MELERINE, TURNER, AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:866(A)(1), (C), and (F), relative to the recovery for certain damages; to provide a limitation of recovery under certain circumstances; to require automobile insurance to recover certain damages; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary A. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 436—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES FIRMONT AND EDMONSTON  
AN ACT

To enact Civil Code Article 2315.12, relative to recovery of damages for unauthorized aliens; to provide a definition; to prohibit award of certain damages for unauthorized aliens in an automobile accident; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary A. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 437—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMONT  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1892(A)(7), (B)(4), and (B)(5)(introductory paragraph) and (b) and to enact R.S. 22:1892(A)(8) and 1892.3, relative to property and casualty insurance; to provide for payments of claims for property damage; to provide for payments of deductibles; to provide for insurers' payments for replacement costs of insured property; to provide for sources used to determine retail costs; to provide with respect to motor vehicle insurance; to provide for first-party insureds and third-party claimants; to provide for settlement practices relative to claims for rental vehicles; to provide for penalties; to provide for proof of loss statements with respect to insurers' payments of claims; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Insurance. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 438—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMONT  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1452(C)(introductory paragraph) and (7) and 1454(B)(3) and to enact R.S. 22:1452(C)(9.1), relative to expenses of insurers; to provide for definitions; to prohibit the use of certain expenses in setting rates; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Insurance. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 441—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE HENRY  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:821(B)(2), (3)(b), (23)(a) and (b), and (24), relative to fees collected by the commissioner of insurance; to provide for fees relative to producers, claims adjusters, public adjusters, and the financial regulation of certain entities; to increase fees; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Insurance. The bill was read by title and recommitted to the Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 450—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES MELERINE, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAGLEY, BAMBURG, BEAULLIEU, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOURRIAQUE, BOYER, BUTLER, CARLSON, CARVER, CHENEVERT, COATES, COX, CREWS, DAVIS, DESHOTEL, DEVILLIER, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, ECHOLS, EDMONSTON, EGAN, EMERSON, FIRMONT, GALLE, GLORIOSO, HEBERT, HENRY, HORTON, MIKE JOHNSON, MACK, MCFARLAND, MCMAHEN, MCMAKIN, ORGERON, OWEN, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, TARVER, TURNER, VILLIO, WILDER, WYBLE, AND ZERINGUE

AN ACT

To enact Code of Evidence Article 306.1, relative to the presumption of causation of injuries; to prohibit a presumption of causation in certain circumstances; to provide for exceptions; to provide for prospective application; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary A. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 456—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1248.3, 1248.5(D)(3), 1248.8(B) and (D), and 1248.9, relative to the Local Healthcare Provider Participation Program; to provide for multi-parish funding districts; to provide for power and duties of parishes; to provide for local hospital assessment payments; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Health and Welfare. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 524—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE SPELL  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2212.1(N)(3) and (P)(3), relative to qualified group purchasing organizations; to provide relative to fire and public safety departments agreements with group purchasing organizations; to expand the definition of "qualified group purchasing organization"; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 526—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES JACOB LANDRY, BOYER, CARRIER, DESHOTEL, DEVILLIER, DICKERSON, ECHOLS, EGAN, EMERSON, FARNUM, GADBERRY, HEBERT, HENRY, OWEN, SCHAMERHORN, VILLIO, AND WRIGHT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 43:81 and R.S. 49:1301 through 1308 and to repeal R.S. 42:19(A)(2)(c) and R.S. 43:81.1 through 90, relative to the official journal of the state; to provide that the official journal of the state shall be a website established and maintained by the commissioner of administration; to remove requirements designating a newspaper as the official journal of the state, including provisions relative to printing, contracts, and bidding; to provide for the publication of notices for a proposal to effect certain changes related to any retirement system for public employees; to apply requirements pertaining to a website containing information about certain boards and commissions to the website serving as the official journal of the state; to broaden the application of such requirements; to direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to redesignate certain provisions of law; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs.

**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to Reengrossed House Bill No. 526 by Representative Jacob Landry

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

On page 1, line 2, after "reenact" insert "R.S. 43:24(C)."

**AMENDMENT NO. 2**

On page 1, line 15, delete "R.S. 43:81 is" and "insert "R.S. 43:24(C) and R.S. 43:81 are"

**AMENDMENT NO. 3**

On page 1, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following:  
"§24. Acts; numbering; printing; publication."

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C. The secretary of state shall transmit the acts and joint resolutions of the legislature to the Official Journal of the State within the time limits established by R.S. 43:81."

**AMENDMENT NO. 4**

On page 2, line 3, between "administration" and "to be" insert the following: "for that purpose, or in the public official's discretion, in a daily newspaper with a general circulation in Louisiana which maintains a website and is selected in a competitive bid process in accordance with Louisiana law,"

**AMENDMENT NO. 5**

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

"(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, the state government and its various departments and institutions may elect to publish public notices, proclamations, and other advertisements in a printed newspaper and an associated website if, in his discretion, it will be more efficient, effective, or will better fulfill a constitutional or statutory obligation if the printed newspaper possessed a periodical permit and had a general circulation in the state of Louisiana for at least the previous two years."

**AMENDMENT NO. 6**

On page 9, below line 25, add the following:

"Section 5. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026."

On motion of Senator Kleinpeter, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 544—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:2048.51(B), (C)(9) and (14), and (G) and to repeal Part IV-C of Chapter 9 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 17:2048.61, R.S. 36:651(L)(1)(b) and (c), and Subpart C of Part III of Chapter 11 of Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 37:1007, relative to health care workforce development; to provide for the Louisiana Health Works Commission; to provide for its membership; to provide for committees of the commission; to abolish the Nursing Supply and Demand Council; to abolish the Simulation Medical Training and Education Council for Louisiana; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Health and Welfare. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 564—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACOB LANDRY

**AN ACT**

To enact R.S. 56:10(B)(20) and Part VII of Chapter 8 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 56:1938.1 and 1938.2, relative to wildlife resources and habitat; to establish a conservation incentive program account; to provide for assisting private landowners with enhancing wildlife habitats and wetlands on private property; to address impacts of invasive species; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Natural Resources. The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 589—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:205(A), 216(A)(introductory paragraph) and (B), 407.101(G), and 416.21(N)(3)(b)(ii), to enact R.S. 17:2, and to repeal R.S. 17:202, 203, 205(B)(1) and (2), 215, 217, 220(B)(5) and (C), 253, and 407.101(E)(8) and R.S. 36:651(E)(2), relative to elementary and secondary education; to provide relative to reports required for submission to the legislature by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education or state Department of Education; to provide that each law requiring such a report shall cease to be effective two years following the date of its first publication unless renewed by the legislature; to reduce the required number of annual meetings of the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission; to abolish the task force created by the

commission; to abolish the Louisiana Environmental Education Commission and transfer certain commission duties to the department; to abolish the Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Education.

**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Education to Engrossed House Bill No. 589 by Representative Owen

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

On page 3, delete line 22 in its entirety

On motion of Senator Edmonds, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 592—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:2(4), 18(D), 25(B), 104(C)(1)(introductory paragraph), 108(A) and (C), 110(B)(introductory paragraph), 111, 154(C)(2)(e), 192(A)(1) and (2), 401.2(A) and (B)(introductory paragraph), (1), (2), and (3), 402(A)(1), (D), (E)(1)(introductory paragraph), and (G)(1), 410.1 through 410.3, 410.4(B), 410.5(A), 410.6(B)(1) and (2), 410.7, 410.8, 410.9(A), 425.1, 426(A) and (B), 434(A)(introductory paragraph) and (1), 435(A)(4)(b) and (c) and (B)(1), 501(A)(1), (B)(1), and (C), 531(B), 533(A)(2) and (B)(1), 534(A) and (B)(1) and (2)(a), 551(B), (C)(1)(c)(i) and (2), and (D), 553(E)(2), 571(A)(8), 573(E)(1) and (4), 1259(B)(6) and (C), 1279, 1280.21(B), 1285(B)(1)(a), 1286.1, 1299.1, 1300(C)(1), 1300.2(C)(2)(b), 1300.7(A), 1300.11, 1306(E)(1)(f), 1307(E), 1309(D)(1)(c) and (d) and (2), (E)(1), (H), and (N)(2), (5), and (7), 1309.1(A), 1313(F), (H)(3), and (K)(1), 1313.1(F), (I)(2), and (L)(1), 1315(D)(1), 1333(D)(2) and (E), 1362.1(L), 1363(A)(3) and (4), 1405(C), 1462(F), 1501.3(C)(introductory paragraph), Section 2 of Act No. 1 of the 2024 First Extraordinary Session of the Legislature, and Section 5 of Act No. 640 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature, to enact R.S. 18:2(20) and (21), 401.1(H), Part IV of Chapter 6 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 18:1280.31, 1286(C), 1307(L), 1310(E) and (F), 1333(D)(3), 1409(K), and 1461.7(E), and to repeal R.S. 18:1280.21(C) and (D), 1280.21.1, 1371(A)(2)(c), and Section 2 of Act No. 640 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to the revision of the system of laws providing for elections; to make revisions to the Louisiana Election Code; to provide for agreements for sharing voter registration information; to provide for the annual report of the State Board of Election Supervisors; to provide for affidavits and attestations; to provide for the reinstatement of voter registration; to provide for name changes; to provide for address data in connection with the annual canvass of registered voters; to provide for the effectiveness of a change in voter registration; to provide for duties of the clerk of court; to provide for perjury for false statements made in an attestation and criminal penalties therefore; to provide for polling places during a state of emergency; to provide for consolidation of polling places; to provide for election dates and the calculation of days related thereto; to provide for commissioner qualifications and selection; to provide for alternate political party super watchers; to provide for ballot arrangement; to provide for voting in the presidential preference primary election; to provide for testing of voting machines; to provide for replacement absentee by mail ballots; to provide for tabulation and counting of absentee by mail and early voting ballots; to provide for the validity of ballots deemed challenged; to provide for address confirmation for nursing home early voting program participants; to provide for the allocation of voting machines; to provide for the requirements of the secretary of state related to an objection to candidacy; to provide for actions contesting an election on a proposed constitutional amendment; to provide for the

preparation of a question or proposition to be submitted to voters; to provide for the filling of vacancies in closed party primary offices; to provide for emergency elections; to provide for closed party primary ballot selection by an unaffiliated voter; to provide for procedural requirements as they relate to closed party primary elections; to provide for the effectiveness of Act No. 1 of the 2024 First Extraordinary Session of the Legislature and Act No. 640 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature and specific provisions thereof; to provide for definitions; to correct terminology; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs.

#### SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to Reengrossed House Bill No. 592 by Representative Beaulieu

##### AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 10, between "1280.21(B)," and "1285(B)(1)(a)," insert "1284(F)(1),"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 18, between "1280.31," and "1286(C)," insert "1284.1,"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, at the end of line 6, after "1280.21(B)," add "1284(F)(1),"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, line 12, between "1280.31," and "1286(C)," insert "1284.1,"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 17, below line 29, add the following:  
"§1284. Resolution calling election; proposition  
\* \* \*

F.(1) ~~The preparation of the proposition to be submitted to the voters at an election shall be the responsibility of the governing authority of the political subdivision ordering the election. The proposition shall include the information required by this Section in simple, unbiased, concise, and easily understood language and be in the form of a question. The proposition shall not exceed two hundred words in length and shall not include words that are struck through, underscored, or in boldface type.~~  
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§1284.1. Proposition language; clear, unbiased, and concise

The preparation of the proposition to be submitted to the voters at an election shall be the responsibility of the governing authority of the political subdivision ordering the election. The proposition shall include the information required by R.S. 18:1284 in simple, unbiased, concise, and easily understood language and be in the form of a question."

On motion of Senator Kleinpeter, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

#### Senate Resolutions on Second Reading Reported by Committees

##### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 76—

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

##### A RESOLUTION

To request the Department of Children and Family Services to provide information regarding luggage provided to children who are removed from their homes or changing foster care placement.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

#### Floor Amendments

Senator Duplessis proposed the following amendments.

#### SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Duplessis to Original Senate Resolution No. 76 by Senator Duplessis

##### AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following:

"WHEREAS, organizations such as Geaux 4 Kids partners with law enforcement and state departments to provide not only quality luggage bags for children, but each bag also includes essential clothing, toiletries, and comfort items that provide dignity and hope for both the child and foster parents as they embark upon their new journey together; and"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, between lines 19 and 20, insert the following:

"(4) The name of luggage distribution partners in the state that provide luggage to children in partnership with the department, including the region where the distribution partner is utilized and the number of bags provided in a calendar year."

On motion of Senator Duplessis, the amendments were adopted.

The resolution was read by title. On motion of Senator Duplessis, the amended Senate Resolution was adopted.

##### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 91—

BY SENATOR MIZELL

##### A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the office of motor vehicles to study the feasibility of including an individual's blood type on driver's licenses, permits, and identification cards.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

The resolution was read by title. On motion of Senator Mizell, the Senate Resolution was adopted.

#### Senate Concurrent Resolutions on Second Reading Reported by Committees

##### SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13—

BY SENATOR PRESSLY

##### A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to take action relative to the use of prior authorization processes and its impact on the citizens of Louisiana.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

The resolution was read by title. Senator Pressly moved to adopt the Senate Concurrent Resolution.

#### ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

##### YEAS

Mr. President	Foil	Morris
Abraham	Harris	Myers
Allain	Hensgens	Owen
Barrow	Hodges	Pressly
Bass	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Boudreaux	Jenkins	Reese
Bouie	Kleinpeter	Selders
Cathey	Lambert	Stine
Cloud	Luneau	Talbot

Connick	McMath	Wheat
Duplessis	Miguez	Womack
Edmonds	Miller	
Fesi	Mizell	
Total - 37		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Carter	Seabaugh
Total - 2	

The Chair declared the Senate had adopted the Senate Concurrent Resolution and ordered it sent to the House.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27—**  
BY SENATOR MCMATH

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to take action relative to the corporate practice of medicine.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

The resolution was read by title. Senator McMath moved to adopt the Senate Concurrent Resolution.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Foil	Morris
Abraham	Harris	Myers
Allain	Hensgens	Owen
Barrow	Hodges	Pressly
Bass	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Boudreaux	Jenkins	Reese
Bouie	Kleinpeter	Selders
Cathey	Lambert	Stine
Cloud	Luneau	Talbot
Connick	McMath	Wheat
Duplessis	Miguez	Womack
Edmonds	Miller	
Fesi	Mizell	
Total - 37		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Carter	Seabaugh
Total - 2	

The Chair declared the Senate had adopted the Senate Concurrent Resolution and ordered it sent to the House.

**Senate Concurrent Resolutions  
on Second Reading  
Reported by Committees, Subject to Call**

**Called from the Calendar**

Senator Cathey asked that Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20 be called from the Calendar.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 20—**  
BY SENATOR TALBOT

**A RESOLUTION**

To designate Wednesday, April 16, 2025, as AARP Louisiana's Tenth Annual Caregiver Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development.

**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development to Original Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20 by Senator McMath

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

On page 1, line 2, after "States" and before "the" change "and" to "to direct"

**AMENDMENT NO. 2**

On page 1, line 10, after "allocated" delete the remainder of the line and insert "approximately three million dollars annually to"

**AMENDMENT NO. 3**

On page 2, line 11, after "RESOLVED" and before "the" change "by" to "that"

**AMENDMENT NO. 4**

On page 2, line 12, after "States" and before "the" change "and" to "to direct"

On motion of Senator Cathey, the committee amendment was adopted.

The resolution was read by title. Senator McMath moved to adopt the amended Senate Concurrent Resolution.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Foil	Morris
Abraham	Harris	Myers
Allain	Hensgens	Owen
Barrow	Hodges	Pressly
Bass	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Boudreaux	Jenkins	Reese
Bouie	Kleinpeter	Selders
Cathey	Lambert	Stine
Cloud	Luneau	Talbot
Connick	McMath	Wheat
Duplessis	Miguez	Womack
Edmonds	Miller	
Fesi	Mizell	
Total - 37		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Carter	Seabaugh
Total - 2	

The Chair declared the Senate had adopted the amended Senate Concurrent Resolution and ordered it engrossed and sent to the House.

**Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on  
Third Reading and Final Passage**

**SENATE BILL NO. 97—**

BY SENATORS PRESSLY, BASS, CATHEY, HENRY, HODGES, JACKSON-ANDREWS, JENKINS AND MORRIS

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2(A)(2) and (3), 5.1, 6, 32(B)(3), 84(A) and (B), 111, 112, 214(C) and the introductory paragraph of R.S. 49:214.6.6(A) and (C), 220.41(D), 220.42(B)(5) and (7) and to enact R.S. 38:90.2(D), 214(D), and Chapter 11-A of Title

38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 38:2351 through 2361, and R.S. 49:214.6.3(A)(5), 214.6.6(A)(5), 220.42(B)(9) and (10), relative to flood control, risk reduction, navigation, and water resource management; to provide for the Department of Transportation and Development; to provide for the office of public works; to create the Coordinated Use of Resources for Recreation, Economy, Navigation, and Transportation Authority; to provide for purpose and intent; to provide for the development and implementation of an integrated plan for the upland area; to provide for definitions; to create the Coordinated Use of Resources for Recreation, Economy, Navigation, and Transportation Authority Board; to provide for members, powers, duties, and functions of the board; to provide for master and annual plans; to provide for public meetings and notices; to provide for legislative approval; to provide for the executive director; to provide for infrastructure programs; to provide for exclusions, exemptions, terms, and conditions; to provide for appeals; to provide for emergencies; to provide for the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority; to provide for the chief resilience officer; and to provide for related matters.

### Floor Amendments

Senator Pressly proposed the following amendments.

#### SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Pressly to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 97 by Senator Pressly

##### AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 30, after line 16, insert:

"Section 3. The provisions of this Act shall be subject to appropriation of funds by the legislature."

On motion of Senator Pressly, the amendments were adopted.

### Floor Amendments

Senator Cathey proposed the following amendments.

#### SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Cathey to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 97 by Senator Pressly

##### AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 9, at the beginning of line 13, change "fifteen" to "sixteen"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 9, line 28, after "board" delete ", no more than one,"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 10, between lines 8 and 9, insert:

"(I) The Tensas Basin Levee District, nominated by the Tensas Basin Levee District."

##### AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 10, line 10, after "than" delete the remainder of the line and insert "two levee boards."

On motion of Senator Cathey, the amendments were adopted.

The bill was read by title. Senator Pressly moved the final passage of the amended bill.

### ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

#### YEAS

Mr. President	Foil	Morris
Abraham	Harris	Myers
Allain	Hensgens	Owen
Barrow	Hodges	Pressly
Bass	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Boudreaux	Jenkins	Reese
Bouie	Kleinpeter	Selders
Cathey	Lambert	Stine
Cloud	Luneau	Talbot
Connick	McMath	Wheat
Duplessis	Miguez	Womack
Edmonds	Miller	
Fesi	Mizell	

Total - 37

#### NAYS

Total - 0

#### ABSENT

Carter

Seabaugh

Total - 2

The Chair declared the amended bill was passed, ordered reengrossed and sent to the House. Senator Pressly moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

#### SENATE BILL NO. 192— BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

##### AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:2404.2(A) and (B)(1) and 2405(A)(2) and (3), (H)(1)(a), the introductory paragraph of (J)(1), and the introductory paragraph of (J)(2) and to enact R.S. 40:1379.1.6, 2404.3, and 2405(A)(4), relative to law enforcement; to provide for the use of tactical medical professionals by law enforcement; to provide for qualifications of tactical medical professionals; to authorize tactical medical professionals to possess a firearm in certain situations; to provide for requirements for the law enforcement agency appointing a tactical medical professional; to provide for immunity for tactical medical professionals; to provide for law enforcement training requirements; to provide for the number of hours of training required; to provide for separate training requirements for reserve and auxiliary peace officers; and to provide for related matters.

### Floor Amendments

Senator Kleinpeter proposed the following amendments.

#### SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Kleinpeter to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 192 by Senator Seabaugh

##### AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "reenact" delete the remainder of the line and insert "R.S.40:2405(A)(3), (H)(1)(a), the"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 9, after "provide for" delete "law enforcement" and insert "auxiliary peace officer"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 11, after "requirements for" delete "reserve and"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 14, after "Section 1." delete the remainder of the line and insert "R.S.40:2405(A)(3), (H)(1)(a), the"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 3, after "**R.S. 37:1262**," delete "**appointed**" and insert "**who is employed or contracted by a law enforcement agency**"

#### AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 3, delete lines 11 through 22

#### AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 3, line 25, after "**officer**," change "**all persons**" to "**a person**"

#### AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 4, line 1, after "**initial**" delete the remainder of the line, delete line 2, and insert "**volunteer service with a sheriff's department**."

#### AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 4, line 8, after "**affiliated**" change "**law enforcement agency**" to "**sheriff's department**"

#### AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 4, line 10, after "**service to a**" change "**law enforcement agency**" to "**sheriff's department**"

#### AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 4, line 13, after "**certified**" change "**peace officer**," to "**deputy sheriff**."

#### AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 4, line 19, after "**certified**" change "**peace officer**," to "**deputy sheriff**."

#### AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 4, delete lines 28 and 29, and on page 5, delete lines 1 through 27

#### AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 5, at the beginning of line 28, change "**(b)**" to "**(3)**"

#### AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 5, line 29, after "**program for**" delete "**reserve and**"

On motion of Senator Kleinpeter, the amendments were adopted.

The bill was read by title. Senator Kleinpeter moved the final passage of the amended bill.

### ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

#### YEAS

Mr. President	Hensgens	Myers
Abraham	Hodges	Owen
Allain	Jackson-Andrews	Pressly
Barrow	Kleinpeter	Price
Bass	Lambert	Reese
Cathy	Luneau	Stine
Cloud	McMath	Talbot
Connick	Miguez	Wheat
Edmonds	Miller	Womack
Fesi	Mizell	
Foil	Morris	
Total - 31		

#### NAYS

Boudreaux	Duplessis	Jenkins
Bouie	Harris	Selders
Total - 6		

ABSENT

Carter

Seabaugh

Total - 2

The Chair declared the amended bill was passed, ordered reengrossed and sent to the House. Senator Kleinpeter moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

### Explanation of Vote

Senator Jackson-Andrews stated she intended to vote nay on Senate Bill No. 192, and asked that the Official Journal so state.

### Explanation of Vote

Senator Barrow stated she intended to vote nay on Senate Bill No. 192, and asked that the Official Journal so state.

### SENATE BILL NO. 244— (Substitute of Senate Bill No. 193 by Senator Hensgens)

BY SENATOR HENSGENS

#### AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:1(A), (B), and (C), 3(3), (6), (7), (9), and (18), 4(A), (B), introductory paragraph of (C), (C)(1)(a)(v) and (b), (14), (16)(b), (17)(a) and (b), introductory paragraph of (D), (D)(1), (2), (3)(a) and (b), and (5), (E), (F), (G), (H), introductory paragraph of (I), (I)(1), (3), (4), (5), (9), and (11), (K), introductory paragraph of (L)(1), introductory paragraph of (M), (M)(3), introductory paragraph of (6) and (6)(b), (N)(1), introductory paragraph of (4), (4)(a), and (5), (O)(1) and (2), (P), (Q), introductory paragraph of (R), and (T), introductory paragraph of R.S. 30:4.1(B), 4.1(B)(1) and (2), (C), (D), (E), (F)(1), (I), and (K), 4.2, 4.3, 5(A), (B), (C)(1)(a) and (b), introductory paragraph of (2), (2)(d), (4), and (6), and (D)(1) and the introductory paragraph of (2), 5.1(A)(1), (2), introductory paragraph of (3), (3)(e), (5), (6), (7), (8), and (9), (B)(1), (2), and introductory paragraph of (3), (5), (7), (9), (10), (12), and (13), 5.2(A), (B), introductory paragraph of (C), (E), (F), (G), and (H), 6, 6.1(A), (B), (C), (D)(1), and (F), 8(A)(1), (2), (3), and (4), and (B), introductory paragraph of 9(A), (B), (C), and (D), 10(A)(1), (2)(a)(i), (b)(ii)(ii), introductory paragraph of (vi), (vi)(bb), (c), (d), and (f), and (3), (B), and (C)(7), 10.1(B)(1), (3), (4), and (5), 11.1, 12(A), (B)(1), (2), (3), (4), introductory paragraph of (5), and (5)(f), and (C), 13, 14, 15, 18(A)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6)(a)(i) and (ii), (b), (c)(i)(ff), (ii), (iii), (d), and (e), and (B), 20(A) and (D), 21(A) and (B)(1), (a), (b), (c), the introductory paragraph of (d) and (e), and (2)(a) and (b), the introductory paragraph of 22(B) and (C), (D), and (E), introductory paragraph of 23(B), (C), and (D), 23.1(A), 25(A)(2), (3), (5), (6), and (7), (D), (E), and (F), 26(A), 27(A), (D), and (F), 28(A), (C), introductory paragraph of (D), (D)(2), (3), (5), (6), and (7), (F), (G), (H), introductory paragraph of (I)(1)(a), (d), and (g), and (J), 29(A) and (B)(1), 41, 42, 44, 45, 48, introductory paragraph of 61, 73(1), 74(A) and (B), 79(A), (B), and (C), 82(1), (6), (7), (11), and (14), 83(A)(5) and (7), 83.1(B)(3), 85(A)(1), (2), and (3) and (C), 86(A)(2), (D)(8), (9), and (10), (E)(2) as enacted by Section 1 of Act 16 of the 2024 Third Extraordinary Session of the Legislature of Louisiana, (6), and (7), (F), (G), and (H), 88(B), (C), (D), (E), (F), (I), and introductory paragraph of (J), 88.1(A)(3) and (4), (C), (D), (E), (G), and (H), 88.2(C), introductory paragraph of (E), (E)(1), and (F), 89(A), (B), introductory paragraph of (C), (C)(2) and (3), and (D), 90(C), introductory paragraph of (D), (D)(1) and (4), and (E)(4), introductory paragraph of R.S. 30:91(A), 91(A)(1), (B)(1), (2)(a) and (c), (3), and (4), and (D), 92(A) and (C), introductory paragraph of R.S. 30:93(A), 94(A), introductory paragraph of (B)(1), (2)(b), and (3), and (C), 95(B), (C), and (D), 101.2(A), 101.3(2), 101.4, 101.5(A)(2), introductory paragraph of 101.6(A) and (B), 101.7(A), 101.8, introductory paragraph of 101.9(D)(1) and (2), 101.10(A) and introductory paragraph of (B), 121(A), (C), and (D), 101.13(A) and (B)(2), and (C)(4), 101.14(A) and (B), introductory paragraph of R.S.

30:103.1(A), 125, 127.1(C)(10) and (11), and (D), 129(B)(1)(a), 135, 136.3(B)(1), (C) and (D), 143(D)(2) and (3), 148.8, 148.9(A)(1) and (2), 153, 172, 209(4)(e), 209.1(A) and (B)(1), 413(A) and (B), 414(A), 502(D), 503(1), (2), (4), (6), and (8), 504, the introductory paragraph of 521(A) and 521(C), 524, 525, introductory paragraph of R.S. 30:541 and 541(2), 544(A) and (B), introductory paragraph of 546(A), (A)(5), (B), and (C), introductory paragraph of R.S. 30:548, 551, 557(A), (B), (C), (D), (E)(1), (F), and (G), 558(A), (B), (D), (F), (G), and (H), 559(A) and (C), 560(B), (C), and (D), 561(A), (B), and (C), 571, introductory paragraph of 572(1), (1)(f), (h), and (i), 603(A), (B), (C), (D), (E), and (G), 604, 681.1(5), (8), and (9), 681.2(2) and (3), 702(1), (2)(b), and (5), 703, 704(B), (C), (D), and (E), 705(A) and (B), 706, 707, 722, 723(A), (F), and (H), 731(1), 732, 802, 904(2), (4), (7), (9), (12), (20), 905(A), introductory paragraph of (B), (B)(2), (8), and (9), and (C), 905.1(A) and (B)(2), introductory paragraph of 905.3(A)(1), (B), (C), (E)(1), and (F), 906.1, 907(A) and introductory paragraph of (B), (B)(9), (11), (12), (13)(b), (15), (17), and (18), (C)(1), (D), (F), and (G), 908(A)(12) and (B), 915(B)(7), (9), (10)(f), (12), introductory paragraph of (15), (15)(e), (20), (22)(e), (25), introductory paragraph of (C)(2), (2)(d), introductory paragraph of (3), and (4), (D)(3) and (4), (E)(1), (4), and (5), 917(A)(1), introductory paragraph of (2), (2)(d), (3), (B), (D), (E), (F), and (G), 921, 1102(B), 1103(10), (14), and (15), introductory paragraph of 1104(A), 1104(A)(3), (9), (10), (B), introductory paragraph of (C), (D), (E), and (F), 1108(A)(1), (B), and (D), introductory paragraph of 1109(A)(1), 1109(C), (D), (E), (F), and (G), 1110(A), (B)(1), introductory paragraph of (C), introductory paragraph of (C)(1), (1)(b), (f), (g), and (h), (2), and (3), introductory paragraph of (G), (H), and (I), 2200, 2455, introductory paragraph of R.S. 30:2456(A), R.S. 31:115(C)(1)(b), R.S. 36:351, 352, 353, 354(A)(7), (10), (13), and (15), (B)(1)(b), (2), (4), (6), (8), (10), and (12), 355, 356, 357, 358, the introductory paragraphs of 359(A) and (B), (B)(1) and (2), and (C), R.S. 38:3072(A), the introductory paragraph of 3076(A), 3076(A)(24) and (C), 3087.132(A), 3087.136(4), 3087.138, 3092(2) and (4), 3093, 3094(A)(1) through (4), the introductory paragraph of 3094(B), (B)(7), the introductory paragraph of 3094(C), and (C)(1), 3097.1(C), 3097.2(1), (4), (7), and (9), 3097.3(A) and (B), the introductory paragraphs of 3097.3(C) and (C)(4)(a), (C)(4)(a)(v) and (b), and (8), (D), (E), (F)(1), the introductory paragraphs of (2), (d), and (f), and (G), 3097.6(A), the introductory paragraphs of 3097.6(B) and (B)(3), 3097.7(B) and (D)(2), 3097.8(A) and (C), the introductory paragraph of (A), 3098(B) and (E), and 3098.1(4), R.S. 44:4.1(B)(19), R.S. 45:252, R.S. 49:214.29(B), R.S. 56:432.1(C)(2), 700.13(B), and 700.14(B), to enact R.S. 30:3(21) and (22), 4(C)(21), (D)(6), 21.1, 86(I) and (J), 93(C), Part VIII of Chapter 1 of Subtitle I of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprise of 98.1 through 98.11, 124.1, 136.3(B)(6), 209(6), 2454(33), R.S. 36:351.1, 354(B)(13) and (14), 354.1, 356.1(B)(6) and (7) and (D), 359(D), R.S. 38:3098(G), R.S. 39:1367(E)(2)(b)(xi), and R.S. 45:251(4) and to repeal R.S. 17:200 through 220, R.S. 30:4(N), 85(D)(11), 86(F), 2458, and 2470 through 2474, and R.S. 38:3097.4, 3097.7, and 3098.6(A)(1), relative to the Department of Energy and Natural Resources; and to provide for related matters.

### **Floor Amendments**

Senator Miller sent up floor amendments.

#### **SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by Senator Miller on behalf of the Legislative Bureau to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 244 by Senator Hensgens

##### AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, after "(17)" and before "(b)," delete "(a) and"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 9, delete "30:4.1(B), 4.1(B)(1)" and insert "30:4.1(B)(1)"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 13, delete "(F),"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 9, following "85(A)" delete "(1), (2), and"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, line 27, following "of" change "(A)" to "3098(A)"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 4, line 10, after "(17)" and before "(b)," delete "(a) and"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 5, line 20, after "557(A), (B), (C), (D)," and before "(E)(1)" insert "introductory paragraph of (E),"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 6, line 28, change "**Department**" to "**department**"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 11, line 10, following "(17)(a)" delete "To regulate the construction design and operation of pipelines" and insert "\*\*\*"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 11, delete lines 11 through 14

##### AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 22, line 19, delete "\*\*\*"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 80, delete lines 4 through 7 and insert "\*\*\*"

On motion of Senator Miller, the amendments were adopted.

### **Floor Amendments**

Senator Hensgens proposed the following amendments.

#### **SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by Senator Hensgens to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 244 by Senator Hensgens

##### AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 7, after "(6)(b)," delete "(N)(1),"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, at the beginning of line 12, delete "(F),"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 21, delete "121(A), (C), and (D),"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 22, after "R.S. 30:103.1(A)," insert "121(A), (C), and (D),"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, line 26, after "(B)(3)," delete "3097.7(B) and (D)(2),"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 5, line 2, change "85(A)(1), (2), and (3)" to "85(A)(3),"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 5, line 4, after "and (7)," delete "(F),"

On motion of Senator Hensgens, the amendments were adopted.

### **Floor Amendments**

Senator Hensgens proposed the following amendments.

#### **SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS**



Amendments proposed by Senator Hensgens to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 244 by Senator Hensgens

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 3, line 19, after "(C)," delete the remainder of the line

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, line 20, after "of" delete "3076(A)" insert "R.S. 38:3076(A)"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, line 20, after "(C)," delete "3087.132(A),"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 4, line 3, after "354.1," and before "356.1(B)(6)" insert "and"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 4, at the beginning of line 4, after "(D)," delete "359(D),"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 4, line 7, after "Resources;" insert: "to rename the Department of Energy and Natural Resources as the Department of Conservation and Energy; to provide for the structure and organization of the department; to provide for definitions; to provide for bonding authority; to provide for the creation of offices; to provide for the secretary; to provide for the deputy secretary; to provide for the undersecretary; to provide for directors; to provide for the authority to promulgate rules and regulations; to provide for expedited permits; to provide for the Natural Resources Financial Security Fund; to provide for enforcement; to provide for the Natural Resources Commission; to provide for the Louisiana Natural Resources Trust Authority; to provide for water resource management; to provide for net state supported debt; to provide for orphan oil wells; to provide for the State Mineral and Energy Board; to provide for the transfer of entities; to provide for the Oyster Lease Acquisition and Compensation Program; to provide for conditions, terms, and conditions;"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 94, delete lines 18 and 19 and insert: "**Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, in carrying out the provisions of this Part, the Department of Conservation and Energy is exclusively empowered to do the following:**"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 95, line 8, after "A," and before "The" delete "(1)"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 95, delete lines 10 through 15

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 95, at the beginning of line 19, delete "**The department shall have**" and insert: "**Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the department shall have the exclusive**"

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 98, delete lines 10 and 11

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 98, line 12, after "Subsection" change "A" to "B"

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 98, delete lines 18 through 25

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 98, at beginning of line 26, delete "**E. The department shall have**" and insert:

**"D. The department shall have the exclusive"**

AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 99, at the beginning of line 2, change "F" to "E"

AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 99, line 20, after "have" and before "authority" insert "**the exclusive**"

AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 99, at the beginning of line 27, change "G" to "F"

AMENDMENT NO. 18

On page 99, line 27, after "the" and before "authority" insert "**exclusive**"

AMENDMENT NO. 19

On page 100, at the beginning of line 1, delete "**H. The department shall**" and insert:

**"G. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the department shall have the exclusive authority to"**

AMENDMENT NO. 20

On page 100, delete line 21 and insert:

**"A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the department shall have the exclusive authority to:"**

AMENDMENT NO. 21

On page 100, at the beginning of line 22, change "A," to "(1)"

AMENDMENT NO. 22

On page 100, at the beginning of line 24, change "B," to "(2)"

AMENDMENT NO. 23

On page 100, at the beginning of line 26, delete "**C. Collaborate**" and insert "**B. The department shall authority to collaborate**"

AMENDMENT NO. 24

On page 196, delete lines 15 through 20

AMENDMENT NO. 25

On page 196, line 21, after "Section 4." delete "R.S. 38:3072(A), the introductory paragraph of 3076(A)" and insert "The introductory paragraph of R.S. 38:3076(A)"

AMENDMENT NO. 26

On page 196, line 22, after "(C)," delete "3087.132(A),"

AMENDMENT NO. 27

On page 197, delete lines 1 through 6

AMENDMENT NO. 28

On page 198, delete lines 1 through 4

AMENDMENT NO. 29

On page 213, delete lines 28 and 29, delete page 214, and on page 215, delete lines 1 through 5

On motion of Senator Hensgens, the amendments were adopted.

The bill was read by title. Senator Hensgens moved the final passage of the amended bill.

## ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

### YEAS

Mr. President	Foil	Mizell
Abraham	Harris	Morris
Allain	Hensgens	Myers
Barrow	Jackson-Andrews	Owen
Boudreaux	Jenkins	Pressly
Bouie	Lambert	Price
Cathey	Luneau	Selders
Connick	McMath	Talbot
Duplessis	Miguez	
Edmonds	Miller	

Total - 28

**NAYS**

Bass	Kleinpeter	Wheat
Cloud	Reese	Womack
Fesi	Stine	

Total - 8

**ABSENT**

Carter	Hodges	Seabaugh
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Total - 3

The Chair declared the amended bill was passed, ordered reengrossed and sent to the House. Senator Hensgens moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

**Rules Suspended**

Senator Bouie asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to revert to the Morning Hour.

**Introduction of Senate Resolutions****SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 123—**

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

**A RESOLUTION**

To urge and request law enforcement agencies in Louisiana to use restorative approaches in their efforts to keep the communities they serve safe and healthy.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 124—**

BY SENATOR MCMATH

**A RESOLUTION**

To express Louisiana's support for farmers, specifically farmers growing specialty crops, in light of ongoing market fluctuations, staffing changes, and funding cuts to state and local departments at the federal level.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**Introduction of  
Senate Concurrent Resolutions****SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 41—**

BY SENATOR EDMONDS

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To commend Somebody'sPraying.com and to proclaim July 2025, as a month of prayer and fasting, depriving ourselves in order to awaken our hunger for and need of God, humbling ourselves before Him, asking His forgiveness, and seeking His blessings, grace, and mercy so that we, our communities, our state, and our nation will be transformed.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42—**

BY SENATOR BARROW

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of former state legislator and mayor-president of East Baton Rouge Parish Melvin Lee "Kip" Holden and to posthumously commend him for a lifetime of significant achievements.

The resolution was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**Message from the House****ASKING CONCURRENCE IN  
HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS**

May 19, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has finally passed and asks your concurrence in the following House Bills and Joint Resolutions:

HB No. 520	HB No. 648	HB No. 653
HB No. 295	HB No. 343	HB No. 423
HB No. 454	HB No. 683	

Respectfully submitted,  
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT  
Clerk of the House of Representatives

**House Bills and Joint Resolutions  
on First Reading****HOUSE BILL NO. 295—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE TARVER

**A JOINT RESOLUTION**

Proposing to amend Article VII, Sections 10(C) and (E) and 11(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to state finances; to provide for calculation of a limit above which certain funds may only be appropriated for certain purposes; to provide for exceptions; to authorize the legislature to change the limit in certain circumstances; to provide for the establishment of an initial limit; to provide relative to the duties of the governor with respect to state finances; to provide with respect to the powers and duties of the Revenue Estimating Conference; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 343—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS

**AN ACT**

To enact R.S. 20:1(C)(9), relative to the homestead exemption from seizure; to add an exception to the exemption from seizure for certain unpaid or accelerated costs subject to the Louisiana Condominium Act; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 423—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:22 and 1743.1(A) and R.S. 51:413(B), relative to healthcare professionals; to require healthcare professionals to display evidence of proper licensure in person or in advertisements; to provide for sanctions for misrepresentation of licensure by a healthcare professional; to provide for enforceability; to make technical corrections; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 454—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLER

**AN ACT**

To enact Part V of Chapter 8 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 46:977.41 through 977.43, relative to Medicaid insurance coverage for doula services; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to require Medicaid coverage for maternity services provided by doulas; to provide for enrollment qualifications; to assign certain duties to the Louisiana Department of Health; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 520—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES ILLG AND STAGNI

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:337.9(D)(36) and 463.8(B)(1) and to enact R.S. 47:305.21, relative to taxes and fees; to provide for sales tax exemptions; to establish a state and local sales and use tax exemption for certain antique motor vehicles; to provide with respect to fees for certain antique motor vehicle license plates; to provide for definitions; to provide for requirements and limitations; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 648—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1254(A) and 1280.22(A) and to enact R.S. 18:454 and 464(B)(5), relative to candidate qualifying fees for an election; to provide for the imposition of a candidate qualifying fee for certain candidates; to provide for the dedication of certain revenues from the collection of a candidate qualifying fee; to establish the Campaign Sign Recycling Fund as a special fund in the state treasury; to provide for the transfer, deposit, and use of monies in the Campaign Sign Recycling Fund; to provide for the powers and duties of the state treasurer; to provide for the powers and duties of the secretary of state; to provide for a prior Act of the Legislature of Louisiana; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Senator Kleinpeter asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to read House Bill No. 648 a first and second time.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 653—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES DAVIS AND MANDIE LANDRY

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:6023(B)(1), (3), (5), and (9), (C)(1)(introductory paragraph), (c), and (d), (3)(a), and (4)(a)(iii), (D)(1)(introductory paragraph), (2)(a)(introductory paragraph) and (b) through (e), (3), and (4), (E)(1), (F), and (I), relative to tax credits; to provide with respect to the sound recording investor tax credit; to provide for definitions; to provide for administration of the tax credit program by the office of cultural development; to provide for credit amounts; to provide for requirements and limitations; to extend the period in which investors may apply for the tax credit; to authorize promulgation of emergency rules; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 683— (Substitute for House Bill No. 599 by Representative Emerson)**

BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:94(A) and (B), 97(B), 100.112, and 100.116(A)(introductory paragraph) and (B), to enact R.S. 39:94(D), and to repeal R.S. 39:94(C)(5), 100.112, and 100.116(A)(12), (C), and (D) relative to finances of the state; to provide with respect to the disposition of certain state revenues; to provide for the transfer, deposit, and use, as specified, of monies in certain treasury funds and accounts; to repeal certain treasury funds and accounts; to repeal certain dedications of revenue; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and placed on the Calendar for a second reading.

**Rules Suspended**

Senator Cloud asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to recall Senate Bill No. 130 from the Committee on Finance and discharge said committee.

**SENATE BILL NO. 130—**

BY SENATOR CLOUD

**AN ACT**

To enact Subpart F of Part VI-A of Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 46:440.17, relative to Medicaid; to provide for Medicaid program integrity measures; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

On motion of Senator Cloud, the bill was read by title and passed to a third reading.

**Rules Suspended**

Senator Duplessis asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to recall Senate Bill No. 207 from the Committee on Finance and discharge said committee.

**SENATE BILL NO. 207—**

BY SENATORS CARTER, EDMONDS, JACKSON-ANDREWS, MIGUEZ AND MIZELL

**AN ACT**

To enact R.S. 17:183.4 and 3996(B)(4), relative to public high schools; to require that certain public school students have access to vocational and technical education courses; to provide for agreements; and to provide for related matters.

On motion of Senator Duplessis, the bill was read by title and passed to a third reading.

**Privileged Report of the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs****ENROLLMENTS**

Senator Kleinpeter, Chairman on behalf of the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs, submitted the following report:

May 16, 2025

To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to submit the following report:

The following Senate Resolutions have been properly enrolled:

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 99—**  
BY SENATOR MCMATH

A RESOLUTION  
To designate May 22, 2025, as Celiac Disease Awareness Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 100—**  
BY SENATOR FOIL

A RESOLUTION  
To designate Monday, May 19, 2025, as Woman's Hospital Day in Louisiana.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 101—**  
BY SENATOR FOIL

A RESOLUTION  
To recognize Monday, June 2, 2025, as "The Arc Appreciation Day" in Louisiana.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 105—**  
BY SENATORS MYERS AND ALLAIN

A RESOLUTION  
To designate the month of May as ALS Awareness Month in Louisiana.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 107—**  
BY SENATOR MCMATH

A RESOLUTION  
To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Sergeant Grant Candies.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 108—**  
BY SENATORS JACKSON-ANDREWS AND BARROW

A RESOLUTION  
To designate Monday, May 12, 2025, as a Day Without Child Care at the Louisiana State Capitol.

Respectfully submitted,  
CALEB SETH KLEINPETER  
Chairman

The foregoing Senate Concurrent Resolutions were signed by the President of the Senate.

**Message to the Secretary of State**

**SIGNED  
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

May 16, 2025

To the Honorable Secretary of State:

The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives have signed the following Senate Concurrent Resolution:

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30—**  
BY SENATOR FOIL

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION  
To designate May 17-24, 2025, as Safe Boating Week in Louisiana.

Respectfully submitted,  
YOLANDA J. DIXON  
Secretary of the Senate

**Privileged Report of the Committee on  
Senate and Governmental Affairs**

**ENROLLMENTS**

Senator Kleinpeter, Chairman on behalf of the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs, submitted the following report:

May 19, 2025

To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to submit the following report:

The following Senate Concurrent Resolutions have been properly enrolled:

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 33—**

BY SENATORS MCMATH, ABRAHAM, ALLAIN, BASS, BOUDREAUX, BOUIE, CARTER, CATHEY, CONNICK, EDMONDS, FESI, FOIL, HENRY, HENSGENS, JACKSON-ANDREWS, LAMBERT, LUNEAU, MIGUEZ, MIZELL, MORRIS, MYERS, OWEN, PRESSLY, PRICE, REESE, SELTERS, STINE, TALBOT AND WHEAT AND REPRESENTATIVE WRIGHT

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To recognize the service of Covington Fire Chief Gary Blocker Jr. and to express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana to his family upon the occasion of his passing.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34—**

BY SENATORS STINE, ABRAHAM, ALLAIN, BOUDREAUX, CLOUD, FESI, FOIL, HENRY, HENSGENS, KLEINPETER, LAMBERT, LUNEAU, MCMATH, MIGUEZ, MILLER, MYERS, PRICE, REESE AND WHEAT

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To commend and recognize Peggy Feehan, Executive Director of CODOFIL, on being awarded the Order of Academic Palms by the French Republic.

Respectfully submitted,  
CALEB SETH KLEINPETER  
Chairman

The foregoing Senate Concurrent Resolutions were signed by the President of the Senate.

**Message from the House**

**SIGNED HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

May 15, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has signed the following House Concurrent Resolutions:

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 46—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To designate Monday, May 19, 2025, as CODOFIL Day at the state capitol.

and asked that the President of the Senate affix his signature to the same.

Respectfully submitted,  
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT  
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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

**ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

Mr. President	Foil	Morris
Abraham	Harris	Myers
Allain	Hensgens	Owen
Barrow	Hodges	Pressly
Bass	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Boudreaux	Jenkins	Reese
Bouie	Kleinpeter	Selders
Cathey	Lambert	Stine

Cloud  
Connick  
Duplessis  
Edmonds  
Fesi  
Total - 37

Luneau  
McMath  
Miguez  
Miller  
Mizell

Talbot  
Wheat  
Womack

ABSENT

Carter  
Total - 2

Seabaugh

### **Leaves of Absence**

The following leaves of absence were asked for and granted:

Carter	1 Day	Seabaugh	1 Day
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### **Announcements**

The following committee meetings for May 20, 2025, were announced:

Agriculture	10:00 A.M.	Room C
Judiciary A	9:00 A.M.	Hainkel Room
Judiciary B	10:00 A.M.	Room E
Judiciary C	9:30 A.M.	Room F

### **Adjournment**

On motion of Senator Talbot, at 6:27 o'clock P.M. the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 2:00 o'clock P.M.

The President of the Senate declared the Senate adjourned.

YOLANDA J. DIXON  
Secretary of the Senate

FRANCINE K. OGNIBENE  
Journal Clerk