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Senate Chamber
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

The Senate was called to order at 4:29 o'clock P.M. by Hon. J. Cameron Henry, Jr., President of the Senate.

Morning Hour

CONVENING ROLL CALL

YEAS

Mr. President	Foil	Myers
Abraham	Hensgens	Pressly
Allain	Jenkins	Reese
Bass	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Boudreaux	Lambert	Stine
Bouie	Luneau	Talbot
Carter	McMath	Wheat
Connick	Miller	Womack
Duplessis	Mizell	
Edmonds	Morris	
Total - 28		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow	Harris	Owen
Cathey	Hodges	Price
Cloud	Jackson-Andrews	Selders
Fesi	Miguez	
Total - 11		

The President of the Senate announced there were 28 Senators present and a quorum.

Prayer

The prayer was offered by Dr. Chris Thacker, 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 Luneau, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal of June 3, 2025, was adopted.

**Privileged Report of the
Legislative Bureau**

June 4, 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. 5—

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:46.3(A)(1) and (D)(2), 82.2(C)(1), (4), and (5), 83(B)(1)(b), (2), and (3), 83.1(B)(2) and (3), 83.2(B)(2) and (3), 84(B)(2) and (3), 85(B)(2) and (3), 86(B)(1)(b) and (c), 89.2(B)(3), 104(B)(2) and (3), 105(B)(2) and (3), and 282(B)(2) and (3), R.S. 15:539.1(A), 539.2(A), 541(24)(a), R.S. 46:1844(W)(2)(a), and Code of Criminal Procedure Article 571.1, to enact R.S. 14:46.3(A)(7) and 83(C), and to repeal R.S. 14:82.1 and R.S. 15:541(25)(g) and 1352(A)(47), relative to offenses concerning prostitution; to provide for certain prostitution offenses; to provide for penalties; to provide for a definition; to provide with respect to sex offender registration and notification requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 6—

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:71.5, relative to misappropriation without violence; to create the crime of misappropriation of funds in connection with the payment of utility services; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; to provide for a statement of legislative intent; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 63—

BY REPRESENTATIVES GREEN AND HUGHES
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article V, Section 23(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the mandatory retirement of judges; to provide that a judge shall not remain in office beyond his seventy-fifth birthday; to provide for applicability; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 64—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MIKE JOHNSON, BACALA, BAYHAM,
BUTLER, CARRIER, CHENEVERT, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON,
EMERSON, FIRMINT, HORTON, JACOB LANDRY, SCHAMERHORN,
SCHLEGEL, THOMPSON, VILLIO, AND WILDER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:265 and R.S. 49:21, relative to the legal representation of the sovereign interests of the state by the attorney general; to provide for the representation of the state, state agencies, state departments, state institutions, state boards, state officials and employees, state agents, and local political subdivisions in matters implicating state interests against intrusion by the federal government; to provide for notice of claims by the federal government against state and local government entities; to provide for submission and approval of proposed consent judgments by the attorney general and the governor; to provide for application to certain pending legal proceedings; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 120—

BY REPRESENTATIVES WILEY, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BACALA,
BAYHAM, BILLINGS, BUTLER, CHASSION, DEVILLIER, EGAN,
FIRMINT, HORTON, KERNER, MOORE, NEWELL, OWEN, SPELL,
STAGNI, THOMPSON, VILLIO, WALTERS, AND WYBLE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 29:26.1(A)(1), (B)(6), (C)(1) and (2)(a), and (F), 38.1(A), 38.2(A)(1) and (C), 402(A) and (B), and 403(11) and (13), relative to the military forces of this state; to provide for definitions; to provide relative to death and disability benefits; to provide relative to prohibition of academic penalties; to provide for employment and other servicemembers protections; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

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.

Reported without amendments.

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(I) 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.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 286—BY REPRESENTATIVE HENRY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:2025(D)(1), relative to the assessment of civil penalties for the expedited enforcement program; to increase the amount of assessed fines to which the expedited enforcement provisions apply; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 303—BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:261, relative to the apprehension of fugitive offenders; to create the Fugitive Apprehension Unit; to provide for the activities of the fugitive apprehension unit; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

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.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 393—BY REPRESENTATIVE BAMBURG
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1379.3(N)(9), relative to the concealed carrying of handguns; to provide for an exception to the prohibited locations where a concealed handgun cannot be carried; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 407—BY REPRESENTATIVE VENTRELLA
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1379.3(A)(1), (B)(1), (C)(introductory paragraph), (6), (10), and (13), and (V)(1) and to repeal R.S. 40:1379.3(C)(3) and (V)(6), relative to concealed handgun permits; to provide relative to persons authorized to obtain concealed handgun permits in Louisiana; to provide relative to lifetime concealed handgun permits; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 409—BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFLEUR
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:713(A) and (B)(2)(e) and (l) and (3)(d) and to repeal R.S. 13:713(B)(2)(m) and (3)(c), relative to court commissioners of the 19th Judicial District Court; to provide for the powers and duties of the commissioners; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

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.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 457—BY REPRESENTATIVES MARCELLE AND MANDIE LANDRY
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 15:865(D) and (E), relative to solitary confinement; to provide for access to certain materials during periods of solitary confinement; to provide for a definition; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 481—BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 26:81.1 and 281.1, relative to limitations of the issuance of certain alcohol beverage permits; to prohibit the issuance of alcoholic beverage permits in certain areas; to provide for a temporary moratorium; to provide for an effective date; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 540—BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 27:412(B)(1) and (2), 413(A) and (B), 414(introductory paragraph), 416(A), (C)(2)(a) through (c) and (3)(b), 437(C)(introductory paragraph), (3), and (4), and 439(Section heading) and to enact R.S. 27:415(C) through (G), 437(C)(5), and 439(C) and (D), relative to video draw poker machines; to change the number of video draw poker machines permissible in certain businesses; to provide for criteria to qualify for additional video draw poker machines; to provide definitions; to provide for areas in which video draw poker machines shall be prohibited; to establish the Video Draw Poker Device Purse Supplement Subfund and provide for deposit and use of monies in the subfund; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 547—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 4:149(A) and R.S. 27:44(22), 205(30), 602(introductory paragraph), (19), and (22), and 625(G)(4) and to enact R.S. 4:200 and R.S. 27:86(E), 249.1(E), 603(A)(2)(a)(xvii), 608(B)(3), and 612, relative to pari-mutuel wagering; to authorize fixed odds wagering on horse racing; to provide for definitions; to create the Fixed Odds Horse Wagering Purse Supplement Fund; to provide a percentage of proceeds to credited to the Fixed Odds Horse Wagering Purse Supplement Fund; to provide for the allocation of monies from the fund; to provide for the limitation on certain types of wagers; to provide for the duties of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board; to provide for rulemaking; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 581—

BY REPRESENTATIVES ILLG, BRAUD, CARRIER, COATES, DEWITT, DOMANGUE, KERNER, AND VENTRELLA

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 30:2543, relative to the release of balloons outdoors; to prohibit the intentional release of inflated balloons outdoors; to provide for a fine for releasing inflated balloons; to provide for the fines to be directed into the litter abatement account within the Conservation Fund; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

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.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 639—

BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 27:625(B) and (G)(8) and to enact R.S. 17:1792 and R.S. 27:625(G)(9) and (10), relative to online sports wagering tax revenue and student athletes; to provide for the tax rate on online sports wagering; to allocate online sports wagering tax revenue; to create a fund for the benefit of university athletic departments; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 679— (Substitute for House Bill No. 630 by Representative Bayham)

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 32:413(F), relative to the fee for updating a driver's license to be compliant with REAL ID standards; to prohibit a duplicate fee from being applied to applicants updating or renewing a driver's license solely for the REAL ID credential; to only require payment of a handling fee for purposes of updating a driver's license to be REAL ID compliant; 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.

Message from the House

PASSED SENATE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

June 4, 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 the following Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions:

SENATE BILL NO. 234—

BY SENATOR EDMONDS AND REPRESENTATIVE CHENEVERT

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:58.2(J) and 68.1 through 68.6, and to repeal R.S. 17:58.2(I) and 67 through 67.4, relative to school systems in East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide for the establishment and geographic boundaries of the school system; to provide for the school board, an interim school board, and an interim school superintendent; to provide for board membership, apportionment, qualifications, method of selection, terms of office, filling of vacancies, compensation, expenses, powers, duties, and responsibilities; to provide relative to facilities and property; to provide relative to the collection and remittance of certain taxes; to provide relative to the provision of certain student services; to provide relative to certain applications for funding; to provide for the reapportionment of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board; to provide with respect to certain costs related to retired employees; to provide for effectiveness and for implementation; to repeal provisions of law with respect to the Southeast Baton Rouge Community School District which did not take effect due to the failure to enact an authorizing constitutional amendment; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 42—

BY SENATORS SELTERS, BARROW, DUPLESSIS, FOIL, TALBOT AND WHEAT

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1077.4 and R.S. 46:447.4, relative to perinatal behavioral health treatment; to require commercial insurance and Medicaid coverage for voluntary inpatient treatment following a perinatal psychiatric diagnosis; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 187—

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

AN ACT

To enact Subpart B-50 of Part IV of Chapter 1 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 33:130.883 through 130.889, relative to economic development districts in St. Martin Parish; to create the St. Martin Parish Economic and Industrial Development District as a political subdivision of the state; to provide for the district boundaries, purpose, and governance; to provide relative to the authority, powers, duties and functions of the board of commissioners; to provide relative to the economic plans and projects; to provide relative to powers of the district, including the power of taxation with voter approval; to provide relative to the authorization of the district to issue and sell bonds and other debt obligations; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 71—

BY SENATORS FOIL, CLOUD, EDMONDS, MIGUEZ, SELTERS, STINE AND WOMACK

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:4001 and R.S. 24:514(I), relative to the Louisiana Charter School Start-Up Loan Fund; to expand the authorized uses and purposes of the fund; to rename the fund; to provide for the administration, investment, and disposition of monies in the fund; to establish eligibility criteria; to authorize the division of administration to enter into contracts and agreements; to authorize the reimbursement of administrative expenses; to provide for requirements and limitations; to require certain loan agreements; to provide for the terms of loan agreements; to provide for the transfer of assets in certain circumstances; to provide for audit requirements; to require eligible charter schools to submit a supplemental reporting schedule; to provide for definitions; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 55—

BY SENATOR MILLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:2122, 2127, 2151, 2153(A), the introductory paragraph of (B)(1), (C)(1)(a) and (4), and (D), 2154(A) and (C) through (F), 2155, 2156, 2158, 2158.1, 2160, 2162, 2163, 2201 through 2204, the heading of 2208 and (A), (D), and (E), 2209, 2211, the heading of Part V of Chapter 5 of Subtitle III of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, 2242, 2243(A) and (B), 2244, the heading and introductory paragraph of 2245, the heading of Subpart B of Part V of Chapter 5 of Subtitle III of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, 2246, 2247, the heading of Part VI of Chapter 5 of Subtitle III of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended and reenacted by Section 1 of Act 774 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana, R.S. 47:2127.1, 2140, 2151.1, 2160.1, 2164, 2207.1, 2241.1, 2266.1(A), (D), and (E), 2267, and 2268 as enacted by Section 1 of Act 774 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana, and the heading of Part III of Chapter 5 of Subtitle III of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, R.S. 47:2145(E), the heading of Part IV of Chapter 5 of Subtitle III of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, 2205, and the heading of 2207 and (A), the introductory paragraph of (B), the introductory paragraph of (C), and (E), to enact R.S. 47:2127(E) and 2208(F) of Section 1 of Act 774 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana, and to repeal R.S. 47:2153.1 as enacted by Section 1 of Act 774 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana, relative to the assessment, payment, and allocation of ad valorem taxes; to provide for definitions; to provide for interest, penalties, liens, and privileges; to provide relative to tax lien auctions; to provide for tax lien certificates and processes related thereto; to provide relative to tax liens held by a political subdivision; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 61—

BY SENATOR LUNEAU

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1508, 1509, and 1510, relative to the use of credit information in underwriting or rating of certain personal insurance policies; to require an insurer to provide a consumer with the credit information obtained by the insurer; to provide for adverse action notification; to require review of an insurer's scoring system; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 221—

BY SENATORS MIZELL, ABRAHAM, BARROW, BOUDREAUX, CARTER, CLOUD, HENRY, HENSGENS, JACKSON-ANDREWS, LUNEAU, PRICE AND STINE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:3555(A)(11) and (14)(a) and 3561(A) and to enact R.S. 37:3553(D), 3558(E), 3565(C), and 3569, relative to massage therapy; to provide relative to powers and duties of the board; to provide relative to licensure and renewals; to provide for criminal background checks; to provide for inspections and complaints; to provide for penalties; to provide for applicability; to provide for accountability and reporting to the legislature; to provide for terms, conditions, procedures, and enforcement; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 34—

BY SENATORS LUNEAU AND BARROW

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1923(2)(q), relative to fraudulent insurance acts; to provide that amending or altering the original adjuster's or appraiser's repair estimate without the documented permission of the adjuster is a fraudulent insurance act; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 19—

BY SENATOR FESI

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 37:1218.3, relative to the dispensing of ivermectin; to provide for a standing order for the dispensing of ivermectin; to provide for pharmacist authorization; to provide for rulemaking; to provide for immunity; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 87—

BY SENATOR BARROW

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 334, relative to bail; to provide relative to notices of warrants of arrest for failure to appear; to provide for distribution of notices by the clerk of court; to provide for cancellation of obligations; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 166—

BY SENATOR WOMACK

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 38:2225.6, relative to public contracts; to provide for expending state funds through contracts with local governmental entities and third party entities; to require the division of administration to issue guidance relative to contract requirements for payments; to provide relative to contract procedures; to authorize the creation of software for tracking certain contracts; to provide for training requirements; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 201—

BY SENATOR HARRIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 51:1260(C)(5) and (6), (E), (F), and (G) and to enact R.S. 51:1260(H) and 1261, relative to financial incentives for events held in Louisiana; to provide for qualifying major events; to provide for definitions; to provide for eligibility requirements; to create a grant program for certain Louisiana events; to provide for administration of the program; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 95—
BY SENATOR CLOUD

AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 15:571.36(C)(4) and 571.36(D) and to enact R.S. 15:571.36(A)(12), 571.37, and 571.38, relative to electronic monitoring of certain criminal defendants; to provide relative to notifications of noncompliance; to provide relative to penalties; to provide for program costs and maintenance; to provide for termination of electronic monitoring; to provide for certification and registration of electronic monitoring service providers and manufacturers; to create the crime of violation of electronic monitoring conditions; to provide for the elements of the offense; to provide definitions and penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 120—
BY SENATOR SELDERS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 28:53(B)(2)(e), relative to admissions by emergency certificate; to provide for information included in emergency certificates; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 137—
BY SENATOR TALBOT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 44:4.1(B)(11) and to enact R.S. 22:1276, relative to certain notices provided to the Department of Insurance; to require insurers to notify the Department of Insurance when ceasing, pausing, or resuming the writing of policies in a particular region; to provide for confidentiality; to provide for penalties; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 174—
BY SENATOR JACKSON-ANDREWS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1121.21 and to enact R.S. 40:1123.5, relative to pregnancy screenings; to require HIV and syphilis blood tests for pregnant women at certain intervals; to provide for testing for chlamydia and gonorrhea; to require patient notification; to provide for laboratory testing; to provide an effective date; to provide for screening of pregnant women for substance use disorder; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

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.

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

Message from the House

DISAGREEMENT TO HOUSE BILL

June 4, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has refused to concur in the proposed Senate Amendment(s) to **House Bill No. 14** by Representative Cox, and ask the President to appoint on the part of the Senate a committee to confer with a like committee from the House on the disagreement.

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

Message from the House

DISAGREEMENT TO HOUSE BILL

June 4, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has refused to concur in the proposed Senate Amendment(s) to **House Bill No. 36** by Representative Schlegel, and ask the President to appoint on the part of the Senate a committee to confer with a like committee from the House on the disagreement.

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

Message from the House

DISAGREEMENT TO HOUSE BILL

June 4, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has refused to concur in the proposed Senate Amendment(s) to **House Bill No. 326** by Representative Butler, and ask the President to appoint on the part of the Senate a committee to confer with a like committee from the House on the disagreement.

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

Message from the House

DISAGREEMENT TO HOUSE BILL

June 4, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has refused to concur in the proposed Senate Amendment(s) to **House Bill No. 340** by Representative Newell, and ask the President to appoint on the part of the Senate a committee to confer with a like committee from the House on the disagreement.

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

Message from the House

DISAGREEMENT TO HOUSE BILL

June 4, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has refused to concur in the proposed Senate Amendment(s) to **House Bill No. 399** by Representative Chenevert, and ask the President to appoint on the part of the Senate a committee to confer with a like committee from the House on the disagreement.

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

Message from the House

DISAGREEMENT TO HOUSE BILL

June 4, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has refused to concur in the proposed Senate Amendment(s) to **House Bill No. 559** by Representative Echols, and ask the President to appoint on the part of the Senate a committee to confer with a like committee from the House on the disagreement.

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

Message from the House

DISAGREEMENT TO HOUSE BILL

June 4, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has refused to concur in the proposed Senate Amendment(s) to **House Bill No. 570** by Representative Carver, and ask the President to appoint on the part of the Senate a committee to confer with a like committee from the House on the disagreement.

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

Message from the House

HOUSE CONFEREES APPOINTED

June 3, 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 appointed the following members, on the part of the House of Representatives, to confer, with a like committee from the Senate, on the disagreement to **House Bill No. 67** by Representative Horton:

Representatives Horton, Villio and Fontenot.

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

Message from the House

HOUSE CONFEREES APPOINTED

June 4, 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 appointed the following members, on the part of the House of Representatives, to confer, with a like committee from the Senate, on the disagreement to **House Bill No. 178** by Representative Michael Johnson:

Representatives Michael Johnson, Muscarello, Jr. and Melerine.

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

Message from the House

HOUSE CONFEREES APPOINTED

June 4, 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 appointed the following members, on the part of the House of Representatives, to confer, with a like committee from the Senate, on the disagreement to **House Bill No. 238** by Representative McFarland:

Representatives McFarland, Emerson and Chenevert.

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

Message from the House

HOUSE CONFEREES APPOINTED

June 3, 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 appointed the following members, on the part of the House of Representatives, to confer, with a like committee from the Senate, on the disagreement to **House Bill No. 327** by Representative Chaisson:

Representatives Chaisson, Schlegel and Hughes.

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

Message from the House

HOUSE CONFEREES APPOINTED

June 4, 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 appointed the following members, on the part of the House of Representatives, to confer, with a like committee from the Senate, on the disagreement to **House Bill No. 445** by Representative Villio:

Representatives Villio, LaFleur and Horton.

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

Message from the House**HOUSE CONFEREES APPOINTED**

June 4, 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 appointed the following members, on the part of the House of Representatives, to confer, with a like committee from the Senate, on the disagreement to **House Bill No. 476** by Representative Fontenot:

Representatives Fontenot, Bourriaque and Hebert.

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

Message from the House**HOUSE CONFEREES APPOINTED**

June 4, 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 appointed the following members, on the part of the House of Representatives, to confer, with a like committee from the Senate, on the disagreement to **House Bill No. 520** by Representative Illg:

Representatives Illg, Emerson and Stagni.

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

Message from the House**DISCHARGE OF
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

June 4, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has discharged the Conference Committee on the disagreement to **House Bill No. 178**.

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

Motion

Senator Morris moved to discharge the Conference Committee on House Bill No. 178.

Without objection, so ordered.

Message from the House**HOUSE CONFEREES APPOINTED**

June 4, 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 appointed the following members, on the part of the House of Representatives, to confer, with a like committee from the Senate, on the disagreement to **House Bill No. 14** by Representative Cox:

Representatives Cox, Villio and Bacala.

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

Message from the House**HOUSE CONFEREES APPOINTED**

June 4, 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 appointed the following members, on the part of the House of Representatives, to confer, with a like committee from the Senate, on the disagreement to **House Bill No. 326** by Representative Butler:

Representatives Butler, Deshotel and Echols.

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

Message from the House**HOUSE CONFEREES APPOINTED**

June 4, 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 appointed the following members, on the part of the House of Representatives, to confer, with a like committee from the Senate, on the disagreement to **House Bill No. 340** by Representative Newell:

Representatives Newell, Miller and Willard.

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

Message from the House**HOUSE CONFEREES APPOINTED**

June 4, 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 appointed the following members, on the part of the House of Representatives, to confer, with a like committee from the Senate, on the disagreement to **House Bill No. 559** by Representative Echols:

Representatives Echols, Miller and Turner.

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

Message from the House

HOUSE CONFEREES APPOINTED

June 4, 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 appointed the following members, on the part of the House of Representatives, to confer, with a like committee from the Senate, on the disagreement to **House Bill No. 570** by Representative Carver:

Representatives Carver, Deshotel and Schlegel.

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

Message from the House

HOUSE CONFEREES APPOINTED

June 4, 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 appointed the following members, on the part of the House of Representatives, to confer, with a like committee from the Senate, on the disagreement to **House Bill No. 36** by Representative Schlegel:

Representatives Schlegel, Muscarello, Jr. and Villio.

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

Introduction of Senate Resolutions

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 171—

BY SENATOR BARROW

A RESOLUTION

To continue the Task Force on the Regulation of Community-Based Residential Settings.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 172—

BY SENATOR BARROW

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Select Committee on Women and Children of the Senate to study a parent's right to equal custodial periods with their child.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 173—

BY SENATOR CLOUD

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Pastor Mike Wicker and First Lady Tara Wicker for their unwavering commitment to faith, family and life, and to recognize their impactful leadership through "My God Votes" and their efforts at the Louisiana State Capitol.

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

Senate Resolutions on
Second Reading

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 166—

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

A RESOLUTION

To designate November 14, 2025, as "Ruby Bridges Day" in the state of Louisiana in honor of Ruby Bridges' courage, sacrifice, and lifelong commitment to advancing civil rights and promoting racial equality.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 168—

BY SENATOR FOIL

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of James Hardy "Jimmy" Gill Jr., and to honor his life of service, faith, and extraordinary contributions to his community, state, and country.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 170—

BY SENATOR TALBOT

A RESOLUTION

To authorize and request the Department of Insurance to create a task force to study, jointly with the Louisiana Department of Health, the feasibility of forming an independent review board to assist cancer patients and healthcare providers with prior authorization processes that do not comply with the Cancer Patient's Right to Prompt Coverage Act.

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

Senate Concurrent Resolutions on
Second Reading

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 67—

BY SENATOR HODGES

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to investigate geoengineering in Louisiana.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Hodges	Pressly
Abraham	Kleinpeter	Price
Allain	Lambert	Reese
Bass	Luneau	Seabaugh
Bouie	McMath	Selders
Carter	Miguez	Stine
Cathey	Miller	Talbot
Edmonds	Mizell	Wheat
Fesi	Morris	Womack
Foil	Myers	

Total - 29

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow	Duplessis	Jenkins
Boudreaux	Harris	Owen
Cloud	Hensgens	
Connick	Jackson-Andrews	
Total - 10		

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

Message from the House**ASKING CONCURRENCE IN
HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS**

June 4, 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. 203	HB No. 223	HB No. 231
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HB No. 313	HB No. 628
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Respectfully submitted,
MICHELLE D. FONTENOT
Clerk of the House of Representatives

House Bills and Joint Resolutions

Senator Morris asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to read House Bills and Joint Resolutions a first and second time by title and refer them to committee.

HOUSE BILL NO. 203—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION
AN ACT

To amend and reenact the heading of Chapter 7-C of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and to enact R.S. 39:1533(A)(3) and R.S. 40:1668.1, relative to the Law Enforcement Officers and Firemen's Survivor Benefit Review Board; to provide for the payment of extraordinary medical and dental expenses of firemen and law enforcement officers injured in the course and scope of employment; to provide for the duties and powers of the Law Enforcement Officers and Firemen's Survivor Benefit Review Board; to provide for definitions; to provide for the duties and powers of the state risk director; to authorize the promulgation of rules; 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 Finance.

HOUSE BILL NO. 223—

BY REPRESENTATIVES DOMANGUE, BAYHAM, BEAULIEU, BILLINGS, WILFORD CARTER, GADBERRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARCELLE, MCMAKIN, RISER, SCHAMERHORN, THOMAS, AND WYBLE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:426.1 and 1314(E), relative to compensation of certain election officials; to provide for compensation of election commissioners on election day, during the counting and tabulating of provisional ballots, and during a recount; to increase compensation; 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. 231—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1665(D) and 1665.2(H), relative to financial security for survivors of law enforcement officers and firemen killed in the line of duty; to provide relative to health insurance coverage for the surviving spouse and child of a law enforcement officer or fireman killed in the line of duty for a certain time period; to provide for retroactivity; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 313—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:305.21, relative to sales and use tax; to establish a sales and use tax exemption for certain nonprofit child advocacy organizations; to provide for certain requirements; to authorize the promulgation of rules; 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 Revenue and Fiscal Affairs.

HOUSE BILL NO. 628—

BY REPRESENTATIVES CREWS, AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BILLINGS, DICKERSON, ECHOLS, EDMONSTON, HORTON, SCHAMERHORN, THOMPSON, AND WRIGHT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 44:4.1(B)(35) and to enact R.S. 13:3881(A)(11) and Part III of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 49:351 through 361, relative to the Louisiana Dividend Program; to provide with respect to qualification for and administration of the program; to provide with respect to the powers and duties of the state treasurer and the Department of Public Safety and Corrections; to provide for definitions; to provide legislative intent; to establish certain special funds within the state treasury for purposes of the program and to provide for the deposit, use, and investment of monies in these funds; to provide for public records exceptions; to authorize a fee for certain appeals; to provide for penalties and enforcement; to exempt certain monies paid pursuant to the program from seizure; to authorize promulgation of rules; 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 Finance.

Message from the House**ASKING CONCURRENCE IN
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

June 4, 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. 68	HCR No. 82	HCR No. 80
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HCR No. 66

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

House Concurrent Resolutions

Senator Kleinpeter asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to read House Concurrent Resolutions a first and second time.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 66—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BRAUD

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the office of motor vehicles and the Louisiana State Police to study methods of enforcing out-of-state vehicles to comply with Louisiana insurance requirements; to study vehicle incidents involving out-of-state drivers; to study the impacts of impounding out-of-state vehicles that are noncompliant with Louisiana insurance requirements.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 68—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to study the feasibility and take appropriate steps to add a third lane to the Interstate 10 (I-10) East off-ramp on Siegen Lane in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to improve traffic flow and enhance public safety.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 80—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To enact Joint Rule No. 22 of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives to provide for the additional information required for consideration of appropriations bills on concurrence and for the adoption of the conference committee report on appropriations bills.

Senator Kleinpeter asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to take up House Concurrent Resolution No. 68.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 82—
BY REPRESENTATIVES PHELPS, BAMBURG, JACKSON, MELERINE, AND WALTERS AND SENATORS JENKINS, PRESSLY, AND SEABAUGH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Alyson Humphery Smith on her nomination by The Recording Academy and GRAMMY Museum as a quarterfinalist for the Music Educator Award.

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

**House Concurrent Resolutions on
Second Reading**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYD

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To continue and reestablish the work of the Judicial Security Task Force, to extend the deadline for reporting its findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Judiciary and the Senate Committee on Judiciary B no later than January 1, 2027.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Hensgens	Jenkins	Owen
Total - 3		

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 50—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To authorize and direct the legislative auditor to study the efficiency, financial accountability, and effectiveness of the state supreme court, courts of appeal, and district courts.

The resolution was read by title and returned to the Calendar, subject to call.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 51—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress and the United States Department of Agriculture to reinstate and fund the Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program to support Louisiana farmers, strengthen community-based food systems, and expand access to fresh, locally grown food for underserved populations.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Fesi	Morris
Abraham	Foil	Myers
Allain	Harris	Pressly
Barrow	Hodges	Price
Bass	Jackson-Andrews	Reese
Boudreaux	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Bouie	Lambert	Selders
Carter	Luneau	Stine
Cathey	McMath	Talbot
Cloud	Miguez	Wheat
Duplessis	Miller	Womack
Edmonds	Mizell	
Total - 35		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Connick Jenkins
Hensgens Owen
Total - 4

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

COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Senator Beth Mizell, Chair on behalf of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs, submitted the following report:

June 4, 2025

To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs to submit the following report:

HOUSE BILL NO. 85—

BY REPRESENTATIVE GADBERRY
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1730.23(K), relative to permits for construction; to provide for the enforcement of building codes by municipalities and parishes; to provide for roofing and reroofing permits and inspections; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 125—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HORTON
AN ACT

To enact Chapter 59-B of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 51:3181 through 3185, relative to protecting an individual's genomic information from certain foreign entities; to provide for definitions; to prohibit the use of certain genetic sequencers and software; to limit storage locations and remote access to genomic information; to provide for penalties; to provide for fines and damages; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 256—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MCKIN, BOYD, AND CHASSION
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1432(B), relative to the Louisiana Real Estate Commission; to provide for the terms of appointment of commissioners; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 288—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYD
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:3408(B) and 3415.2(3) and (4) and to repeal R.S. 37:3398(C) and 3415.10(D), relative to real estate appraisers; to provide for continuing education requirements; to provide for definitions; to repeal in regards to an application time line; to repeal a sunset provision; to provide for effective dates; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 318—

BY REPRESENTATIVE GADBERRY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 51:912.22(8), relative to manufactured and modular housing in flood-prone areas; to provide for minimum standards adopted by FEMA; to provide for permit information; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 356—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BRAUD, MANDIE LANDRY, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BOURRIQUE, BOYD, BRYANT, ROBBY CARTER, CARVER, CHASSION, COX, DEVILLIER, DOMANGUE, FARNUM, FONTENOT, GLORIOSO, HILFERTY, KERNER, KNOX, JACOB LANDRY, TERRY LANDRY, LARVADAIN, MILLER, STAGNI, WILLARD, AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To enact Subpart D-2 of Part IV of Chapter 4 of Title 22 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 22:1346.1 through 1346.6, relative to insurers of residential properties; to create the Stated Value Policy Act; to require insurers to offer a stated value policy option to consumers; to provide requirements for homeowners opting for such policies; to establish minimum policy value standards; to require the commissioner of insurance to provide certain information to consumers; to provide for rulemaking; to provide for enforcement, penalties, and severability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

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.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,
BETH MIZELL
Chair

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

EDUCATION

Senator Rick Edmonds, Chair on behalf of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

June 4, 2025

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 108—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DOMANGUE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 25:343(A), relative to the Louisiana State Museum; to provide relative to the position of museum director; to change the criteria for such position; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 319—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 25:1221(B)(8), 1222(A) and (B)(4), (9), and (14), 1223(A)(1), 1224(A)(10), (B)(1)(a), (c), and (f), (2)(introductory paragraph), (a), (b), and (c), and (3)(introductory paragraph), and (a) through (f), relative to the Atchafalaya Trace Commission and Atchafalaya Trace Heritage Area; to change the name of the heritage area; to include Lafourche Parish within the heritage area; to increase the membership of the commission; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 371—

BY REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BERAULT, CARRIER, CARVER, CHENEVERT, COX, CREWS, DEVILLIER, EDMONSTON, EGAN, FIRMONT, 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 Religious 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.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 378—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILDER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:5029(B)(2) and (3)(a) and (b)(ii) and (iii), relative to the Taylor Opportunity Program Award for Students; to provide relative to the alternate eligibility requirements for students who complete approved home study programs; to lower the minimum ACT score such students must attain for initial qualification for an award; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 391—

BY REPRESENTATIVE STAGNI
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3902(B)(5), relative to the evaluation of teachers and administrators; to prohibit the inclusion of test scores or data of certain students in the value-added assessment model; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,
RICK EDMONDS
Chair

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON
HEALTH AND WELFARE**

Senator Patrick McMath, Chair on behalf of the Committee on Health and Welfare, submitted the following report:

June 4, 2025

To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Committee on Health and Welfare to submit the following report:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 144—

BY SENATOR MIZELL
A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to propose solutions to the shortage of SANE nurses throughout the state.

Reported favorably.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 145—

BY SENATOR OWEN
A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners to timely file approved changes to physician assistant regulations in LAC Part XLV Title 46.

Reported favorably.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 58—

BY SENATOR MCMATH
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to oppose any proposal that shifts the cost of SNAP to the states.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 138—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEWITT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1263(B) and 1270(A)(9), relative to the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners; to provide for the membership of the board; to provide for the qualifications of the members of the board; to provide for the director of investigations; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 359—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MILLER, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BILLINGS, CARRIER, DICKERSON, FISHER, FREIBERG, JORDAN, KNOX, LAFLEUR, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARCELLE, MCMAKIN, MOORE, NEWELL, SPELL, STAGNI, TAYLOR, WALTERS, AND WYBLE
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1216.2 and R.S. 46:2168.1, relative to human trafficking; to establish procedures for treating victims of human trafficking; to establish the Human Trafficking in Emergency Departments Advisory Board; to require the board to prepare a protocol; to require the board to report to the legislature; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 442—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HENRY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:2651(1), (3), and (7)(a), (b), and (g), 2659(A)(introductory paragraph) and (1), 2660(3), 2662(C)(introductory paragraph) and (3), to enact R.S. 37:2651(13) through (18), and to repeal R.S. 37:2651(7)(e) and (f), relative to audiology and speech-language pathology; to provide for definitions; to provide for the qualifications of an applicant for licensure; to waive certain requirements for licensure; to provide for disciplinary actions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 514—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLARD

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1059.1, relative to the Louisiana Doula Registry Board; to provide for board composition; to provide with respect to the regulatory authority of the Louisiana Doula Registry Board and the Louisiana Department of Health; to provide relative to administrative staff and further rulemaking requirements of the Louisiana Department of Health; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 531—

BY REPRESENTATIVE TRAVIS JOHNSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1216.1(A)(introductory paragraph), relative to forensic medical examinations of sexual assault survivors; to require a healthcare facility or hospital to offer forensic medical examinations to sexual assault survivors; to require the Louisiana Legislative Auditor to conduct audits; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 617—

BY REPRESENTATIVES CARVER, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAMBURG, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOYER, BRAUD, BRYANT, CHENEVERT, COATES, COX, CREWS, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, EDMONSTON, FIRMENT, FISHER, FREIBERG, GLORIOSO, HEBERT, HENRY, HILFERTY, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, KERNER, LACOMBE, MACK, MCMAKIN, MELERINE, MOORE, NEWELL, OWEN, SCHLEGEL, SPELL, STAGNI, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, WALTERS, WILDER, WRIGHT, AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Children's Code Articles 509(B)(1), 512(B)(1), 522(A)(2), 1269.3(F), 1270(B), (E), and (F), 1271(A), 1273, 1283.2(H), 1285.2(H), and 1519, Code of Evidence Article 902(10), R.S. 6:333(F)(14), R.S. 9:315.16(A), 315.40(1) and (3), 399.1(A) and (F)(3) and (4), and 406(B)(2) and (C)(2), R.S. 11:441.1(F), R.S. 13:998 (B) and (E)(1) and (3), 1141(B) and (E)(1) and (3), 1414(B) and (E)(1) and (3), 4291(B)(1), and 5108.2, R.S. 15:587(A)(2)(a) and (b), 587.1(I), and 587.5(A)(4), R.S. 17:192.1(A)(1)(a) and (3), R.S. 23:1605(A)(4), R.S. 36:3(7), 8(E)(2)(d), 9(C), 471(B) and (C)(1), 472(A), 475.1(B) and (C), 476, and 477, R.S. 40:34.5(E), 46.12(D) and (F), and 1061.14(B)(3)(b)(i), R.S. 43:111(A)(8), R.S. 44:38, R.S. 46:51(introductory paragraph), 51.3, 114(A), (B), (C)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (2), (D), and (E)(3), 114.2, 233.1(C)(introductory paragraph) and (D)(introductory paragraph), 236.1.1(3), 236.1.4(E), 236.1.8(D), 236.3(A)(2), 236.10(A), 236.11(C), 236.12(B)(1), 236.14(D)(1)(introductory paragraph), 236.15(A)(1), 236.16, 238(B), (C), (D), (E)(introductory paragraph) and (7), and (F), 281, 443, 1002(A), (B)(introductory paragraph), and (C), and 2136.2(F), R.S. 47:299.11(1), 299.41(B), 463.112(C), and 9027(C)(10)(introductory paragraph) and (c), and R.S. 51:1442(4) and to repeal R.S. 36:474(A)(11) and (G) and 477(B)(2) and R.S. 46:51(2) and (14) and 233.1(A) and (B), relative to the organization of the Department of Children and Family Services; to create the office of child support and the office of child welfare; to eliminate the office of children and family services; to transfer the duties of certain offices within the Department of Children and Family Services; to remove outdated provisions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 624—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BERAULT, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAMBURG, BILLINGS, BOYER, BRYANT, BUTLER, CARLSON, CARRIER, CARVER, CHENEVERT, COATES, COX, DEWITT, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, ECHOLS, EDMONSTON, EGAN, FIRMENT, FISHER, FREIBERG, GLORIOSO, HEBERT, HENRY, HORTON, ILLG, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, KERNER, MANDIE LANDRY, TERRY LANDRY, LARVADAIN, MACK, MCMAKIN, MELERINE, OWEN, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, SPELL, ST. BLANC, STAGNI, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, VENTRELLA, VILLIO, WALTERS, WILDER, WRIGHT, AND WYBLE AND SENATOR MIZELL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:780(C)(3)(a)(i), R.S. 14:68.2.1(A) and 74(D)(2), R.S. 15:933.1, R.S. 17:14.1(B)(1) and (C)(5), 3047.6(A) and (B), and 3914(M)(1) and (N)(1)(b), the heading of Chapter 1 of Title 23 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, R.S. 23:1, 2, 3, 6(introductory paragraph), (1), (2), (3), (7), and (15), 7, 12, 14, 17, 73(A)(1), (C), and (E)(2), 74, 75(A), (B), (C)(1), (D)(3), and (E), 76(A), (B), and (C)(1), (2), and (8)(a), 78(introductory paragraph), (1), and (5), 1600(2) and (3)(a), 1693(I)(1), (2), and (3) and (J), R.S. 36:3(3), 4(A)(introductory paragraph) and (6), the heading of Chapter 7 of Title 36 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, 301, 308(A) through (B), and 309, R.S. 46:56(A), (B)(1), and (L), 107(A)(1), 231.4(A), (D), and (F)(2), 301(A)(1) through (5), (C)(2), and (D)(2), (3), and (5), 321(2) through (5), 322, 323(introductory paragraph), (3), and (4), 324(A), (B), (C), (D), and (E)(introductory paragraph), (1), and (2)(introductory paragraph), 325(introductory paragraph), 326 through 328, 331(A)(1) through (3), 332, 352(1)(a) and (b) and (2)(a), 932(12), and 936, and R.S. 49:191(1)(f) and 1402(1)(d), to enact R.S. 23:1.1, 6(16) through (26), and Chapter 11-B of Title 23 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 23:1821 through 1905, and R.S. 46:107(E), and to repeal R.S. 23:18 and 34, R.S. 36:308(E), R.S. 46:18, 101, 102, 102.1, 103 through 106, 108, 111 through 113, 114.1, 114.3, 114.4, 115, 116, 230.1, 231, 231.1 through 231.3, 231.5, 231.6, 231.12 through 231.14, 232, 233, 233.3, 234, 234.2, 235, 236, 237, Part VI of Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 46:431 through 435, 441, 444, 447, 450.1, and Part IX of Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 46:460.1 through 460.10, and R.S. 49:1402(1)(a), relative to the reorganization and restructure of the Louisiana Workforce Commission and the Department of Children and Family Services; to provide for certain family and support programs in the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) being transferred to the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC) and the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH); to replace the Department of Children and Family Services with Louisiana Works or LDH in certain provisions in Titles 11, 14, 15, and 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 that reference DCFS programs that will be transferred to Louisiana Works or LDH; to change the name of the Louisiana Workforce Commission to Louisiana Works; to establish the purpose of Louisiana Works; to establish additional duties and powers of Louisiana Works; to provide for the powers and duties of the secretary of Louisiana Works; to provide definitions; to provide for integrated case management and service integration of social service programs; to provide for the integration of workforce and public assistance development programs; to provide for grants to local workforce development areas; to provide for deductions for overissuance of SNAP benefits; to provide for the organization of social services programs within Louisiana Works; to provide rules and regulations for Louisiana Works for the purposes of granting, administering, and investigating claims for public assistance benefits; to provide for the Fraud Detection Fund; to provide for SNAP Nutrition Education; to provide for the SNAP Workforce Training and Education Program; to provide for duties of LDH in regards to administering SNAP; to provide for the duties of customers for maintaining eligibility of SNAP benefits and satisfying SNAP requirements; to provide for notification for certain legislative reports and reporting; to provide for the SNAP work requirements; to provide for aid to needy families, such as the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and subsidiary programs within TANF, such as the Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program (FITAP), the Kinship Care Subsidy Program, and other educational, employment, training, and related services programs; to provide for the submission of certain federal quarterly reports to the legislature; to provide for the Incentive Award Program; to provide for the administration of public assistance benefits payable to mentally incapable individuals; to add certain functions to the office of workforce development; to transfer certain powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities relating to

certain programs within the office of family support of DCFS into Louisiana Works and LDH; to make technical corrections; to authorize the Louisiana State Law Institute to make certain requested changes to references concerning LWC; to authorize the office of state register to make all necessary changes for applicable references to DCFS and Louisiana Works or LDH; to provide for the transfer of monies related to the transferred programs from DCFS to Louisiana Works and LDH; to provide for the monies held in the state treasury for the Fraud Detection Fund to be transferred to Louisiana Works; to provide for the continuity of programs and contracts transferred from DCFS to Louisiana Works; to provide for effective dates; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 661—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:4.7, 31.32(D) and (E), and 1046(G)(1)(b), to enact R.S. 40:31.31.1 and 31.40, and to repeal R.S. 40:31.32 (F), relative to fees collected by the Louisiana Department of Health, office of public health; to provide for vendor fees at certain events; to provide for fees for export and free sale certificates; to provide for sewage fees; to establish fees for the review of plans for certain facilities; to establish fees related to the sale and production of therapeutic marijuana; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 690— (Substitute for House Bill No. 377 by Representative Owen)

BY REPRESENTATIVES OWEN, AMEDEE, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BUTLER, CREWS, EGAN, FIRMINT, HORTON, SCHAMERHORN, SPELL, AND WILDER

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:5.13, relative to the administration of medical activities under Emergency Use Authorization; to require the surgeon general to promulgate rules for the administration of emergency use authorization-related medical activities; to provide for the applicability of these rules to all members of the healthcare community; to specify that these rules apply during health emergencies and regular operations; to provide for the scope and content of the rules; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
PATRICK MCMATH
Chair

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

INSURANCE

Senator Kirk Talbot, Chair on behalf of the Committee on Insurance, submitted the following report:

June 4, 2025

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 60—

BY SENATORS MYERS, BASS, BOUDREAUX, CATHEY AND REESE AND REPRESENTATIVES ADAMS, BAYHAM, BOYER, CARLSON, CARVER, CHASSION, CHENEVERT, FREIBERG, GLORIOSO, HENRY, KNOX, MCFARLAND, MCMAKIN, SPELL, WILEY AND WYBLE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To request the Department of Insurance to study and report on the effect of reforms enacted during the 2025 Regular Session upon

the condition and competitiveness of Louisiana's insurance market.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 264—

BY REPRESENTATIVES ECHOLS, BILLINGS, FARNUM, SCHAMERHORN, AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1657.1(A) and (B)(introductory paragraph) and (4) and R.S. 44:4.1(B)(11) and to enact R.S. 22:1657.1(D) and 1860.3(F), relative to pharmacy benefit managers; to modify the definition of rebates; to provide for reimbursement of pharmacists and pharmacies; to authorize the commissioner of insurance's examination of records and compensation programs; to provide for public records exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 357—

BY REPRESENTATIVES FREEMAN, ADAMS, BAGLEY, BERAULT, BUTLER, CARRIER, COATES, DEWITT, FISHER, FREIBERG, HUGHES, ILLG, KERNER, LAFLEUR, MANDIE LANDRY, LYONS, MACK, MARCELLE, AND THOMPSON

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1077.4, relative to integrative treatments for cancer; to require health insurance coverage for such treatments; to require coverage for Medicare enrollees; to provide for definitions; to provide for applicability and effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 379—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WRIGHT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:868(A)(introductory paragraph) and (1) and to enact R.S. 22:868.1, relative to property insurance; to provide for mandatory binding arbitration under certain circumstances; to provide for endorsements; to provide for requirements of arbitration and selected arbitrators; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 467—

BY REPRESENTATIVES HILFERTY AND MANDIE LANDRY

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1059.6 and R.S. 40:1081.13, relative to health insurance coverage; to require coverage for amino acid-based elemental formulas for infants and children when medically necessary; to provide application to Medicaid coverage; to provide for application to coverage plans; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 622—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1077.4 and R.S. 40:1081.13, relative to treatments for cancer; to require health insurance coverage for histotripsy procedures when medically necessary for the treatment of liver cancer; to provide for application to Medicaid coverage; to provide for definitions; to provide for applicability relative to coverage plans; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
KIRK TALBOT
Chair

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Senator Joseph Bouie Jr., Chair on behalf of the Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs, submitted the following report:

June 4, 2025

To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs to submit the following report:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17—

BY REPRESENTATIVES YOUNG, BILLINGS, COX, JACKSON, KNOX, MOORE, AND NEWELL

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Housing Corporation to conduct a study on how the corporation is allocating its resources to finance development projects in rural areas and to report its findings to the legislature not later than March 15, 2026.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 136—

BY REPRESENTATIVE GLORIOSO
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:2481.7 and 2541.7, relative to the fire and police civil service; to authorize the governing authority to create the position of chief of operations; to provide that the position is appointed on a competitive basis; to provide relative to the appointment, supervision, and discharge of any person in any such position; to provide relative to the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities for such position; to provide relative to departmental and promotional seniority; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 267—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:9038.81, relative to the town of St. Francisville; to provide for the creation of a special taxing district; to provide for the purpose, governance, boundaries, and powers and duties of the district; to provide for district funding, including the authority to engage in tax increment financing; to authorize the levy of taxes; to provide for the rate of certain taxes; to provide for limitations and requirements; to authorize the issuance of bonds; to provide for the termination of the district under certain circumstances; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 285—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAMBURG
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:381(C)(37), relative to the village of Edgefield and Red River Parish; to provide for the abolition of the office of police chief and the police department in the village of Edgefield; to authorize the village to contract with other law enforcement entities in the parish for law enforcement services; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 299—

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2740.45, relative to Morehouse Parish; to increase the maximum rate of ad valorem taxes the governing authority of the parish is authorized to levy for public cemeteries; to provide for the use of the proceeds of the taxes; to provide for the use of the proceeds of taxes from prior tax years; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 562—

BY REPRESENTATIVES FONTENOT, BRYANT, CARRIER, FIRMONT, GLORIOSO, JORDAN, TAYLOR, AND THOMPSON
AN ACT

To enact Subpart A-1 of Part II of Chapter 4 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 33:1980.1, relative to fire departments, fire protection districts, and certain nonprofit corporations; to provide relative to emergency services provided by such departments, districts, and nonprofit corporations; to provide for reimbursement of certain costs; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH BOUIE JR.
Chair

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

NATURAL RESOURCES

Senator Bob Hensgens, Chair on behalf of the Committee on Natural Resources, submitted the following report:

June 4, 2025

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the state of Louisiana's participation in the Gulf of America Hypoxia Action Plan and Task Force.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 165—

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONSTON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:3306(A)(2)(introductory paragraph), relative to the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District; to remove the deadline for the board to promulgate regulations for watershed management; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 548—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:149(B)(introductory paragraph) and (C) and 209.2(B)(introductory paragraph) and (C) and R.S. 56:765 and to enact R.S. 30:149.1 and 209.3, relative to revenue from carbon dioxide sequestration on state property; to provide for the distribution of revenue from carbon dioxide sequestration on property owned by the state and state agencies; to provide for the distribution of revenue received by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission from carbon dioxide sequestration; to provide for prior acts of donation accepted by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission; to dedicate revenue to the Conservation Fund; to dedicate revenue to local governing authorities; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 691— (Substitute for House Bill No. 568 by Representative Carrier)

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARRIER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:1106(D)(1) and 1107.1(C) and to enact R.S. 30:1107.1(B)(4) and (5) and (D) through (F), relative to carbon dioxide sequestration; to increase civil penalties; to add reporting requirements; to impose criminal penalties for willful and knowing failures to report; to require notice to the public and emergency responders; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 692— (Substitute for House Bill No. 583 by Representative Jacob Landry)

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACOB LANDRY

AN ACT

To enact Chapter 17 of Subtitle I of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 30:1501 and 1502, relative to clean energy solutions; to provide definitions; to provide for affordable, reliable, and clean energy security; to provide for energy security and affordability; to provide the criteria for reliable energy sources and for green energy and clean energy; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
BOB HENSGENS
Chair

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

SENATE AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Senator Caleb Seth Kleinpeter, Chair on behalf of the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs, submitted the following report:

June 4, 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:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To repeal the Department of State rule (LAC 31:III.303(B)(1)(j)), which provides relative to password protection and authentication on devices used for tabulation as part of a voting system to be tested and certified for use in Louisiana, and to direct the office of the state register to incorporate the repeal into the Louisiana Administrative Code.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15—

BY REPRESENTATIVES TARVER, BAYHAM, BEAULLIEU, BILLINGS, BOYD, FARNUM, LARVADAIN, MCMAKIN, SCHAMERHORN, AND THOMAS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To amend and readopt Joint Rule No. 17(A)(1)(a), (C), (E), and (G) of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives to provide procedures relative to a nongovernmental entity funding request and to provide limitations on funding for nongovernmental entities in an appropriation bill.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To amend and readopt Joint Rule No. 17(B)(2) and (6) of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives and to adopt Joint Rule No. 17(B)(12) of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives to provide for the information requirements for a nongovernmental entity funding request.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 124—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREIBERG

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:477(19) and 621.19 and to repeal Section 5(E) of Act No. 145 of the 1994 Third Extraordinary Session of the Legislature of Louisiana, relative to the Nineteenth Judicial District Court; to provide for the election sections from which judges are elected; to reduce the number of election sections; to provide for the assignment of judgeships to election sections; to provide for a judgeship to be elected at-large; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 160—

BY REPRESENTATIVES DICKERSON, ROBBY CARTER, CHASSION, EDMONSTON, EGAN, FISHER, JACKSON, OWEN, AND WALTERS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1141(B)(1) and to enact R.S. 42:1141(D) and 1153(C), relative to enforcement of laws within the jurisdiction of the Board of Ethics; to provide relative to ethics complaints; to provide for the investigative powers of the Board of Ethics; to provide for the procedure for making complaints; to provide for a prohibition against retaliation; to provide for penalties for making a false complaint and retaliating; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

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.

Reported favorably.

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.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 385—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRYANT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:162(A), relative to charges for the recordation of an oath or affirmation of office for a public official; to provide that the oath or affirmation shall be recorded at no charge to the official; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 405—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLARD

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:18(E), relative to the powers and duties of the secretary of state; to require the secretary of state to prepare and publish a revised Louisiana Election Code and certain information concerning changes in election law; to provide deadlines; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 502—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:53(A) and (B)(1) and (2), 55(A)(4)(b), 59(B)(4)(b) and (C)(4)(b), 60, and 134(A), relative to the compensation, evaluation, duties, and removal of registrars of voters; to provide for grounds for removal; to provide for allegations brought by the commissioner of elections; to provide for a firing freeze during the pendency of removal proceedings; to provide for merit evaluations; to provide for salary increases; to provide for office closures; to provide for the performance of duties by the registrar of voters during office closures; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 535—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MANDIE LANDRY, AMEDEE, BACALA, BOYD, EGAN, FARNUM, FISHER, HILFERTY, LARVADAIN, MARCELLE, MCCORMICK, OWEN, WILDER, AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:1517.2 and to repeal R.S. 47:1517.1 and R.S. 51:935.1, relative to tax incentives and economic development programs; to provide for duties of the legislative auditor; to require the legislative auditor to evaluate and report on tax incentives within the state; to provide for the powers, duties, and functions of the legislative auditor as it relates to the evaluation of and the reports on tax incentives and economic development programs; to repeal requirements relative to reports on tax incentives by certain agencies; to repeal requirements for the unified economic development budget report; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 603—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:74(B)(1), 341(A)(2), 683(B)(1), 711.4(B)(3)(introductory paragraph), 753(C)(1)(a), (2)(a), and (3), 914(B)(1), 962(C), 1104(A), (B)(2)(a), and (C), 1263(B)(1) through (7), 1270.1(B)(2) and (4), 1314(C)(1)(e)(introductory paragraph) and (f) through (j) and (2)(introductory paragraph), 1339(B) and (D), 1361(B)(1) through (4), 1474(B), 1515(A)(3), 2151(B)(1) through (4) and (7), 2353(A)(2), 2403(B)(2), (3), and (5), 2455(B)(1) and (4), 2503(A)(3)(a), 2654(C) and (D), 2704(A)(introductory paragraph), 3061(A)(1)(a) through (c) and (2), 3084(B)(1)(a), (b), and (d), 3201(B)(1)(a) through (c), 3356(A)(2)(a) through (c), 3389(B)(1) through (5), 3394(B)(1)(a), 3444(A) and (C), 3463(B)(1), 3504(B), and 3703(B)(1); relative to appointments to certain occupational licensing boards, committees, and authorities; to provide for governor appointments; to provide for the consideration of lists; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 649—

BY REPRESENTATIVE VENTRELLA

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4570, 4570.2, and 4570.4(B) and to enact R.S. 33:4570.7, relative to East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide relative to park and recreation facilities within the parish; to provide relative to the Recreation and Park Commission for the parish of East Baton Rouge; to provide relative to the boundaries and powers and duties of the commission; to exclude certain territory and property from the jurisdiction of the commission; to provide for the creation of a recreation district in the city of Central; to provide relative to the boundaries, purpose, governance, and powers and duties of the district; to provide for district funding; to include certain territory and property within the jurisdiction of the district; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 686— (Substitute for House Bill No. 511 by Representative Owen)

BY REPRESENTATIVES OWEN, AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BILLINGS, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, FIRMINT, HORTON, SCHAMERHORN, SPELL, THOMPSON, VENTRELLA, AND WILDER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 24:57(3) and to enact R.S. 24:51(9), 53(K), and 53.1, R.S. 33:9664(H), and R.S. 49:74(I), relative to lobbying on behalf of foreign adversaries; to provide for the definition of a foreign adversary; to provide for additional lobbying disclosure requirements for a foreign adversary; to provide for penalties; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for an electronic database administered by the board of ethics; to provide for data sharing and public access of records; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 693— (Substitute for House Bill No. 596 by Representative Wright)

BY REPRESENTATIVES WRIGHT AND BEAULLIEU

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:154(A)(18) and R.S. 18:1482, 1483(1), (2)(a), (4), (6)(a) and (b), (9)(a), (b)(ii), (c), (d)(ii) and (iii), (10), (12), (15)(a), (b)(ii), (c), and (d), (16), (17), (19), (22), and (24), 1484(introductory paragraph), (2) and (3), 1485(E), 1486(A), (B), and (C)(1) and (2)(introductory paragraph) and (d), the heading of Part II of Chapter 11 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, 1491.1(A), (B)(3), and (D), 1491.2, 1491.3(A), 1491.4, 1491.5(A), (B)(1), (2), and (3), (E), and (H) through (J), 1491.6(A), (B)(introductory paragraph), (C)(introductory paragraph), (1)(a), and (2), (D), (E)(introductory paragraph), (G), and (I), 1491.7(A), (B), (4)(a) and (b), (5) through (8), (10), (13), (14), (18), and (22), and (C), 1491.8, 1495.2, 1495.3(B)(1) and (2)(introductory paragraph) and (a) and (E), 1495.4(C)(introductory paragraph) and (1)(a) and (2) and (D)(1) and (3)(a), 1495.5(B)(5) and (9) and (C), 1495.6, 1501.1, 1501.3(C)(introductory paragraph), 1505.2(A)(1), (B), (C), (D)(3)(b)(i) and (c), (4), and (5), (F), (G), (H)(1)(b) and (c), (2)(a)(introductory paragraph), (b)(i)(introductory paragraph), (c), (e), (f) and (g), (3)(a)(iii) through (vii) and (b) through (d), and (5), (I)(1), (2), (4), (5)(a), (b)(ii), and (c) through (e), (6), and (7), (J), (K), (L)(2) and (4), (M), (O)(1), (P), (Q)(1), (2), and (3)(a)(i), and (R)(2) and (3)(a)(i), 1505.2.1(A), (D), and (E), 1505.3(B) and (D)(1)(a) and (2)(a)(i) and (b)(introductory paragraph) and (ii), 1505.4(A)(1), (2)(a), and (3) and (B), 1505.5(B) and (C)(1), 1505.6(A) through (C), 1511.2(B), 1511.4(A)(2)(h) and (i), (C)(1) and (2)(introductory paragraph), and (D), 1511.4.1(C)(3), and 1511.5(A)(1) and (B), to enact R.S. 18:1483(9)(d)(v), (15)(b)(iii) and (iv), and (25) through (32), 1491.1(B)(5)(d) and (e), 1491.6(J), 1491.6.1, 1491.9, 1505.2(H)(2)(h) and (I)(8), 1511.2(D) and (E), 1511.4(C)(2)(f) and (3), and 1511.4.2, and to repeal R.S. 18:1486(C)(1) and (2)(d), 1505.2(N), and 1511.3(B), relative to the revision of the system of laws related to election campaign finance; to provide for the Campaign

Finance Disclosure Act; to establish leadership committees and provide authorizations and restrictions related thereto; to provide for the many various duties and requirements of committees, including political committees, principal campaign committees, subsidiary committees, independent expenditure-only committees, and leadership committees; to provide for contributions; to provide for contribution limits; to provide for contributions made to or by a political party; to provide for expenditures; to provide for limitations on expenditures; to provide for reporting requirements; to provide for contributions, expenditures, and reporting related to closed party primary elections; to provide for joint fundraising efforts and agreements; to provide for foreign nationals; to provide for the powers and duties of the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure; to provide for investigations conducted by and penalties issued by the supervisory committee; to repeal provisions related to the regulation of contributions and expenditures related to proposition elections; to provide for loans; to provide for coordinated expenditures; to provide for excess contributions; to provide for definitions and terminology; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
CALEB SETH KLEINPETER
Chair

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

**TRANSPORTATION, HIGHWAYS AND
PUBLIC WORKS**

Senator Patrick Connick, Chair on behalf of the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, submitted the following report:

June 4, 2025

To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to submit the following report:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTERS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the office of motor vehicles to study the necessity of special identification cards for Louisiana citizens with Alzheimer's and related dementia diseases; including, the types of proof required from a physician of the condition, the necessary information required on the identification card, waiver of fees for obtaining the identification cards, and the potential expiration and renewal of identification cards.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 45—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIQUE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To authorize and direct the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, through the office of transformation and in collaboration with deputy directors, to conduct a thorough evaluation and provide recommendations on district alignments, maintenance facilities, and laboratory operations to consider establishing a district construction engineer role reporting to the district administrator to strengthen project oversight; to direct the office of transformation to focus on facilitating continued project delivery during the transition period; and to express support for organizational and operational reforms necessary to ensure the effective and timely delivery of infrastructure projects.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 58—
BY REPRESENTATIVE STAGNI AND SENATOR TALBOT
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the administration of the New Orleans Aviation Board to appear annually at the Jefferson Parish and Kenner City Council meetings and provide updates on hurricane preparedness and other related matters of mutual concern regarding infrastructure prior to the start of hurricane season.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 297—
BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2212(C)(1) and (P)(1)(a) and to enact R.S. 38:2212(C)(5), relative to contract limitations for public works projects by the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism; to provide for a "contract limit" for public works projects to be completed by the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism; to remove the ten-day time frame for a public entity to post notice of a public emergency in its official journal; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 428—
BY REPRESENTATIVES BOURRIQUE AND ROMERO
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:191(1)(o) and to repeal R.S. 49:191(4)(a), relative to the Department of Transportation and Development, including provisions to provide for the re-creation of the Department of Transportation and Development and the statutory entities made a part of the department by law; to provide for the effective termination date for all statutory authority for the existence of such statutory entities; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 528—
BY REPRESENTATIVES BOURRIQUE AND ROMERO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 36:501(C)(1), 502(A) and (B), 505, 508(A) through (D) and (F) and (G), 508.1, 508.2(A), (B), and (F), and 508.3(A)(2) and (3) and to enact R.S. 36:4(B)(38), 504(B)(6) and (7), 506(E) through (F), 508(H) and (I), 508.5, and 508.6, relative to the office of Louisiana Highway Construction under the division of administration; to add the office of transformation and the office of project delivery to the composition of the Department of Transportation and Development; to reconstruct the functions, powers, and duties of officers of the department; to change the appointing authority of certain officials; to require the office of transformation to operate under the supervision of the office of project delivery; to designate certain powers and duties to the assistant secretary for project delivery; to remove the powers and duties of the office of planning; to create districts within the office of operations; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 556—
BY REPRESENTATIVES BOURRIQUE, AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOYER, BRAUD, BUTLER, CARLSON, CARRIER, CARVER, CHENEVERT, COATES, CREWS, DESHOTEL, DEVILLIER, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, EDMONSTON, EGAN, EMERSON, FARNUM, FONTENOT, FREIBERG, GLORIOSO, HEBERT, HORTON, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, JACOB LANDRY, MCMAHEN, MCMAKIN, MELERINE, OWEN, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, TURNER, VILLIO, WILDER, WILEY, WRIGHT, AND WYBLE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 48:1(1) and (2), 23, 53, 76, 78(C), 92, 94, 105(B)(2), 105.1(C), 203(B), 207(A), 229.1(A), (B), and (D) through (G), 231(Section heading), (A)(1), (5), and (6), 250.3(E)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (2) and (G), 250.3.1(F), 251(C), 255(B)(6), 259, 261(A)(1), (B) and (C), 286, 292(B)(introductory paragraph), 292.1(E)(1)(f) and (2),

295.1(3), 381(D) and (E)(1)(a)(introductory paragraph) and (2), 381.1(D), and 381.4(introductory paragraph), to enact R.S. 48:78(D) and (E), 105(B)(5), 196(D) and (E), 224.1(E), 229.1(H), and 381(C)(6), and to repeal R.S. 48:79, relative to the various reform operations within the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development; to define assistant secretary for project delivery; to improve project oversight and ensure better coordination across all stages of project development and implementation; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 640— (Substitute for House Bill No. 621 by Representative Bourriaque)

BY REPRESENTATIVES BOURRIAQUE, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAMBURG, BEAULLIEU, BERAULT, BOYER, BRAUD, BROWN, BUTLER, CARLSON, CARRIER, CARVER, CHENEVERT, COATES, CREWS, DAVIS, DEVILLIER, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, EDMONSTON, EGAN, EMERSON, FARNUM, FISHER, FONTENOT, FREIBERG, GLORIOSO, HEBERT, HILFERTY, HORTON, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, MACK, MCFARLAND, MCMAHEN, MCMAKIN, MELERINE, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, THOMPSON, TURNER, VILLO, WALTERS, WILDER, WILEY, WRIGHT, AND WYBLE
AN ACT

To enact Part IX of Chapter 2 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 49:220.51 through 220.53, relative to the office of Louisiana Highway Construction; to create the office of Louisiana Highway Construction within the office of the governor, division of administration; to define the term "office"; to designate certain powers, duties, and responsibilities of the office; to provide for an executive director of the office of Louisiana Highway Construction; to establish the duties and responsibilities of the executive director; to provide for the exercise of procurement procedures, including emergency procurement; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 688— (Substitute for House Bill No. 633 by Representative Braud)

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRAUD
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:330.1(C)(1)(a)(introductory paragraph) and (i) and (ii), (2)(b) through (e), (3)(a) through (c), and (4) and (D) and to enact R.S. 38:330.1(C)(2)(a)(xii) and (f) and (g), relative to the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East and the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-West Bank; to change membership of the board of commissioners of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East; to appoint the executive director of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority as secretary of the nominating committee; to replace certain requirements of the regional directors, or in their absence, the presidents of the boards of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East and the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-West Bank with the chair; to change timeframes for notification of unexpected and expected vacancies within the flood authorities, to reduce consecutive terms of commissioners; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
PATRICK CONNICK
Chair

**House Bills and Joint Resolutions
on Second Reading
Just Reported by Committees**

Senator Mizell asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to take up House Bills and Joint Resolutions just reported by Committees.

HOUSE BILL NO. 85—

BY REPRESENTATIVE GADBERRY
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1730.23(K), relative to permits for construction; to provide for the enforcement of building codes by municipalities and parishes; to provide for roofing and reroofing permits and inspections; 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. 108—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DOMANGUE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 25:343(A), relative to the Louisiana State Museum; to provide relative to the position of museum director; to change the criteria for such position; 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. 124—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREIBERG
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:477(19) and 621.19 and to repeal Section 5(E) of Act No. 145 of the 1994 Third Extraordinary Session of the Legislature of Louisiana, relative to the Nineteenth Judicial District Court; to provide for the election sections from which judges are elected; to reduce the number of election sections; to provide for the assignment of judgeships to election sections; to provide for a judgeship to be elected at-large; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs. The bill was read by title and recommitted to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE BILL NO. 125—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HORTON
AN ACT

To enact Chapter 59-B of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 51:3181 through 3185, relative to protecting an individual's genomic information from certain foreign entities; to provide for definitions; to prohibit the use of certain genetic sequencers and software; to limit storage locations and remote access to genomic information; to provide for penalties; to provide for fines and damages; 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 Reengrossed House Bill No. 125 by Representative Horton

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the beginning of line 2, after "To" insert "amend and reenact R.S. 22:918(B)(1) and to"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 4, delete "from certain foreign entities"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 7, after "damages;" insert "to provide for information derived from genetic research;"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, between lines 8 and 9 insert the following:

"Section 1. R.S. 22:918(B)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§918. Prohibited discrimination; genetic information derived from participation in genetic research or testing or clinical research; definitions

* * *

B. An insurer, in determining eligibility for coverage, establishing premiums, limiting coverage, or making any other underwriting decisions, shall not do either of the following:

(1) Take into consideration the fact that an individual or a family member of the individual participated in genetic research or testing, including any request for or receipt of genetic services or participation by an individual or family member in clinical research or testing that includes genetic services, unless the results of that genetic research or test are ~~included in the individual's medical record~~ or provided by the individual for consideration by the insurer.

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AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, line 9, change "Section 1." to "Section 2."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 4, at the end of line 21, delete "set by the"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 4, at the beginning of line 22, delete "attorney general"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 4, line 28, delete "set by the attorney general"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 5, delete line 3, and insert "Section 3. The provisions of R.S. 51:3183 as enacted by Section 2 of this Act are"

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. 136—

BY REPRESENTATIVE GLORIOSO
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:2481.7 and 2541.7, relative to the fire and police civil service; to authorize the governing authority to create the position of chief of operations; to provide that the position is appointed on a competitive basis; to provide relative to the appointment, supervision, and discharge of any person in any such position; to provide relative to the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities for such position; to provide relative to departmental and promotional seniority; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs to Reengrossed House Bill No. 136 by Representative Glorioso

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 23, after "fire chief," delete "After each"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, delete lines 24 through 28 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, line 10, after "fire chief," delete "After each"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 4, delete lines 11 through 15 in their entirety

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 138—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEWITT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1263(B) and 1270(A)(9), relative to the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners; to provide for the membership of the board; to provide for the qualifications of the members of the board; to provide for the director of investigations; to provide for an effective date; 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 Reengrossed House Bill No. 138 by Representative Dewitt

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "R.S. 37:1263(B)" delete the remainder of the line and insert "and (F) and 1270(A)(9) and to enact R.S. 37:1263(D)(4), relative to the Louisiana State"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 7, after "R.S. 37:1263(B)" delete the remainder of the line and insert "and (F) and 1270(A)(9) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 37:1263(D)(4) is hereby enacted to"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 12, change "ten" to "ten eleven"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 17, change "first" to "fourth"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, line 18, change "fourth" to "fifth"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, line 12, change "second" to "first"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, delete line 28 and insert the following:

"(9) One member who is a non-physician healthcare professional whose profession is regulated by the board.

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(4) Each member shall serve at the pleasure of the governor.

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F. Except as provided in Paragraph (D)(3) of this Section, the physician members and the consumer member of the board shall be appointed for a term of four years; and the non-physician healthcare professional member shall be appointed for a term of two years. ~~beginning~~ Terms shall begin on July first of the year in which the appointment is made. No member shall serve more than three consecutive terms."

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 3, between lines 17 and 18, insert the following:

"Section 2. The first member appointed by the governor as a non-physician healthcare professional member of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners shall be a physician assistant."

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 3, line 18, change "Section 2." to "Section 3."

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. 160—

BY REPRESENTATIVES DICKERSON, ROBBY CARTER, CHASSION,
EDMONSTON, EGAN, FISHER, JACKSON, OWEN, AND WALTERS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1141(B)(1) and to enact R.S. 42:1141(D) and 1153(C), relative to enforcement of laws within the jurisdiction of the Board of Ethics; to provide relative to ethics complaints; to provide for the investigative powers of the Board of Ethics; to provide for the procedure for making complaints; to provide for a prohibition against retaliation; to provide for penalties for making a false complaint and retaliating; 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. 165—

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONSTON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:3306(A)(2)(introductory paragraph), relative to the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District; to remove the deadline for the board to promulgate regulations for watershed management; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 256—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MCMAKIN, BOYD, AND CHASSION
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1432(B), relative to the Louisiana Real Estate Commission; to provide for the terms of appointment of commissioners; to provide for an effective date; 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. 264—

BY REPRESENTATIVES ECHOLS, BILLINGS, FARNUM,
SCHAMERHORN, AND WYBLE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1657.1(A) and (B)(introductory paragraph) and (4) and R.S. 44:4.1(B)(11) and to enact R.S. 22:1657.1(D) and 1860.3(F), relative to pharmacy benefit managers; to modify the definition of rebates; to provide for reimbursement of pharmacists and pharmacies; to authorize the commissioner of insurance's examination of records and compensation programs; to provide for public records exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Insurance.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Insurance to Reengrossed House Bill No. 264 by Representative Echols

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "reenact" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 3 and insert "the heading of Subpart C-1 of Part II of Chapter 6 of Title 22 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, R.S. 22:1863, 1865 (Section heading), and 1867, R.S. 40:2869(A) and (B) and 2870(A)(4) and (5)(a), and R.S. 44:4.1(B)(11), to enact R.S. 22:1868, 1868.1, 1869, and 1870 and to repeal R.S. 22:1657.1, 1860.3(E), and R.S. 40:2870(A)(5)(b), relative to pharmacy"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 4, delete "to modify the definition" and insert "to prohibit the retention"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 6, after "programs;" insert "to provide for appeals; to provide for definitions; to prohibit effective rate pricing and spread pricing; to provide for reporting; to provide for advisory council membership; to provide for enforcement and effective dates; to prohibit patient steering;"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, delete lines 9 through 18, delete page 2, and on page 3, delete lines 1 through 16 and insert the following:

"Section 1. The heading of Subpart C-1 of Part II of Chapter 6 of Title 22 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, R.S. 22:1863, 1865 (Section heading), and 1867 are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 22:1868, 1869, and 1870 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

SUBPART C-1. PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGERS
~~MANAGER'S MAINTENANCE AND USE OF MAXIMUM~~
~~ALLOWABLE COST LISTS FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS~~
§1863. Definitions

As used in this Subpart, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Drug Shortage List" means a list of drug products posted on the United States Food and Drug Administration drug shortage website.

(2) "Effective rate pricing" means any payment reduction for pharmacist or pharmacy services by a pharmacy benefit manager under a reconciliation process for direct or indirect remuneration fees, a brand or generic effective rate of reimbursement, or any other reduction or aggregate reduction of payment.

(3) "Health benefit plan", "health plan", "plan", "benefit", or "health insurance coverage" means services consisting of medical care provided directly through insurance, reimbursement, or other means, and including items and services paid for as medical care under any hospital or medical service policy or certificate, hospital or medical service plan contract, preferred provider organization contract, or health maintenance organization contract offered by a health insurance issuer. However, excepted benefits are not included as a "health benefit plan".

(4) "Health insurance issuer" means any entity that offers health insurance coverage through a plan, policy, or certificate of insurance subject to state law that regulates the business of insurance. "Health insurance issuer" shall also include a health maintenance organization, as defined and licensed pursuant to Subpart I of Part I of Chapter 2 of this Code.

(5) "Local pharmacy" means a pharmacy as defined in the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Code 456110, which is domiciled in Louisiana and has fewer than ten retail outlets under its corporate umbrella.

(6) "Maximum Allowable Cost List" means a listing of the National Drug Code used by a pharmacy benefit manager setting the maximum allowable cost on which reimbursement to a pharmacy or pharmacist may be based. "Maximum Allowable Cost List" shall include any term that a pharmacy benefit manager or a healthcare insurer may use to establish reimbursement rates for generic and multi-source brand drugs to a pharmacist or pharmacy for pharmacist services. ~~The term "Maximum Allowable Cost List" shall not include any rate mutually agreed to and set forth in writing in the contract between the pharmacy benefit manager and the pharmacy or its agent and shall not include the National Average Drug Acquisition Cost. A pharmacy benefit manager may use effective rate pricing for a pharmacist or pharmacy that is not a local pharmacy or local pharmacist as defined in R.S. 46:460.36(A).~~

(7) "NDC" means the National Drug Code, a numerical identifier assigned to all prescription drugs.

(8) "Pharmacist" means a licensed pharmacist as defined in R.S. 22:1852(8).

(9) "Pharmacist services" means products, goods, or services provided as a part of the practice of pharmacy as defined in R.S. 22:1852(9).

(10) "Pharmacy" means any appropriately licensed place where prescription drugs are dispensed as defined in R.S. 22:1852(10).

(11) "Pharmacy benefit manager" ~~means an entity that administers or manages a pharmacy benefits plan or program~~ has the same meaning as the term defined in R.S. 22:1641(8) and includes

any person, either directly or indirectly, that provides one or more pharmacy benefit management services on behalf of an insurer or health plan, and any agent, contractor, intermediary, affiliate, subsidiary, or related entity of such person who facilitates, provides, directs, or oversees the provision of the pharmacy benefit management services.

(8) (12) "Pharmacy benefits plan" or "pharmacy benefits program" means a plan or program that pays for, reimburses, covers the cost of, or otherwise provides for pharmacist services to individuals who reside in or are employed in Louisiana.

(13) "Rebates" means all rebates, discounts, and other price concessions, based on utilization of a prescription drug and paid by the manufacturer or other party other than an enrollee, directly or indirectly, to the pharmacy benefit manager after the claim has been adjudicated at the pharmacy. Rebates shall include a reasonable estimate of any volume-based discount or other discounts.

(14) "Specialty drug" means a drug that meets all of the following criteria:

(a) The drug is used to treat and is prescribed for a person with a complex, chronic, or rare medical condition that is progressive, can be debilitating or fatal if left untreated or undertreated, or for which there is no known cure.

(b) The drug is not routinely stocked at a majority of pharmacies within this state.

(c) The drug has special handling, storage, inventory, or distribution requirements.

(d) Patients receiving the drug require complex education and treatment maintenance, such as complex dosing, intensive monitoring, or clinical oversight.

~~(9) (15) "Spread pricing" means any amount charged or claimed by a pharmacy benefit manager charges or claims from a health plan provider or managed care organization for payment of a prescription or for pharmacy services that is different than drug that exceeds the amount paid by the pharmacy benefit manager paid to the pharmacist or pharmacy who filled the prescription or provided the pharmacy services for the dispensing of the prescription drug, minus a pharmacy benefit management fee.~~

§1865. Appeals; maximum allowable costs

§1867. Prohibition on spread pricing; ~~notice exception~~ effective rate pricing

A. A pharmacy benefit manager is prohibited from conducting or participating in spread pricing in this state ~~unless the pharmacy benefit manager provides written notice as provided in Subsection B of this Section.~~

B. ~~The notice issued by a pharmacy benefit manager, or a health insurance issuer where the health insurance issuer has agreed to issue the notice, that utilizes spread pricing shall be:~~ A pharmacy benefit manager is prohibited from using effective rate pricing for a local pharmacy.

~~(1) Required for each health insurance issuer or plan provider in which the pharmacy benefit manager engaged or participated in spread pricing.~~

~~(2) Delivered to the policy holder.~~

~~(3) Provided at least biannually.~~

~~(4) Indicative of the aggregate amount of spread pricing charged by the pharmacy benefit manager during the period.~~

~~(5) Written in plain, simple, and understandable English.~~

C. Any violation of this Section that is committed or performed with such frequency as to indicate a general business practice shall be subject to the provisions of the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, R.S. 51:1401 et seq., as provided in R.S. 40:2870(B).

§1868. Local pharmacy reimbursement; National Average Drug Acquisition Costs; appeals

A. (1) No pharmacy benefit manager or person acting on behalf of a pharmacy benefit manager shall reimburse a pharmacy or pharmacist in this state an amount less than the acquisition cost for the covered drug, device, or service. The provisions of this Section shall apply only to reimbursement for a contracted pharmacist or local pharmacy.

(2) For purposes of this Section, the following definitions shall apply:

(a) "Acquisition cost" means the set of National Average Drug Acquisition Costs, "NADAC", as calculated by the Centers for Medicaid and Medicaid Services and reflected in the most recently released public file.

(b) "Adjustment" means a percentage-based change to the prescription drug pricing benchmark, such as average wholesale price or national average drug acquisition cost, applied uniformly across a class of drugs.

(c) "Claim payment error" means a pharmacy or pharmacist claim payment amount that fails to reimburse at or above acquisition cost

(d) "Reimbursement formula" means a prescription drug reimbursement calculation involving an ingredient price, calculated based on a prescription drug pricing benchmark plus an adjustment factor, and a professional dispensing fee.

(3) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, effective January 1, 2026, a pharmacy benefit manager shall meet all of the following requirements for claims submitted by any local pharmacy to a pharmacy benefit manager administering claims on behalf of a health plan, except for the office of group benefits:

(a) Adopt a reimbursement formula using either NADAC as the prescription drug pricing benchmark or, with prior written approval by the commissioner, an alternative prescription drug pricing benchmark that results in claim payment errors that are both comparable to or less than NADAC in terms of frequency and smaller than NADAC in terms of magnitude.

(b) Adopt a reimbursement formula using an adjustment factor that, based on claims experience data available to the pharmacy benefit manager, is reasonably expected to result in a claim payment error rate of no more than two percent per drug as identified by its national drug code.

(c) Adopt an appeal process for pharmacists to challenge claim payment errors that, at a minimum, meets the following requirements:

(i) A network pharmacy contract executed by and between a pharmacy benefit manager and a pharmacy located in Louisiana shall, at a minimum, contain a provision expressly acknowledging that if a Louisiana pharmacy's reimbursement for any covered drug or device is less than the pharmacy's acquisition cost for that drug or device, the pharmacy has the right to appeal that reimbursement and, if successful, receive additional payment so that the total reimbursement is equal to the pharmacy's demonstrated acquisition cost. The pharmacy benefit manager shall direct the pharmacy to the pharmacy benefit manager's electronic and written appeal locations.

(ii) Permit appeals to be filed for a period of fifteen days following the applicable date of payment.

(iii) If an appeal is filed with the pharmacy benefit manager, the pharmacy must include a written invoice from the wholesaler that includes the drug name, national drug code number, purchase date, and cost of the drug.

(iv) If a claim payment error occurred, the pharmacy benefit manager shall make an additional payment to the pharmacy to increase the reimbursement amount to the acquisition cost.

(v) If a pharmacy benefit manager determines that a claim payment error did not occur, it shall provide the pharmacy or pharmacist with an explanation of why it has upheld the payment, including a specific documentation of the acquisition cost on the date of service. The explanation shall be provided electronically or in writing through customary means of communication between the pharmacy benefit manager and the pharmacy or pharmacist. The explanation shall also include a notice in at least ten point font stating that, if the pharmacy or pharmacist disagrees with the decision, the pharmacy or pharmacist may file a complaint with the Department of Insurance.

§1868.I. Pharmacy benefit manager rebate retention restrictions; fee disclosure

A. A pharmacy benefit manager may negotiate, but shall not retain any portion of rebates received from a drug manufacturer. All manufacturer rebates shall be passed through to the plan sponsor.

B. All pharmacy benefit management fees shall be disclosed in writing and set forth clearly in the contract between the pharmacy benefit manager and the insurer or health plan.

C. On or before December thirty-first of each calendar year, each pharmacy benefit manager shall certify under oath to the commissioner of insurance that it has fully complied with the provisions of this Section for the prior calendar year. The certification shall be signed by the chief executive officer or chief financial officer of the pharmacy benefit manager and shall be subject to audit and penalty for false statements.

D. Any violation of this Section shall be considered an unfair or deceptive act or practice in the business of insurance and shall be subject to all enforcement authority granted to the commissioner pursuant to this Title.

E. For purposes of this Section, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Pharmacy benefit management fee" means a fee paid by an insurer or health plan to a pharmacy benefit manager for pharmacy benefit management services provided.

(2) "Rebates" means all rebates, discounts, and other price concessions, based on utilization of a prescription drug and paid by the manufacturer or other party other than an enrollee, directly or indirectly, to the pharmacy benefit manager after the claim has been adjudicated at the pharmacy. Rebates shall include a reasonable estimate, as determined by the commissioner, of any volume-based discount or other discounts.

§1869. Compensation program; review by commissioner; exceptions

A. The commissioner may review the compensation program of a pharmacy benefit manager or person acting on behalf of a pharmacy benefit manager with a health insurance issuer, pharmacy services administrative organization, pharmacy, or pharmacist, or any person acting on their behalf, to ensure that the reimbursement for drugs, devices, and services paid to the pharmacist or pharmacy is fair and reasonable.

B. Information provided to the commissioner pursuant to Subsection A of this Section and specifically identified as confidential by the pharmacy benefit manager, including the terms and conditions of any contract and other proprietary information, shall be confidential and shall not be subject to disclosure. However, the commissioner may disclose confidential information to insurance departments of other states or for the purposes of any adjudicatory hearing or court proceeding invoked by the commissioner in accordance with the provisions of this Part.

§1870. Pharmacy benefit manager transparency report; examination by commissioner

A. Each pharmacy benefit manager licensed by the commissioner shall submit an annual transparency report as a condition of maintaining licensure.

B.(1) On March 1 of each year, each licensed pharmacy benefit manager shall submit a transparency report containing data from the prior calendar year to the department. The transparency report shall contain the following information for each of the pharmacy benefit manager's contractual or other relationships with a health benefit plan or health insurance issuer:

(a) The total amount of all rebates that the pharmacy benefit manager received from pharmaceutical manufacturers.

(b) The total amount of all administrative fees that the pharmacy benefit manager received.

(c) The total amount of all negotiated price concessions such as base price concessions, reasonable estimates of any price protection rebates other than manufacturer rebates, and performance-based price concessions.

(d) The total amount of all rebates passed to enrollees at the point of sale of a prescription drug.

(e) The total amount of all reimbursement paid to network pharmacies in this state, specifically identified by local pharmacy and non-local pharmacy.

(f) Total amount of all specialty drug rebates that the pharmacy benefit manager received.

(g) The total number of other services provided by the pharmacy benefit manager or its affiliates or subsidiaries in addition to prescription drugs. The total amount reported shall include identification of the service, the number of services provided, by whom they were provided, and the dollar amount relative to the provision of the services.

(h) The complete corporate vertical integration structure of all components related to the pharmacy benefit manager including the insurer, pharmacy benefit manager, group purchasing organization,

manufacturer, wholesale distributor, special or mail order pharmacy, retail or long term care pharmacy, and provider.

(2) The transparency report shall be made available in a form that does not disclose the identity of a specific health benefit plan, the prices charged for specific drugs or classes of drugs, or the amount of any rebates provided for specific drugs or classes of drugs.

(3) Within sixty days of receipt, the Department of Insurance shall publish the transparency report on the department's website in a location designated for pharmacy benefit manager information.

(4) The pharmacy benefit manager and the Department of Insurance shall not publish or disclose any information that would reveal the identity of a specific health benefit plan, the prices charged for a specific drug or class of drugs, or the amount of any rebates provided for a specific drug or class of drugs. Any such information shall be protected from disclosure as confidential and proprietary information and shall not be regarded as a public record pursuant to the Public Records Law.

(5) Not more than thirty days after an increase in wholesale acquisition cost of fifty percent or greater for a drug with a wholesale acquisition cost of one hundred dollars or more for a thirty-day supply, a pharmaceutical drug manufacturer shall notify the commissioner by electronic mail of any such change.

C.(1) The commissioner may examine the books or records of a pharmacy benefit manager to determine the accuracy of the transparency report.

(2) This Section does not limit the power of the commissioner to examine or audit the books or records of a pharmacy benefit manager.

Section 2. R.S. 40:2869(A) and (B) and 2870(A)(4) and (5)(a) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2869. Pharmacy benefit manager monitoring advisory council; membership; functions

A. There is hereby created within the Department of Insurance a pharmacy benefit manager monitoring advisory council, referred to hereafter in this Chapter as the "advisory council", that shall consist of the following members, each of whom may appoint a designee:

(1) The commissioner of the Department of Insurance, or his designee from the department.

(2) The president of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners.

(3) The president of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy.

(4) (2) The attorney general, or her designee from the department.

(5) The director of the public protection division of the Department of Justice.

(6) (3) The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, or his designee from the department.

(7) The president of the Louisiana Academy of Physician Assistants.

(8) The president of the Louisiana State Medical Society.

(9) The president of the Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners.

(10) (4) The president of A pharmacist who works for a chain drug store appointed by the Louisiana Pharmacists Association.

(11) (5) The president of An independent pharmacist appointed by the Louisiana Independent Pharmacies Association.

(12) The president of the National Association of Chain Drug Stores.

(13) (6) The president of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, or his designee.

(14) The president of the Louisiana Academy of Medical Psychologists.

(15) (7) The president of the Louisiana Association of Health Plans, or his designee.

(16) (8) The president An employee of a pharmacy benefit manager licensed by the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, selected by the Louisiana affiliate of the Pharmaceutical Care Management Association from a list of interested and qualified individuals. The employee shall have responsibility for and experience in daily administrative functions of the business practices of the pharmacy benefit manager.

(17) The president of the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry.

~~(18) The chief executive officer of the Louisiana Business Group on Health.~~

~~(19) The president of the Louisiana AFL-CIO.~~

~~(20) The president of the Louisiana Association of Health Underwriters.~~

~~(21) (9) The governor, or his designee from the office of the governor.~~

~~(22) (10) The chairman of the House Committee on Insurance, or his designee, who shall serve as vice chairman of the council.~~

~~(23) (11) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Insurance, or his designee, who shall serve as the chairman of the council.~~

~~(24) (12) The chairman of the House Committee on Health and Welfare.~~

~~(25) (13) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare.~~

B. The members of the advisory council shall serve at the pleasure of their respective appointing authorities. Seven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business. ~~The members shall elect a chairman and vice chairman whose duties shall be established by the advisory council. The member elected to serve as chairman shall fix a time and place for regular meetings of the advisory council, which shall meet at least quarterly. The advisory council shall establish policies and procedures necessary to carry out its duties. Expenses for the administrative staffing of the advisory council shall be provided for from the licensing fees paid by pharmacy benefit managers and may be transferred between state agencies by memorandum of understanding or cooperative endeavor agreement.~~

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§2870. Prohibited acts; unfair and deceptive trade practices

A. A pharmacy benefit manager in Louisiana shall not:

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~~(4) Conduct or participate in effective rate pricing or spread pricing as defined in R.S. 22:1863(9) without providing the notice required by R.S. 22:1867.~~

~~(5)(a) Directly or indirectly engage in patient steering to a pharmacy in which the pharmacy benefit manager maintains an ownership interest or control without making a written disclosure and receiving acknowledgment from the patient. The disclosure required by this Paragraph shall provide notice that the pharmacy benefit manager has an ownership interest in or control of the pharmacy, and that the patient has the right under the law to use any alternate pharmacy that they choose. Patient steering includes but is not limited to any communication by a pharmacy benefit manager through data mining or other similar process of any patient information generated or obtained throughout the prescription filling process at any pharmacy, including contacting the patient verbally or in writing to directly or indirectly influence the patient or provide the patient with the option to use an alternate pharmacy that is a preferred carve-out or is in a strategic relationship with the pharmacy benefit manager or in which the pharmacy benefit manager maintains an ownership interest or control or contracts with to process prescriptions on its behalf. The A pharmacy benefit manager is prohibited from retaliation or further attempts to influence the patient, or treat the patient or the patient's claim any differently if the patient chooses to use the alternate pharmacy. However, a pharmacy benefit manager may implement copay assistance benefit plans, also known as copay maximizer plans, for use by its insured members, as permitted by federal law.~~

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AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, line 17, change "Section 2." to "Section 3."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 4, line 1, change "1860.3" to "1869"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 4, after line 3, insert the following:

"Section 4. R.S. 22:1657.1, 1860.3(E), and R.S. 40:2870(A)(5)(b) are hereby repealed.

Section 5. Enforcement of the provisions of R.S. 22:1867 and R.S. 40:2870(A)(4) as provided for in this Act shall begin on January 1, 2027.

Section 6. 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 Talbot, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 267—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:9038.81, relative to the town of St. Francisville; to provide for the creation of a special taxing district; to provide for the purpose, governance, boundaries, and powers and duties of the district; to provide for district funding, including the authority to engage in tax increment financing; to authorize the levy of taxes; to provide for the rate of certain taxes; to provide for limitations and requirements; to authorize the issuance of bonds; to provide for the termination of the district under certain circumstances; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

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.

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. 285—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAMBURG

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:381(C)(37), relative to the village of Edgefield and Red River Parish; to provide for the abolition of the office of police chief and the police department in the village of Edgefield; to authorize the village to contract with other law enforcement entities in the parish for law enforcement services; 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. 288—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYD

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:3408(B) and 3415.2(3) and (4) and to repeal R.S. 37:3398(C) and 3415.10(D), relative to real estate appraisers; to provide for continuing education requirements; to provide for definitions; to repeal in regards to an application time line; to repeal a sunset provision; to provide for effective dates; 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. 297—

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2212(C)(1) and (P)(1)(a) and to enact R.S. 38:2212(C)(5), relative to contract limitations for public works projects by the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism; to provide for a "contract limit" for public works projects to be completed by the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism; to remove the ten-day time frame for a public entity to post notice of a public emergency in its official journal; 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. 299—

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2740.45, relative to Morehouse Parish; to increase the maximum rate of ad valorem taxes the governing authority of the parish is authorized to levy for public cemeteries; to provide for the use of the proceeds of the taxes; to provide for the use of the proceeds of taxes from prior tax years; 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. 318—

BY REPRESENTATIVE GADBERRY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 51:912.22(8), relative to manufactured and modular housing in flood-prone areas; to provide for minimum standards adopted by FEMA; to provide for permit information; 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. 319—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 25:1221(B)(8), 1222(A) and (B)(4), (9), and (14), 1223(A)(1), 1224(A)(10), (B)(1)(a), (c), and (f), (2)(introductory paragraph), (a), (b), and (c), and (3)(introductory paragraph), and (a) through (f), relative to the Atchafalaya Trace Commission and Atchafalaya Trace Heritage Area; to change the name of the heritage area; to include Lafourche Parish within the heritage area; to increase the membership of the commission; 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. 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.

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. 342 by Representative Bayham

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, change "R.S.18:410.5(A), 464(B)(1)," to "R.S. 18:464(B)(1)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 8, change "R.S.18:410.5(A), 464(B)(1)," to "R.S. 18:464(B)(1)"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, delete lines 10 through 18

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. 356—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BRAUD, MANDIE LANDRY, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BOURRIAQUE, BOYD, BRYANT, ROBBY CARTER, CARVER, CHASSION, COX, DEVILLIER, DOMANGUE, FARNUM, FONTENOT, GLORIOSO, HILFERTY, KERNER, KNOX, JACOB LANDRY, TERRY LANDRY, LARVADAIN, MILLER, STAGNI, WILLARD, AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To enact Subpart D-2 of Part IV of Chapter 4 of Title 22 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 22:1346.1 through 1346.6, relative to insurers of residential properties; to create the Stated Value Policy Act; to require insurers to offer a stated value policy option to consumers; to provide requirements for homeowners opting for such policies; to establish minimum policy value standards; to require the commissioner of insurance to provide certain information to consumers; to provide for rulemaking; to provide for enforcement, penalties, and severability; to provide for an effective date; 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 Reengrossed House Bill No. 356 by Representative Braud

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 6, following "state" change "shall" to "may"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 11, after "B," delete "An insurer" and insert "Any insurer that offers a stated value policy option to homeowners as provided in Subsection A of this Section"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, between lines 9 and 10 insert the following:

"D. Liability shall not be imposed on an assessor or their employees based upon the exercise or performance of or the failure to exercise or perform their duties pursuant to this Section."

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. 357—

BY REPRESENTATIVES FREEMAN, ADAMS, BAGLEY, BERAULT, BUTLER, CARRIER, COATES, DEWITT, FISHER, FREIBERG, HUGHES, ILLG, KERNER, LAFLEUR, MANDIE LANDRY, LYONS, MACK, MARCELLE, AND THOMPSON

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1077.4, relative to integrative treatments for cancer; to require health insurance coverage for such treatments; to require coverage for Medicare enrollees; to provide for

definitions; to provide for applicability and effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Insurance.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Insurance to Reengrossed House Bill No. 357 by Representative Freeman

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, after "treatments;" delete the remainder of the line.

line 16, after "coinsurance," delete "and copayments" and insert the following "copayments, and prior authorization"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 17, after "plan," delete the remainder of the line and delete line 18 in its entirety.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, between lines 4 and 5, insert the following:
"C. A health insurance issuer may limit coverage for acupuncture treatment for active treatment of cancer to fifteen visits per plan year, unless additional treatments are recommended by nationally recognized cancer guidelines and the treating physician."

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 359—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MILLER, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BILLINGS, CARRIER, DICKERSON, FISHER, FREIBERG, JORDAN, KNOX, LAFLEUR, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARCELLE, MCMAKIN, MOORE, NEWELL, SPELL, STAGNI, TAYLOR, WALTERS, AND WYBLE
 AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1216.2 and R.S. 46:2168.1, relative to human trafficking; to establish procedures for treating victims of human trafficking; to establish the Human Trafficking in Emergency Departments Advisory Board; to require the board to prepare a protocol; to require the board to report to the legislature; 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. 371—

BY REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BERAULT, CARRIER, CARVER, CHENEVERT, COX, CREWS, DEVILLIER, EDMONSTON, EGAN, FIRMONT, 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 Religious 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.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Education.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Education to Reengrossed House Bill No. 371 by Representative Amedee

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 4, delete "R.S. 17:236.1(H)" and insert "R.S. 17:176.3, 236.1.1, 236.4,"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete lines 7 and 8, and insert the following: "places of worship; to provide for corresponding provisions between the Preservation of Religious Freedom Act and Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 with respect to religious education; to provide with respect to home study cooperatives; to provide for release time; to provide for partnerships between parents of virtual learners and religious facilities; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, at the end of line 25, insert "or home study cooperative, pursuant to R.S. 17:236.1,"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, delete lines 28 and 29, and insert the following:
"(b) Completing courses typically studied in preparation for college admission."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, between lines 4 and 5, insert the following:
"(6) Restrict or deny the use of the building by a parent whose child attends a public virtual school, pursuant to R.S. 17:236.4."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 3, at the beginning of line 27, insert "A."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 4, line 1, change "a judicial" to "a judicial, or" and after "administrative" insert a "," (comma)

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 4, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following:
"B. If after satisfying the notice provisions provided in R.S. 13:5238, a person obtains preliminary injunctive relief under this Part, the person shall remain entitled to the remedies provided in Paragraph A(2) of this Section, notwithstanding any voluntary cessation or efforts to remove the infringing burden on the moving party's religious beliefs."

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 5, line 4, delete "R.S. 17:236.1(H)" and insert "R.S. 17:176.3, 236.1.1, 236.4,"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 5, delete lines 6 and 7, and insert the following:
§176.3. Release time; religious instruction; policies; parental consent
A. Each city, parish, or other local public school board may adopt a policy to make available opportunities for after-school religious instruction programs and may adopt a policy to provide for released time for students enrolled in the schools under its jurisdiction.

B. Parental consent must be obtained, in writing, for the student to participate in release time.

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§236.1.1. Home Study Cooperatives Protection Act; home study students; protections for religious freedom and parental choice in education

A. The purpose of this Section shall be all of the following:
(1) To ensure that parents in this state who choose to voluntarily associate to advance the primary education of their children for any reason, including as an exercise of religious freedom or completing courses typically studied in preparation for college admission, shall not be subject to any additional restrictions or regulations other than the minimum requirements provided for in R.S. 17:221.

(2) To ensure that a church that allows a home study cooperative to use its facilities retains all religious free exercise rights, including those enumerated under the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America as well as Article I, Section 8 and Article XII, Section 17 of the Constitution of Louisiana and the remedies provided in the Preservation of Religious Freedom Act, pursuant to R.S. 13:5231, et seq., whether or not the operation of a home study cooperative is directed by parents who are members of the church or nonmembers who live in the community."

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 5, line 8, delete "H.(1)" and insert "B."

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 5, delete lines 12 and 13, and insert:

"(b) Completing courses typically studied in preparation for college admission."

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 5, delete lines 16 through 20, and insert the following:

"C.As used in this Section, the following words shall have the following meanings:

(1) "Approved home study program" means an educational program of instruction that complies with R.S. 17:236.1.

(2) "Home study cooperative" means a voluntary association of parents who are homeschooling families who come together to share educational resources, group instruction, and social opportunities for their children who are in kindergarten through the twelfth grade and meet at various times and at various locations to participate in or enhance the education offered for their child's primary educational program, which may or may not align with the required or recommended kindergarten through the twelfth grade instructional state standards. Neither the frequency or location of meetings, shall alter the definition of "home study cooperative", whether the student is enrolled in a home study program approved by the state board or a nonpublic school not seeking state approval.

(3) "A nonpublic school not seeking state approval" means a home-based private education program operated by parents that provides the parents autonomy to educate their children without approval.

(4) "Operation of a home study cooperative" means the parents of the children participating in the home study cooperative and any other individuals assisting those parents while engaged in any actions taken to organize, facilitate, or operate the home study cooperative at any church, other place of worship, facility, home, or other structure utilized by the home study cooperative.

(5) "Parent" means the parent or guardian of any child under the age of eighteen.

(6) "Primary education" means a program of instruction for a student to comply with R.S. 17:221 from kindergarten through grade twelve, including but not limited to an approved home study program or a nonpublic school not seeking state approval.

(7) "State board" means the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

D. Each home study cooperative shall remain subject to laws or other legal provisions relating to the protection of the physical health and safety of its students, and the prevention of unlawful conduct, including unlawful conduct in or near a public school. Otherwise, each home study cooperative shall be exempt from statutes, rules, regulations, guidelines, or other regulatory provisions imposed by the state, local governments, or local school systems, including, but not limited to, the following:

(1) No state, local, or other school system employee or other government employee shall initiate or conduct any site inspection, site visit, or other investigation that would not have been initiated or made but for the operation or presence of a home study cooperative.

(2) No public school governing authority shall take any action or in any manner discriminate against or otherwise distinguish any student or parent based on their participation in a home study cooperative.

(3) No public school governing authority shall require that any home study cooperative be in any manner required to register or otherwise report its existence or anything related to the operation of a home study cooperative.

(4) Home study cooperatives may, at their discretion, partner with local education agencies to voluntarily access extracurricular programming and interscholastic athletics, pursuant to R.S. 17:176.2, facilities, or dual enrollment opportunities.

E. If requested, the Louisiana Department of Education shall provide information and guidance to home study students or home study cooperatives for all of the following:

(1) Recommendations for curriculum and instructional materials that align with the Louisiana Student Standards in English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.

(2) Where to locate statewide assessments, including the ACT and WorkKeys.

(3) Eligibility guidance for participation in the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) and the Jump Start career pathway programs.

F. This section shall be known as the Home Study Cooperatives Protection Act."

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 5, after line 21, insert the following:

"§236.4. Partnerships with parents; public virtual schools; religious education; use of facilities; protection for church or other religious organizations; parental choice in education

A. The purpose of this Section shall be all of the following:

(1) To allow parents to enter into a voluntary partnership with a partnering church to provide religious education or socialization for their child who is a virtual learner at a public virtual school.

(2) To ensure that a parent in this state whose child is participating in a public virtual school, pursuant to R.S. 17:236.3, and who voluntarily chooses to partner with a church facility to provide religious education or socialization for their child, shall not be penalized because the child is taking the required online courses at a church and the parent shall not be subject to any additional restrictions or regulations other than those required by the public virtual school.

(3) To ensure that a church or other religious organization that partners with a parent or group of parents to provide children who are participating in a public virtual school with a facility for religious education or socialization retains all religious free exercise rights, including those enumerated under the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America as well as Article I, Section 8 and Article XII, Section 17 of the Constitution of Louisiana and the remedies provided in the Preservation of Religious Freedom Act, pursuant to R.S. 13:5231, et seq., whether or not the operation of the public virtual school is directed by parents who are members of the church or nonmembers who live in the community.

B. As used in this Section, the following words, whether singular or plural, shall have the following meanings:

(1) "Parent" means the parent or guardian of any child under the age of eighteen.

(2) "Partnering church" means a church or other religious organization that partners with one or more parents to provide a facility for religious education or socialization.

(3) "Parent-church-public virtual school partnership" means a voluntary association of one or more parents whose children are virtual learners and who partner with a partnering church facility to provide religious education or socialization for their child. Neither the frequency or location of with a partner church shall alter the definition of "parent-church-public virtual school."

(4) "Public virtual school" has the same meaning as R.S. 17:236.3.

(5) "Virtual learners" are students who are participating in a program of education via a public virtual school.

C. Two or more parents whose children are participating in a public virtual school program, as provided in R.S. 17:236.3, may meet in a parent's home, church or other place of worship, or a nonprofit community center. Nothing herein shall prohibit the parents from combining the public virtual school curriculum with Bible classes or other religious courses of study.

D. The public virtual student shall be included in the membership count for the city, parish, or other local public school system that operates the public virtual school in which the student is enrolled for all purposes, including state funding through the Minimum Foundation Program formula.

E. No state agency, city, parish, or local public school board shall adopt a policy prohibiting the parent of a child enrolled in a public virtual school from partnering with a church or other person selected by the parent for any of the following purposes:

(1) Providing religious education or Bible study.

(2) Facilitating socialization for student enrichment.

(3) Supervising the student for the parent while the student is receiving virtual instruction or engaging in virtual learning.

F. Each partnering church shall remain subject to laws or other legal provisions required for a church relating to the protection of the physical health and safety of children and the prevention of unlawful conduct. Otherwise, each partnering church shall be exempt from statutes, rules, regulations, guidelines, or other regulatory provisions imposed by the state, local governments, or local school systems, including, but not limited to, the following:

(1) No city, parish, or other local public school board employee or other government employee shall initiate or conduct any site inspection, site visit, or other investigation that would not have been initiated or made but for the operation or presence of virtual learners, pursuant to a parent-church-public virtual school partnership.

(2) No city, parish, or other local public school board shall take any action or in any manner discriminate against or otherwise distinguish any student who is a virtual learner or a parent based on participation in a parent-church-public virtual school partnership.

(3) No city, parish, or other local public school board or the state board shall require that any home study cooperative be in any manner required to register or otherwise report its existence or anything related to the operation of a parent-church-public virtual school partnership."

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. 378—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILDER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:5029(B)(2) and (3)(a) and (b)(ii) and (iii), relative to the Taylor Opportunity Program Award for Students; to provide relative to the alternate eligibility requirements for students who complete approved home study programs; to lower the minimum ACT score such students must attain for initial qualification for an award; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Education. The bill was read by title and recommitted to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE BILL NO. 379—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WRIGHT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:868(A)(introductory paragraph) and (1) and to enact R.S. 22:868.1, relative to property insurance; to provide for mandatory binding arbitration under certain circumstances; to provide for endorsements; to provide for requirements of arbitration and selected arbitrators; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Insurance.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Insurance to Engrossed House Bill No. 379 by Representative Wright

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, delete line 29 and insert "arbitrator's decision. You may also be responsible for payment of the costs of arbitration, or a portion thereof."

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 385—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRYANT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:162(A), relative to charges for the recordation of an oath or affirmation of office for a public

official; to provide that the oath or affirmation shall be recorded at no charge to the official; 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. 391—

BY REPRESENTATIVE STAGNI

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3902(B)(5), relative to the evaluation of teachers and administrators; to prohibit the inclusion of test scores or data of certain students in the value-added assessment model; 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. 405—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLARD

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:18(E), relative to the powers and duties of the secretary of state; to require the secretary of state to prepare and publish a revised Louisiana Election Code and certain information concerning changes in election law; to provide deadlines; to provide for effectiveness; 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. 428—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BOURRIQUE AND ROMERO

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:191(1)(o) and to repeal R.S. 49:191(4)(a), relative to the Department of Transportation and Development, including provisions to provide for the re-creation of the Department of Transportation and Development and the statutory entities made a part of the department by law; to provide for the effective termination date for all statutory authority for the existence of such statutory entities; 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. 442—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HENRY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:2651(1), (3), and (7)(a), (b), and (g), 2659(A)(introductory paragraph) and (1), 2660(3), 2662(C)(introductory paragraph) and (3), to enact R.S. 37:2651(13) through (18), and to repeal R.S. 37:2651(7)(e) and (f), relative to audiology and speech-language pathology; to provide for definitions; to provide for the qualifications of an applicant for licensure; to waive certain requirements for licensure; to provide for disciplinary actions; 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. 467—

BY REPRESENTATIVES HILFERTY AND MANDIE LANDRY

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1059.6 and R.S. 40:1081.13, relative to health insurance coverage; to require coverage for amino acid-based elemental formulas for infants and children when medically necessary; to provide application to Medicaid coverage; to provide for application to coverage plans; to provide for effectiveness; 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 Finance.

HOUSE BILL NO. 502—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:53(A) and (B)(1) and (2), 55(A)(4)(b), 59(B)(4)(b) and (C)(4)(b), 60, and 134(A), relative to the compensation, evaluation, duties, and removal of registrars of voters; to provide for grounds for removal; to provide for allegations brought by the commissioner of elections; to provide for a firing freeze during the pendency of removal proceedings; to provide for merit evaluations; to provide for salary increases; to provide for office closures; to provide for the performance of duties by the registrar of voters during office closures; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs. The bill was read by title and recommitted to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE BILL NO. 514—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLARD

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1059.1, relative to the Louisiana Doula Registry Board; to provide for board composition; to provide with respect to the regulatory authority of the Louisiana Doula Registry Board and the Louisiana Department of Health; to provide relative to administrative staff and further rulemaking requirements of the Louisiana Department of Health; 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 Reengrossed House Bill No. 514 by Representative Willard

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 11, after "for" insert "the"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 20, change "as" to "and"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 27, change "fifteen" to "fourteen"

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. 528—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BOURRIQUE AND ROMERO

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 36:501(C)(1), 502(A) and (B), 505, 508(A) through (D) and (F) and (G), 508.1, 508.2(A), (B), and (F), and 508.3(A)(2) and (3) and to enact R.S. 36:4(B)(38), 504(B)(6) and (7), 506(E) through (F), 508(H) and (I), 508.5, and 508.6, relative to the office of Louisiana Highway Construction under the division of administration; to add the office of transformation and the office of project delivery to the composition of the Department of Transportation and Development; to reconstruct the functions, powers, and duties of officers of the department; to change the appointing authority of certain officials; to require the office of transformation to operate under the supervision of the office of project delivery; to designate certain powers and duties to the assistant secretary for project delivery; to remove the powers and duties of the office of planning; to create districts within the office of operations; 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 Re-Reengrossed House Bill No. 528 by Representative Bourriaque

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, after "508.2(A), (B)" and before "and 508.3(A)(2)" delete "(F);"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 4, after "504(B)(6)" delete the remainder of the line and insert a comma "," and "508.5, and"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 12, after "planning;" delete the remainder of the line and insert "and to provide for related matters." and delete line 13 in its entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 16, after "508.2(A), (B)" and before "and 508.3(A)(2)" delete "(F);"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 1, after "504(B)(6)" delete the remainder of the line and insert a comma ","

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 5, line 5, after "itemize" delete the remainder of the line and insert "costs"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 5, delete lines 9 through 11 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 6, line 6, after the period "." delete the remainder of the line and delete line 7 in its entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 6, delete line 8 in its entirety and insert "He"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 7, delete lines 1 through 4 in their entirety and insert the following:

"G. ~~The secretary or the chief engineer with approval of the secretary may designate a licensed engineer in the office of engineering to perform any duties required of the chief engineer when the chief engineer is absent or incapacitated. The assistant secretary in consultation with the chief engineer and with approval of the secretary may designate a licensed engineer in the office of project delivery to perform any duties required of the chief engineer when the chief engineer is absent.~~"

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 8, delete lines 23 through 29 in their entirety and insert the following:

"B. The office of operations shall be under the immediate supervision of the assistant secretary, who shall be appointed by the governor and shall serve at the pleasure of the secretary. ~~The assistant secretary shall be a competent engineer of recognized ability and standing who is experienced in the operations of the department. He shall be licensed to practice engineering in Louisiana. The assistant secretary shall give his whole time to the duties of his office.~~"

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 9, delete lines 27 through 29 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 10, at the beginning of line 1, change "C." to "B."

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 10, line 7, after "services" delete the remainder of the line and insert a period "."

AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 10, delete lines 25 and 26 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 11, delete lines 3 through 6 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 11, at the beginning of line 7, delete "C.(1) By fiscal year 2026-2027, it" and insert "B.(1) It"

AMENDMENT NO. 18

On page 11, line 13, after "the" and before "shall" delete "department" and insert "office of transformation"

AMENDMENT NO. 19

On page 11, line 15, after "of" and before "functions" delete "its" and insert "the department's"

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 531—

BY REPRESENTATIVE TRAVIS JOHNSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1216.1(A)(introductory paragraph), relative to forensic medical examinations of sexual assault survivors; to require a healthcare facility or hospital to offer forensic medical examinations to sexual assault survivors; to require the Louisiana Legislative Auditor to conduct audits; 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. 535—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MANDIE LANDRY, AMEDEE, BACALA, BOYD, EGAN, FARNUM, FISHER, HILFERTY, LARVADAIN, MARCELLE, MCCORMICK, OWEN, WILDER, AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:1517.2 and to repeal R.S. 47:1517.1 and R.S. 51:935.1, relative to tax incentives and economic development programs; to provide for duties of the legislative auditor; to require the legislative auditor to evaluate and report on tax incentives within the state; to provide for the powers, duties, and functions of the legislative auditor as it relates to the evaluation of and the reports on tax incentives and economic development programs; to repeal requirements relative to reports on tax incentives by certain agencies; to repeal requirements for the unified economic development budget report; 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. 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.

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. 548—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:149(B)(introductory paragraph) and (C) and 209.2(B)(introductory paragraph) and (C) and R.S. 56:765 and to enact R.S. 30:149.1 and 209.3, relative to revenue from carbon dioxide sequestration on state property; to provide for the distribution of revenue from carbon dioxide sequestration on property owned by the state and state agencies; to provide for the distribution of revenue received by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission from carbon dioxide sequestration; to provide for prior acts of donation accepted by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission; to dedicate revenue to the Conservation Fund; to dedicate revenue to local governing authorities; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Natural Resources.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Natural Resources to Reengrossed House Bill No. 548 by Representative LaCombe

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 6, after line 9, insert:

"Section 3. Without in any way affecting the amount local governing authorities are entitled to receive pursuant to this Act, in the event that a tax is enacted on carbon dioxide injection for geologic storage and any portion thereof is dedicated to parishes, it is the intent of the Legislature of Louisiana that the obligation of a state agency to remit payment to local governing authorities pursuant to this Act be reduced by any amount of tax revenue received by that local governing authority."

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 556—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BOURRIQUE, AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOYER, BRAUD, BUTLER, CARLSON, CARRIER, CARVER, CHENEVERT, COATES, CREWS, DESHOTEL, DEVILLIER, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, EDMONSTON, EGAN, EMERSON, FARNUM, FONTENOT, FREIBERG, GLORIOSO, HEBERT, HORTON, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, JACOB LANDRY, MCMAHEN, MCMAKIN, MELERINE, OWEN, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, TURNER, VILLIO, WILDER, WILEY, WRIGHT, AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 48:1(1) and (2), 23, 53, 76, 78(C), 92, 94, 105(B)(2), 105.1(C), 203(B), 207(A), 229.1(A), (B), and (D) through (G), 231(Section heading), (A)(1), (5), and (6), 250.3(E)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (2) and (G), 250.3.1(F), 251(C), 255(B)(6), 259, 261(A)(1), (B) and (C), 286, 292(B)(introductory paragraph), 292.1(E)(1)(f) and (2), 295.1(3), 381(D) and (E)(1)(a)(introductory paragraph) and (2), 381.1(D), and 381.4(introductory paragraph), to enact R.S. 48:78(D) and (E), 105(B)(5), 196(D) and (E), 224.1(E), 229.1(H), and 381(C)(6), and to repeal R.S. 48:79, relative to the various reform operations within the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development; to define assistant secretary for project delivery; to improve project oversight and ensure better coordination across all stages of project development and implementation; 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 Reengrossed House Bill No. 556 by Representative Bourriaque

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "reenact" delete the remainder of the line and insert "R.S. 48:23, 76(C), 92, 105.1(C),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 6, after "295.1(3)," delete "381(D)" and insert "381(C)(3)(a), (D),"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, delete line 8 in its entirety and insert "48:105(B)(5), 196(D) and (E), 224.1(E), and 229.1(H)"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 10, after "Development;" delete the remainder of the line

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, at the beginning of line 11, delete "secretary for project delivery;" and insert "to require the assistant secretary of project delivery consult with the chief engineer on matters related to project planning and implementation

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 1, line 15, after "Section 1." delete the remainder of the line and insert " R.S. 48:23, 76(C), 92, 105.1(C),"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, line 2, after "295.1(3)," delete "381(D)" and insert "381(C)(3)(a), (D),"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 2, line 3, after "reenacted and" delete the remainder of the line

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 2, delete line 4 in its entirety and insert "48:105(B)(5), 196(D) and (E), 224.1(E), and 229.1(H)"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 2, delete lines 6 through 16 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 2, line 21, after "law" delete the remainder of the line and insert a period "."

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 2, delete lines 26 through 30 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 3, delete lines 1 through 6 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 3, delete lines 8 through 14 in their entirety and insert a set of asterisks " * * * "

AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 3, at the beginning of line 15, delete "B." and insert "C."

AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 3, delete lines 22 through 30 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 17

Delete page 4 in its entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 18

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

AMENDMENT NO. 19

On page 5, delete lines 22 through 28 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 20

On page 6, delete lines 1 through 3 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 21

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

"(10) Fosters reliability and efficiency of the state highway network for workforce development and workforce access purposes by considering and bolstering connection to employment clusters and higher educational institutions through integration with local roads, transit, rail, or other intermodal options."

AMENDMENT NO. 22

On page 10, at the beginning of line 4, change "(6)(a)" to "(6)"

AMENDMENT NO. 23

On page 10, delete lines 13 through 16 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 24

On page 10, line 23, after "The" and before "and" delete "chief engineer and"

AMENDMENT NO. 25

On page 11, at the beginning of line 15, after "The" and before "assistant" delete "chief engineer and the"

AMENDMENT NO. 26

On page 11, line 18, after "The" and before "assistant" delete "chief engineer and the"

AMENDMENT NO. 27

On page 11, line 23, after "Additionally, the" and before "assistant" delete "the chief engineer and the"

AMENDMENT NO. 28

On page 12, line 6, after "The" and before "assistant" delete "chief engineer and the"

AMENDMENT NO. 29

On page 12, line 9, after "The" and before "assistant" delete "chief engineer and the"

AMENDMENT NO. 30

On page 13, line 1, after "bidder, the" and before "assistant" delete "chief engineer and the"

AMENDMENT NO. 31

On page 13, at the beginning of line 4, delete "chief engineer and the"

AMENDMENT NO. 32

On page 16, line 16, after "by the" and before "assistant" delete "chief engineer and the"

AMENDMENT NO. 33

On page 16, line 17, after "delivery" and before "or" insert a comma "," and after "designee" and before the period "." insert a comma "," and "in consultation with the chief engineer"

AMENDMENT NO. 34

On page 17, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following:

"(3)(a) The chief engineer, or his duly authorized representative, is hereby authorized to negotiate utility relocation agreements containing liquidated damages clauses, equal to ~~to \$~~ .15 percent per day of the estimated utility's relocation costs, regarding delays caused solely by the unjustifiable delinquency of a utility in the completion of relocation work. The chief engineer, or his duly authorized representative, may decline the issuance of a permit to any utility company that is unjustifiably delinquent in completing a relocation project and shall continue to so decline until such a project is completed."

AMENDMENT NO. 35

On page 17, line 14, after the comma "," and before "may" insert "in consultation with the chief engineer"

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 562—

BY REPRESENTATIVES FONTENOT, BRYANT, CARRIER, FIRMONT, GLORIOSO, JORDAN, TAYLOR, AND THOMPSON
AN ACT

To enact Subpart A-1 of Part II of Chapter 4 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 33:1980.1, relative to fire departments, fire protection districts, and certain nonprofit corporations; to provide relative to emergency services provided by such departments, districts, and nonprofit corporations; to provide for reimbursement of certain costs; 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. 603—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:74(B)(1), 341(A)(2), 683(B)(1), 711.4(B)(3)(introductory paragraph), 753(C)(1)(a), (2)(a), and (3), 914(B)(1), 962(C), 1104(A), (B)(2)(a), and (C), 1263(B)(1) through (7), 1270.1(B)(2) and (4), 1314(C)(1)(e)(introductory paragraph) and (f) through (j) and (2)(introductory paragraph), 1339(B) and (D), 1361(B)(1) through (4), 1474(B), 1515(A)(3), 2151(B)(1) through (4) and (7), 2353(A)(2), 2403(B)(2), (3), and (5), 2455(B)(1) and (4), 2503(A)(3)(a), 2654(C) and (D), 2704(A)(introductory paragraph), 3061(A)(1)(a) through (c) and (2), 3084(B)(1)(a), (b), and (d), 3201(B)(1)(a) through (c), 3356(A)(2)(a) through (c), 3389(B)(1) through (5), 3394(B)(1)(a), 3444(A) and (C), 3463(B)(1), 3504(B), and 3703(B)(1); relative to appointments to certain occupational licensing boards, committees, and authorities; to provide for governor appointments; to provide for the consideration of lists; 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. 603 by Representative McMakin

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 7, line 18, delete "ten voting members" and insert "nine licensed physicians and one consumer member"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 20, delete lines 21 through 23 and insert the following:

"(a) Two ~~shall be members appointed from by the governor, who may consider a list of five names submitted by the Louisiana Bankers Association each of whom shall have been involved who have~~ experience in real estate lending for at least five years.

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. 617—

BY REPRESENTATIVES CARVER, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAMBURG, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOYER, BRAUD, BRYANT, CHENEVERT, COATES, COX, CREWS, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, EDMONSTON, FIRMONT, FISHER, FREIBERG, GLORIOSO, HEBERT, HENRY, HILFERTY, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, KERNER, LACOMBE, MACK, MCMAKIN, MELERINE, MOORE, NEWELL, OWEN, SCHLEGEL, SPELL, STAGNI, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, WALTERS, WILDER, WRIGHT, AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Children's Code Articles 509(B)(1), 512(B)(1), 522(A)(2), 1269.3(F), 1270(B), (E), and (F), 1271(A), 1273, 1283.2(H), 1285.2(H), and 1519, Code of Evidence Article

902(10), R.S. 6:333(F)(14), R.S. 9:315.16(A), 315.40(1) and (3), 399.1(A) and (F)(3) and (4), and 406(B)(2) and (C)(2), R.S. 11:441.1(F), R.S. 13:998 (B) and (E)(1) and (3), 1141(B) and (E)(1) and (3), 1414(B) and (E)(1) and (3), 4291(B)(1), and 5108.2, R.S. 15:587(A)(2)(a) and (b), 587.1(I), and 587.5(A)(4), R.S. 17:192.1(A)(1)(a) and (3), R.S. 23:1605(A)(4), R.S. 36:3(7), 8(E)(2)(d), 9(C), 471(B) and (C)(1), 472(A), 475.1(B) and (C), 476, and 477, R.S. 40:34.5(E), 46.12(D) and (F), and 1061.14(B)(3)(b)(i), R.S. 43:111(A)(8), R.S. 44:38, R.S. 46:51(introductory paragraph), 51.3, 114(A), (B), (C)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (2), (D), and (E)(3), 114.2, 233.1(C)(introductory paragraph) and (D)(introductory paragraph), 236.1.1(3), 236.1.4(E), 236.1.8(D), 236.3(A)(2), 236.10(A), 236.11(C), 236.12(B)(1), 236.14(D)(1)(introductory paragraph), 236.15(A)(1), 236.16, 238(B), (C), (D), (E)(introductory paragraph) and (7), and (F), 281, 443, 1002(A), (B)(introductory paragraph), and (C), and 2136.2(F), R.S. 47:299.11(1), 299.41(B), 463.112(C), and 9027(C)(10)(introductory paragraph) and (c), and R.S. 51:1442(4) and to repeal R.S. 36:474(A)(11) and (G) and 477(B)(2) and R.S. 46:51(2) and (14) and 233.1(A) and (B), relative to the organization of the Department of Children and Family Services; to create the office of child support and the office of child welfare; to eliminate the office of children and family services; to transfer the duties of certain offices within the Department of Children and Family Services; to remove outdated provisions; 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 Reengrossed House Bill No. 617 by Representative Carver

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 11 after "51.3," delete the remainder of the line

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 12, delete "(2), (D), and (E)(3), 114.2,"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 15, delete "443,"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 19, between lines 23 and 24, insert the following:

"Section 10. R.S. 36:477(B)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§477. Office; purposes and functions

* * *

B.(1) The office of children and family services shall perform the services of the state relating to public assistance programs to provide aid to dependent children and to adults, who due to age, disability, or infirmity, are unable to adequately meet their basic needs. It shall also administer ~~the food stamp program or its successor~~, child support programs, establishment of paternity programs, disaster relief grant programs for individuals and families, and such other programs as assigned by the secretary. ~~It shall also conduct disability and other client eligibility determinations, and may conduct medical assistance client eligibility determinations.~~ The office is authorized to enter into interagency agreements with other state agencies to conduct eligibility determinations. The office shall provide for the public child welfare functions of the state including but not limited to prevention services that promote, facilitate, and support activities to prevent child abuse and neglect; child protective services; voluntary family strengthening and support services; making permanent plans for foster children and meeting their daily maintenance needs of food, shelter, clothing, necessary physical medical services, school supplies, and incidental personal needs; and adoption placement services for foster children freed for adoption. It shall also perform the functions of the state relating to the licensing of facilities regulated under Chapter 14 of Title 46 of the Louisiana

Revised Statutes of 1950. The office shall issue and monitor domestic violence services contracts.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 19, line 24, change "Section 10." to "Section 11."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 25, line 22 change "Section 11." to "Section 12."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 27, line 6, change "Section 12." to "Section 13."

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 27, line 16, change "Section 13." to "Section 14."

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 28, delete lines 3 and 4 and insert "Section 15. R.S. 46:51(introductory paragraph), 51.3, 236.1.1(3), 233.1(C)(introductory"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 28, line 7, delete "443,"

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 28, delete lines 22 through 29

AMENDMENT NO. 12

Delete pages 29 and 30

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 36, delete lines 15 through 23

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 37, line 18, change "Section 15." to "Section 16."

AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 39, line 14, change "Section 16." to "Section 17."

AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 39, line 23, change "Section 17." to "Section 18."

AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 39, delete line 25 and insert the following:

"Section 19. This Act shall become effective only if the Act which originated as House Bill No. 624 of this 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature is enacted. If House Bill No. 624 is enacted then:

(A) Sections 1 through 9 and 11 through 18 of this Act shall become effective on October 1, 2027.

(B) Section 10 of this Act shall become effective on October 1, 2025."

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. 622—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1077.4 and R.S. 40:1081.13, relative to treatments for cancer; to require health insurance coverage for histotripsy procedures when medically necessary for the treatment of liver cancer; to provide for application to Medicaid coverage; to provide for definitions; to provide for applicability relative to coverage plans; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Insurance.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Insurance to Engrossed House Bill No. 622 by Representative Hilferty

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "enact" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 3 through 6 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof "R.S. 22:1076.1, relative to treatments for rare cancers; to create an advisory board within the Department of Insurance; to require the advisory board to review and provide medical recommendations to approve new treatments for rare cancers; to provide for the board's composition; to require reporting; to authorize rulemaking; and to provide for related matters."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete lines 8 through 20 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 3

Delete page 2 in its entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, delete lines 1 through 9 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Section 1. R.S. 22:1076.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1076.1. Advisory board; composition; recommendations for treatment of rare cancers; meetings; rulemaking

A. There is hereby created within the department an advisory board that shall review and provide medical recommendations to approve new treatments for rare cancers. The advisory board shall be composed of the following members:

(1) The commissioner or his designee.

(2) The secretary or designee of the Louisiana Department of Health.

(3) The Medicaid Director or designee of the Louisiana Department of Health.

(4) The surgeon general or his designee.

(5) The executive director or designee of Taking Aim at Cancer in Louisiana.

(6) The chief executive officer of the Louisiana Association of Health Plans.

(7) The chief medical officer or designee of a managed care organization.

(8) The director or designee of the Louisiana Tumor Registry.

(9) The director or designee of the Pennington Biomedical Research Center.

(10) A designee of the Louisiana Cancer Research Center.

(11) A designee of the LSU Health Sciences Center at New Orleans, specializing in oncology.

(12) A designee of the Tulane Medical School, specializing in oncology.

(13) A designee of the Xavier Ochsner College of Medicine.

(14) Two oncologists specializing in the treatments of rare cancers.

B.(1) The chairperson of the advisory board shall be the executive director or designee of the Louisiana Cancer Research Center.

(2) The advisory board shall hold quarterly public meetings unless otherwise provided by vote of the advisory board or by order of the chairperson. Within thirty days of each meeting, the advisory board shall compile a report of its findings and submit a formal written report to the legislature.

C. The commissioner may promulgate and adopt administrative rules and regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act as are necessary to implement the provisions of this Section."

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 624—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BERAULT, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAMBURG, BILLINGS, BOYER, BRYANT, BUTLER, CARLSON, CARRIER, CARVER, CHENEVERT, COATES, COX, DEWITT, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, ECHOLS, EDMONSTON, EGAN, FIRMONT, FISHER, FREIBERG, GLORIOSO, HEBERT, HENRY, HORTON, ILLG, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, KERNER, MANDIE LANDRY, TERRY LANDRY, LARVADAIN, MACK, MCMAKIN, MELERINE, OWEN, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, SPELL, ST. BLANC, STAGNI, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, VENTRELLA, VILLIO, WALTERS, WILDER, WRIGHT, AND WYBLE AND SENATOR MIZELL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:780(C)(3)(a)(i), R.S. 14:68.2.1(A) and 74(D)(2), R.S. 15:933.1, R.S. 17:14.1(B)(1) and (C)(5), 3047.6(A) and (B), and 3914(M)(1) and (N)(1)(b), the heading of Chapter 1 of Title 23 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, R.S. 23:1, 2, 3, 6(introductory paragraph), (1), (2), (3), (7), and (15), 7, 12, 14, 17, 73(A)(1), (C), and (E)(2), 74, 75(A), (B), (C)(1), (D)(3), and (E), 76(A), (B), and (C)(1), (2), and (8)(a), 78(introductory paragraph), (1), and (5), 1600(2) and (3)(a), 1693(I)(1), (2), and (3) and (J), R.S. 36:3(3), 4(A)(introductory paragraph) and (6), the heading of Chapter 7 of Title 36 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, 301, 308(A) through (B), and 309, R.S. 46:56(A), (B)(1), and (L), 107(A)(1), 231.4(A), (D), and (F)(2), 301(A)(1) through (5), (C)(2), and (D)(2), (3), and (5), 321(2) through (5), 322, 323(introductory paragraph), (3), and (4), 324(A), (B), (C), (D), and (E)(introductory paragraph), (1), and (2)(introductory paragraph), 325(introductory paragraph), 326 through 328, 331(A)(1) through (3), 332, 352(1)(a) and (b) and (2)(a), 932(12), and 936, and R.S. 49:191(1)(f) and 1402(1)(d), to enact R.S. 23:1.1, 6(16) through (26), and Chapter 11-B of Title 23 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 23:1821 through 1905, and R.S. 46:107(E), and to repeal R.S. 23:18 and 34, R.S. 36:308(E), R.S. 46:18, 101, 102, 102.1, 103 through 106, 108, 111 through 113, 114.1, 114.3, 114.4, 115, 116, 230.1, 231, 231.1 through 231.3, 231.5, 231.6, 231.12 through 231.14, 232, 233, 233.3, 234, 234.2, 235, 236, 237, Part VI of Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 46:431 through 435, 441, 444, 447, 450.1, and Part IX of Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 46:460.1 through 460.10, and R.S. 49:1402(1)(a), relative to the reorganization and restructure of the Louisiana Workforce Commission and the Department of Children and Family Services; to provide for certain family and support programs in the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) being transferred to the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC) and the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH); to replace the Department of Children and Family Services with Louisiana Works or LDH in certain provisions in Titles 11, 14, 15, and 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 that reference DCFS programs that will be transferred to Louisiana Works or LDH; to change the name of the Louisiana Workforce Commission to Louisiana Works; to establish the purpose of Louisiana Works; to establish additional duties and powers of Louisiana Works; to provide for the powers and duties of the secretary of Louisiana Works; to provide definitions; to provide for integrated case management and service integration of social service programs; to provide for the integration of workforce and public assistance development programs; to provide for grants to local workforce development areas; to provide for deductions for overissuance of SNAP benefits; to provide for the organization of social services programs within Louisiana Works; to provide rules and regulations for Louisiana Works for the purposes of granting, administering, and investigating claims for public assistance benefits; to provide for the Fraud Detection Fund; to provide for SNAP Nutrition Education; to provide for the SNAP Workforce Training and Education Program; to provide for duties of LDH in regards to administering SNAP; to provide for the duties of customers for maintaining eligibility of SNAP benefits and satisfying SNAP requirements; to provide for notification for certain legislative reports and reporting; to provide for the SNAP work requirements; to provide for aid to needy families, such as the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and subsidiary programs within TANF, such as the Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program (FITAP), the Kinship Care Subsidy Program, and other educational, employment, training, and related services programs; to provide for the submission of certain federal quarterly reports to the legislature; to provide for the Incentive Award Program; to provide for the administration of public assistance benefits payable to mentally incapable individuals; to add certain functions to the office of workforce development; to transfer certain powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities relating to

certain programs within the office of family support of DCFS into Louisiana Works and LDH; to make technical corrections; to authorize the Louisiana State Law Institute to make certain requested changes to references concerning LWC; to authorize the office of state register to make all necessary changes for applicable references to DCFS and Louisiana Works or LDH; to provide for the transfer of monies related to the transferred programs from DCFS to Louisiana Works and LDH; to provide for the monies held in the state treasury for the Fraud Detection Fund to be transferred to Louisiana Works; to provide for the continuity of programs and contracts transferred from DCFS to Louisiana Works; to provide for effective dates; 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 Re-Reengrossed House Bill No. 624 by Representative Berault

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete lines 3 through 16 and on page 2, delete lines 1 through 8 and insert "15:933.1, R.S. 17:14.1(B)(1) and (C)(5), 3047.6(A), and 3914(M)(1), the heading of Chapter 1 of Title 23 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, R.S. 23:1, 2, 3, 6(introductory paragraph), (1), (2), (3), (7), and (15), 7, 12, 14, 17, 73(A)(1)(introductory paragraph), (a) through (c), and (d)(introductory paragraph) and (ii), (C), and (E)(2), 74, 75(A), (B), (C)(1), (D)(3)(a) and (b), and (E), 76(A), (B), and (C)(1), (2), and (8)(a), 78(introductory paragraph), (1), and (5), 1600(2) and (3)(a), 1693(I)(1) (introductory paragraph), (a), and (b)(introductory paragraph), (i), and (ii), (2), and (3) and (J), R.S. 36:3(3), 4(A)(introductory paragraph) and (6), the heading of Chapter 7 of Title 36 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, 301, 308(A) and (B), and 309 (A)(introductory paragraph), (B)(introductory paragraph), (C)(introductory paragraph), (D), and (E)(introductory paragraph), R.S. 46:1(2), (4), and (6), 18(A), the heading of Chapter 2 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, 51(introductory paragraph), (1), and (9), 52.1(A) and (B)(1)(introductory paragraph), (2), and (3), 54, 56(A) and (B)(1), 59, 60, 107(A)(1), 114(A), (B), (C)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (2), (D), and (E)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (3), 114.1, 114.2, 114.3(A) and (B), 114.4(D) and (E), 116, 230.1(A) and (B), 231(11) and (24), 231.4(A) and (D), 234, 236, 237(A),(E),(F), and (G), 301(A)(1) and (2), 321(2) through (5), 322(2) through (6), 323(introductory paragraph), (3), and (4), 324(A), (B), (C), (D), and (E)(introductory paragraph), (1), and (2)(introductory paragraph), 325(introductory paragraph), 326 through 328, 331(A)(1) through (3), 332, 352(1)(a) and (b) and (2)(a), 431, 433(A), 434, 441, 443, 444, 447, 450.1(A), (B)(4) and (5), and (C)(1) and (2), 460.1, 460.4(A), 460.5(A), 460.7(A) and (C), 460.8(A)(1) and (B), 460.10, 932(12), and 936, and R.S. 49:191(1)(f) and 1402(1)(d), to enact R.S. 23:309(E) and R.S. 46:107(E), and to repeal R.S. 23:18 and 34, R.S. 36:308(E), R.S. 46:51(2), (10), and (11), 52.1(C) through (F), 55, 102, 103, 112, 230.1(C), and 231.14(G)(3), and R.S. 49:1402(1)(a), relative to the"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 14, after "15," and before "and" insert "23,"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, delete line 21 and insert "and workforce programs;"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, delete lines 23 through 26

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, at the beginning of line 27, delete "Fund;"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, line 29, after "SNAP;" delete the remainder of the line

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 3, delete lines 1 and 2 and insert "to provide for SNAP"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 3, line 19, change "Louisiana Works" to "LDH"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 3, line 20, after "Louisiana Works" and before the semicolon ";," insert "and LDH"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 4, line 23, change "R.S. ~~46:114.1~~ 23:1838." to "R.S. 46:114.1."

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 6, delete lines 13 and 14 and insert the following:
"Section 5. R.S. 17:14.1(B)(1) and (C)(5) and 3047.6(A) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:"

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 7, delete lines 18 through 25

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 7, between lines 26 and 27, insert the following:
"Section 6. R.S. 17:3914(M)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:"

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 8, delete lines 13 through 19

AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 8, delete lines 20 through 26 and insert the following:
"Section 7. The heading of Chapter 1 of Title 23 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, R.S. 23:1, 2, 3, 6(introductory paragraph), (1), (2), (3), (7), and (15), 7, 12, 14, 17, 73(A)(1)(introductory paragraph), (a) through (c), and (d)(introductory paragraph) and (ii), (C), and (E)(2), 74, 75(A), (B), (C)(1), (D)(3)(a) and (b), and (E), 76(A), (B), and (C)(1), (2), and (8)(a), 78(introductory paragraph), (1), and (5), 1600(2) and (3)(a), and 1693(J) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:"

AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 9, line 7, after "of" delete the remainder of the line

AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 9, at the beginning of line 8, delete "determinations, benefit payments,"

AMENDMENT NO. 18

On page 9, line 30, after "for" and before "workforce" delete "social service delivery and"

AMENDMENT NO. 19

On page 10, delete lines 8 and 9

AMENDMENT NO. 20

On page 10, at the beginning of line 10, change "(3)" to "(2)"

AMENDMENT NO. 21

On page 10, at the beginning of line 11, change "(3)(4)" to "(3)"

AMENDMENT NO. 22

On page 10, delete lines 12 through 29

AMENDMENT NO. 23

On page 10, delete lines 1 through 18 and insert "** * *"

AMENDMENT NO. 24

On page 12, line 20, after the comma "," and before "and" delete "social services,"

AMENDMENT NO. 25

Delete page 13

AMENDMENT NO. 26

On page 14, delete lines 1 through 23

AMENDMENT NO. 27

On page 15, line 26, after "workforce" and before "development" delete "and public assistance"

AMENDMENT NO. 28

On page 15, line 27, after "All" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 28

AMENDMENT NO. 29

On page 15, at the beginning of line 29, delete "programs that provide"

AMENDMENT NO. 30

On page 16, line 15, after "of" and before "workforce" delete "social service programs and"

AMENDMENT NO. 31

On page 16, line 19, after "for" delete the remainder of the line and insert "workforce training and other"

AMENDMENT NO. 32

On page 16, line 23, after "workforce" and before "plan" delete "and social services"

AMENDMENT NO. 33

On page 16, delete line 28

AMENDMENT NO. 34

On page 17, at the beginning of line 1, change "(3)" to "(2)"

AMENDMENT NO. 35

On page 17, at the beginning of line 3, change "(4)" to "(3)"

AMENDMENT NO. 36

On page 17, at the beginning of line 6, change "(5)" to "(4)"

AMENDMENT NO. 37

On page 17, at the beginning of line 8, change "(6)" to "(5)"

AMENDMENT NO. 38

On page 17, at the beginning of line 10, change "(7)" to "(6)"

AMENDMENT NO. 39

On page 17, at the beginning of line 12, change "(8)" to "(7)"

AMENDMENT NO. 40

On page 18, delete lines 4 through 6 and insert "** * *"

AMENDMENT NO. 41

On page 18, delete lines 9 through 11

AMENDMENT NO. 42

On page 19, line 22, after "development" delete "and social services"

AMENDMENT NO. 43

On page 20, delete lines 22 through 24 and insert "** * *"

AMENDMENT NO. 44

On page 24, delete lines 11 through 29

AMENDMENT NO. 45

Delete pages 25 through 60

AMENDMENT NO. 46

On page 61, at the beginning of line 1, change "Section 7." to "Section 8."

AMENDMENT NO. 47

On page 61, delete line 15 and insert the following:

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"Section 9. R.S. 23:1693(I)(1)(introductory paragraph), (a), (b)(introductory paragraph), (i), and (ii), (2), and (3) are hereby amended and reenacted to read"

AMENDMENT NO. 48

On page 62, delete lines 3 through 7 and insert "Section 13(c)(1) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, 7 U.S.C. 2022(c)(1). The administrator shall notify the Louisiana Department of Health Children and Family Services, or its designated office, of any individual who discloses that he owes any food stamp overissuance and who is determined to be eligible and qualified for unemployment compensation."

AMENDMENT NO. 49

On page 62, delete lines 12 and 13 and insert "deducted and withheld under this Subsection if the administrator also receives confirmation from the Louisiana Department of ~~Children and Family Services~~ Health that"

AMENDMENT NO. 50

On page 62, delete lines 19 through 21 and insert
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AMENDMENT NO. 51

On page 62, delete lines 23 through 25 and insert "shall be paid by the administrator to the Louisiana Department of Health ~~Children and Family Services~~, or its designated office."

AMENDMENT NO. 52

On page 62, delete lines 28 and 29 and insert "as unemployment compensation and paid by such individual to the Louisiana Department of Health ~~Children and Family Services~~ as repayment of the uncollected"

AMENDMENT NO. 53

On page 63, at the beginning of line 3, change "Section 9." to "Section 10."

AMENDMENT NO. 54

On page 63, line 4, after "309" and before "are" insert "(A)(introductory paragraph), (B)(introductory paragraph), (C)(introductory paragraph), (D), and (E)(introductory paragraph)"

AMENDMENT NO. 55

On page 64, at the beginning of line 19, delete "certain social services,"

AMENDMENT NO. 56

On page 66, delete lines 4 through 9 and insert "** * **"

AMENDMENT NO. 57

On page 66, delete lines 13 and 14 and insert "** * **"

AMENDMENT NO. 58

On page 66, delete lines 17 and 18 and insert "** * **"

AMENDMENT NO. 59

On page 66, delete lines 26 and 27 and insert the following:
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Section 11. R.S. 36:309(F) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§309. Transfer of agencies to ~~Louisiana Workforce Commission~~ Louisiana Works
* * *

AMENDMENT NO. 60

On page 67, at the end of line 1, delete "(R.S. 23:1821 et"

AMENDMENT NO. 61

On page 67, at the beginning of line 2, delete "seq.)"

AMENDMENT NO. 62

On page 67, delete lines 4 and 5 and insert the following:

"Section 12. R.S. 46:18(A), the heading of Chapter 2 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, 51(introductory paragraph), (1), and (9), 52.1(A) and (B)(1)(introductory paragraph), (2), and (3), 114(E)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (3), 114.1,

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114.4(D) and (E), 116, 234, 301(A)(1) and (2), 321(2) through (5), 322(2)through (6), 323(introductory paragraph), (3), and (4), 324(A), (B), (C), (D), and"

AMENDMENT NO. 63

On page 67, line 7, after "352(1)(b)," and before "932(12)," insert "431, 433(A), 434, 460.1(A), (B)(4) and (5), and (C)(1) and (2), 460.4(A)"

AMENDMENT NO. 64

On page 67, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following:

"§18. Health care records; copies

A. The provider of health care shall furnish to the claimant, the person appointed to represent the claimant in his dealings with the Social Security Administration, or an agent with written authorization made pursuant to 45 CFR 164.508, upon request, a copy of any records that are necessary to support his filing for social security disability benefits or supplemental security income benefits under any provision of the Social Security Act. Cost of each photocopy shall not exceed fifty cents per page for the first five pages and twenty-five cents for each additional page except that the amount due shall not be less than the amount paid by the ~~Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Department of Health for such copies. Payment for any copies made in connection with disability determinations shall be made to the health care provider's agent instead of the health care provider when the agent makes the copies.
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§51. Duties of the department

The Department of Children and Family Services, through its secretary, shall administer the ~~public assistance and child~~ welfare laws of the state as follows:

(1) Make and promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary or desirable for carrying out the provisions of this ~~Chapter~~ Section, which rules and regulations are binding upon the parishes or other local units and their agents and upon such private agencies and their agents as are subject to the supervision of the department.
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(9) Administer such federal, state, parish, municipal, or private funds as may be made available for child welfare purposes.
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§52.1. Integrated case management; ~~"No Wrong Door"~~ service integration of various social service programs

A. The legislature recognizes that the ~~department provides~~ Louisiana Department of Health, Department of Children and Family Services, and Louisiana Works provide services to individuals with multiple needs; ~~however~~. However, the conventional service delivery system of requiring individuals to access various offices within the ~~department~~ state to address those multiple needs creates a ~~barrier~~ barriers to the delivery of those services and entry into the workforce. ~~Additionally, these~~ These needs can be better met, more efficiently and less costly, through integrated case management at a ~~"no wrong door"~~ single service location with a single case worker. It is the intent of the legislature to ~~provide a social services department that is streamlined in streamline~~ the delivery of services and ~~incorporates~~ incorporate integrated case management models for clients and families served by multiple ~~departments and~~ programs.

B. For purposes of this Section:

(1) "Integrated case management" means a ~~team approach to~~ accessing the needs of a client and, if applicable, the family, establishing a comprehensive plan for addressing all those needs, and utilizing service integration to deliver required services. An ~~integrated case management model includes: an accessible, customer-centered approach that coordinates the necessary services that meet the needs of each individual or family which, if applicable, establishes a comprehensive, integrated service plan that addresses all of those needs and outcomes, which is continually monitored and updated as necessary.~~
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(2) "~~Multidisciplinary team~~" or "~~team~~" means a team comprised of ~~appropriate department program staff members, regardless of their title or office assignment. It shall also include staff of the Louisiana Department of Health, Louisiana Workforce Commission, and~~

Department of Public Safety and Corrections and local community organizations. "Integrated service plan" means a plan that is based on the client's strengths, risks, service needs, and improvement plan.

(3) "Service integration" means a process by which a range of social, education, and workforce employment and training services are delivered in a coordinated and seamless manner to provide client-oriented services, increase early intervention and prevention opportunities, improve client outcomes, and establish provider accountability through performance measures. Service integration includes:

(a) A "No Wrong One Door" site business model which requires co-location of a multidisciplinary team to make it easier for the client to obtain service services and to allow the team to learn allows various programs to work well seamlessly together. In the event co-location is not physically possible, the team members shall provide a seamless link with the other team members and resources.

(b) Cross-training among the multidisciplinary team, various program staff to ensure a general understanding of each other's services and processes all programs that a client may require.

(c) Flexible use of funding among the offices and, if applicable, departments and community programs, comprising the multidisciplinary team to ensure that the client receives services for which he is eligible.

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§114. Fraud in obtaining assistance; withholding information concerning property, income or beneficiary, or personal circumstances

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E.(1) Persons receiving food stamps or Aid to Families with Dependent Children, or a successor of either program, who have been determined by the Department of Children and Family Services or the Louisiana Department of Health in an administrative hearing, or a court of competent jurisdiction after final appeal, to have fraudulently obtained such food stamps or Aid to Families with Dependent Children, or benefits or assistance from a successor of either program, shall be ineligible for further participation in the program in accordance with the following schedule:

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(3) Persons receiving medical assistance under provisions of Title XIX of the Social Security Act who have been determined by the Department of Children and Family Services or the Louisiana Department of Health to have fraudulently obtained such medical assistance may be suspended from the medical assistance program for twelve months.

§114.1. Public Assistance Fraud Hot-Line

To encourage the reporting of incidents of public assistance fraud, the Department of Children and Family Services, office of children and family services, through its fraud detection section, Louisiana Department of Health shall provide a statewide, toll-free telephone service, known as the Public Assistance Fraud Hot-Line, when sufficient funds are made available by the legislature for such purpose, or when funds are available from any other source.

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§114.4. Fraud Detection Fund

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D. The monies in the fund may be appropriated by the legislature to the office of children and family services of the Department of Children and Family Services Louisiana Department of Health for the enhancement of fraud detection and recovery activities in an amount not to exceed the balance on hand in the fund at the end of the previous calendar year. These funds shall not be used to replace, displace, or supplant state general funds appropriated for daily operation of any regional fraud detection activities of the office of children and family services Louisiana Department of Health.

E. All unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of each fiscal year shall remain in the fund to the credit of the office of children and family services Louisiana Department of Health.

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§116. Prima facie proof of pleadings

Pleadings filed on behalf of the Department of Children and Family Services or the Louisiana Department of Health in actions to recover the value of ineligible public financial assistance payments

or benefits shall be accompanied by an itemized statement of the amount of overissuance or overpayment together with the amount to which the recipient was entitled, if any. When accompanied by an affidavit of the assistant secretary of the office administering such payments or benefits to the correctness thereof as to the truth of the facts alleged to the best of the affiant's knowledge and belief, such itemized statement shall be accepted as prima facie proof of the disbursement and receipt of said payments and the amount thereof.

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§234. Judicially appointed curator

In lieu of selecting a payee to receive assistance, the Department of Children and Family Services department, pursuant to federal regulations, may require the referral of the case to the district court for a judicially appointed curator. The court is authorized to appoint a capable, interested, and willing third person, irrespective of whether he is related to the child within any of the degrees of relationship set forth in Section 406(a) of Title IV of the Social Security Act, to receive the payments and use them in the best interest of the child. The curator shall be accountable at whatever intervals are specified by the court and the court shall require a bond or whatever other security is deemed necessary by the court to ensure the faithful performance of the curator's duties. The curator, upon being appointed, shall take the oath and letters of authority may be issued to him. In those instances in which the department requires the case be referred to the court for the appointment of a curator, each local governing authority shall have the option in any case to provide compensation to the curator.

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AMENDMENT NO. 65

On page 67, delete lines 20 through 29 and on page 68, delete lines 1 through 21

AMENDMENT NO. 66

On page 69, delete lines 26 and 27 and insert "*" * *

AMENDMENT NO. 67

On page 72, line 13, change "pilot initiative" to "pilot initiative program"

AMENDMENT NO. 68

On page 74, at the beginning of line 25, change "A." to "A:"

AMENDMENT NO. 69

On page 76, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

"§431. Curator for receipt and administration of welfare benefits

Any mentally incompetent person who is entitled to public assistance or who has the right to apply for public assistance but cannot make application because of his incompetency and who does not have a duly appointed and qualified legal representative, may have a curator appointed for him solely for the purpose of representing his interest in qualifying for, receiving and administering welfare public assistance benefits. The appointment shall be made by any court of competent jurisdiction, subject to the proceedings hereinafter outlined.* *

§433. Bond; account; oath and letters

A. The curator shall be accountable at whatever intervals are specified by the court and the court shall have the right to require a bond or whatever other security is deemed necessary by the court to ensure the faithful performance of the curator's duties; ~~the~~ The curator, upon being appointed, shall take an oath; and letters of authority may be issued to him.

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§434. Final discharge of curator

A. The curator shall be discharged from his duties upon for any of the following reasons:

(a) (1) Upon the interdiction of the incompetent person under existing law;

(b) (2) Upon proper proof to the court that the incompetent person has become sufficiently competent to administer his welfare public assistance benefits; or

(c) (3) Upon the signing of an order by the court that made the original appointment, upon its own motion, or otherwise, terminating the appointment of the curator for any other reason.

B. Upon being discharged, the curator shall render a full and final accounting to the court of his administration; and upon so doing, the curator shall be relieved from any further responsibility and his bond shall be cancelled and whatever other security may have been given shall be released.

§450.1. Electronic authorization and distribution of public assistance benefits and services

A. The office of children and family services, Department of Children and Family Services, and the Louisiana Department of Health shall contract for the development and implementation of an electronic issuance system for the authorization and distribution of benefits and services provided by public assistance programs. Such programs shall include but not be limited to issuance of benefits and services of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and the Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program (FITAP), and shall require that all recipients who participate in programs for which benefits and services are authorized and distributed through the system shall obtain benefits through such the electronic issuance system, subject only to such the exceptions as shall be necessary for the effective functioning of the program programs.

B. The contract program selected to provide the electronic issuance system shall include but not be limited to:

(4) ~~Instruction of~~ Instructions for recipients in the on how to use of the system.

(5) ~~Instruction of~~ Instructions for retailers and other participants in the program in the on how to use of the system.

C. The contract program shall also:

(1) Provide merchants the option to utilize commercial point of sale terminals provided by a third-party processor to interface with the electronic benefits transfer (EBT) provider selected by the department.

(2) Provide for reimbursement by the electronic benefits transfer EBT provider selected by the department of any and all costs incurred by the merchant in the processing of benefits under the electronic issuance system for public assistance programs for telephone monthly service charges and supplies for retailers utilizing the state-provided EBT equipment.

§460.4. Educational opportunities to promote self-sufficiency

A. The legislature hereby finds that an employment-focused program has succeeded in reducing welfare public assistance rolls by focusing on the importance of work as a way of escaping poverty; education and employment can give welfare public assistance recipients the literacy, knowledge, and aptitudes to obtain and retain private career-path employment; that these programs retain their importance in reducing welfare public assistance dependency; that new federal legislation places an increased emphasis on employment and allows the combining of employment-related activities with educational activities and that to the extent that they can be funded under the new federal welfare reform program without hindering the other federally recognized goals, they should be funded.

AMENDMENT NO. 70

On page 77, delete lines 12 through 14 and insert the following:

"Section 13. R.S. 46:1(2), (4), and (6), 54, 56(A) and (B)(1), 59, 60, 107(A)(1), 114(A), (B), (C)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (2), (D), and (E)(1)(introductory paragraph), 114.2, 114.3(A) and (B), 116, 230.1(A) and (B), 231(11) and (24), 231.4(A) and (D), 236, 237(A), (E), (F), and (G), 352(1)(a) and (2)(a), 441, 443, 444, 447, 450.1(A), 460.1, 460.5(A), 460.7(A) and (C), 460.8(A)(1) and (B), 460.10, 932(12), and 936 are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.46:107(E) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1. Definitions

As used in this Title, the following definitions shall apply:

(2) "Department" means the Department of Children and Family Services, Louisiana Works, or Louisiana Department of Health.

(4) "Parish or district office" means parish or district office of the Department of Children and Family Services, Louisiana Works, or Louisiana Department of Health.

(6) "Secretary" means the secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services, Louisiana Works, or Louisiana Department of Health.

§54. Parish offices

A. There shall be in each parish of the state a parish office of the department; provided that the department may unite two or more parishes and form a district office. All duties and responsibilities set forth in this Chapter for parish offices shall also apply to the district offices.

B. Under rules and regulations of the department, the field and district offices shall administer all forms of public assistance within the department's purview in respective parishes.

AMENDMENT NO. 71

On page 77, delete lines 25 through 30 and on page 78, delete lines 1 through 25 and insert the following:

"B.(1) For the purposes of this Section, "department" means the Louisiana Department of Health, the Department of Children and Family Services, Louisiana Works, and the adult protection agency as provided in R.S. 15:1503. It is the express intent of this Section that the Louisiana Department of Health, the Department of Children and Family Services, Louisiana Works, and, for the purpose of adult protective services, the office of elderly affairs share access to each other's case records to the extent that such access is not prohibited by any contrary provision of federal law or regulation.

§59. Welfare demonstration, experimental and other projects

The Department of Children and Family Services, Louisiana Works, and the Louisiana Department of Health are authorized to make use of staff and equipment to carry out experimental and demonstration projects whose costs are otherwise totally financed by the federal government under the provisions of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1315) or any other programs totally financed from federal funds.

§60. Educational leaves with pay; federal funds

The secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services, Louisiana Works, and Louisiana Department of Health may grant educational leave with pay to an employee of the department in compliance with federal administrative rules and federal laws that allow federal matching funds to be used in further educating employees of the Department of Children and Family Services, Louisiana Works, and Louisiana Department of Health in the various states."

AMENDMENT NO. 72

On page 79, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

"§114. Fraud in obtaining assistance; withholding information concerning property, income or beneficiary, or personal circumstances

A. No person shall obtain or attempt to obtain assistance from the Department of Children and Family Services Louisiana Works or the Louisiana Department of Health by means of any false statement, misrepresentation, or other fraudulent device. If during the life, or upon the death, of any person who is receiving or has received assistance it is found that the recipient is receiving or has received assistance through misrepresentation, nondisclosure of material facts, or other fraudulent device, the amount of assistance, without interest, shall be recoverable from him or his estate as a debt due the state by court action.

B. If at any time during the continuance of public assistance to any person, the recipient thereof, or the husband or wife of the recipient with whom he or she is living, is possessed or becomes possessed of any property or income in excess of the amount declared at the time of application or reinvestigation of his case and in such amount as would affect his needs or right to receive assistance, it shall be the duty of the recipient, or the husband or wife of the recipient, to notify the Department of Children and Family Services

Louisiana Works or the Louisiana Department of Health of possession of such property or income, and the department shall, after investigation, either cancel the assistance or alter the amount thereof in accordance with the circumstances, provided, that such investigation shows that such property or income does affect the need of the recipient or his right to receive assistance. If during the life, or upon the death, of any person who is receiving or has received assistance it is found that the recipient or his spouse was possessed of any property or income in excess of the amount reported that would affect his need or right to receive assistance, any assistance paid when the recipient or his spouse was in possession of such undeclared property or income shall be recoverable, without interest, from him or his estate as a debt due the state by court action. The possession of undeclared property by a recipient or his spouse with whom he is living shall be prima facie evidence of its ownership during the time assistance was granted, and the burden to prove otherwise shall be upon the recipient or his legal representative.

C.(1) If the personal circumstances of the recipient change at any time during the continuance of assistance, he shall immediately notify ~~the Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works or the Louisiana Department of Health of the change. Personal circumstances shall include:

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(2) If during the life, or upon the death, of any person who is receiving assistance it is found that the recipient has received or is receiving assistance of a greater amount than he is entitled to receive as a result of his failure to notify ~~the Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works or the Louisiana Department of Health of a change of personal circumstances as set forth in this Subsection, any assistance paid during the time that the recipient was receiving assistance of a greater amount than he was entitled to receive as a result of his failure to notify the department shall be recoverable, with legal interest, from him or his estate as a debt due the state by court action.

D. The federal government shall be entitled to share in any amount recovered under the provisions of this Section; however, the amount recovered by the federal government shall not exceed the amount contributed by the federal government in each case. The amount due the United States shall be promptly paid or credited upon collection to the designated agency of the federal government by ~~the Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works or the Louisiana Department of Health.

E.(1) Persons receiving food stamps or Aid to Families with Dependent Children, or a successor of either program, who have been determined by ~~the Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works or the Louisiana Department of Health in an administrative hearing, or a court of competent jurisdiction after final appeal, to have fraudulently obtained such food stamps or Aid to Families with Dependent Children, or benefits or assistance from a successor of either program, shall be ineligible for further participation in the program in accordance with the following schedule:

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§114.2. Attempting or aiding to obtain assistance fraudulently; penalties

Any person who obtains or attempts to obtain or aids and abets anyone to obtain assistance from ~~the Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works or the Louisiana Department of Health by means of any false statement, misrepresentation, or other fraudulent device or violates the provisions of R.S. 46:114 shall be guilty of theft as provided by R.S. 14:67.

§114.3. Regional fraud detection units; investigative subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum

A. ~~The Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works shall establish, maintain, and provide for fraud detection functions in order to detect fraud in obtaining public assistance through staff in each region of the state. Each fraud detection unit shall report each incident of public assistance fraud to the fraud detection section of the office of children and family services on a monthly basis by the tenth day of each succeeding month. An annual report of the activities of all fraud detection units within a state fiscal year shall be submitted by the fraud detection section to the Senate and House committees on health and welfare by September first.

B. When the secretary of ~~the Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works or the secretary's designated representative has evidence that any person, business, or other legal entity attempted to obtain or obtained assistance or payment for services or goods from the department by means of any false statement, misrepresentation, or other fraudulent device, the secretary or the designated representative may issue an administrative investigation subpoena for deposition testimony or a subpoena duces tecum to be served upon any person, business, or other legal entity who is believed to have information, material, or physical evidence relative to the alleged or suspected violation, for the purpose of producing, revealing, identifying, or explaining documentary material or other physical evidence. Such deposition or return of subpoena shall take place in the parish in which the person, business, or other legal entity upon whom the subpoena has been served resides or conducts business. The subpoena shall be served by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by any other means authorized by the Code of Civil Procedure or the Code of Criminal Procedure for the service of process. The subpoena shall specify a return date indicating the date by which deposition testimony or information, material, or physical evidence must be received by the department.

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§116. Prima facie proof of pleadings

Pleadings filed on behalf of ~~the Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works or the Louisiana Department of Health in actions to recover the value of ineligible public financial assistance payments or benefits shall be accompanied by an itemized statement of the amount of overissuance or overpayment together with the amount to which the recipient was entitled, if any. When accompanied by an affidavit of the assistant secretary of the office administering such payments or benefits to the correctness thereof as to the truth of the facts alleged to the best of the affiant's knowledge and belief, such itemized statement shall be accepted as prima facie proof of the disbursement and receipt of said payments and the amount thereof.

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§230.1. Legislative intent

A. It is the intent of the legislature that families in Louisiana be strong and economically self-reliant so as to minimize their dependence on government benefits for basic needs. To accomplish this goal, it is the intent of this Part that ~~the Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works ensures that all cash assistance recipients, with the exception of persons with disabilities or who are incapacitated, are actively and universally engaged in meaningful activities designed to enable their transition from cash assistance to self-reliance. It is the further intent that cash assistance participants demonstrate and are expected to exercise active and diligent personal responsibility in achieving self-reliance through employment and increased workplace literacy. All appropriate state agencies responsible for employment, training, and educating Louisiana's citizens are expected to cooperate in the pursuit of this goal.

B. ~~The Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works shall submit written reports on the status of implementation of these provisions to the Performance Review Subcommittee of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget in March, 2004 and September, 2004, and thereafter, annually at the same time as the mid-year performance progress report is submitted as provided in R.S. 39:87.3(A)(2). Such written reports shall include but not be limited to data providing performance measures assessing the success of performance-based agreements, job readiness, workplace literacy, job development services, and such additional data as may be determined by the committee.

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§231. Aid to needy families; definitions

As used in this Subpart, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

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(11) "Department" means ~~the Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works.

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(24) "Secretary" means the secretary of ~~the Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works.

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AMENDMENT NO. 73

On page 80, delete lines 4 through 12 and insert the following:
 "§236. Administration of emergency assistance to needy families with children

In order to extend and improve services, aid, and care to needy children and needy families with children in this state, and in order to take full advantage of existing federally funded programs on a matched basis, ~~the Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works shall be the agency of the state of Louisiana to cooperate with the United States and to administer Title IV-A, Sections 403 and 406 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 603 and 606) or any amendments thereto, relating to emergency assistance to needy families with children, and to receive and expend federal moneys for these services.

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§237. Kinship Care Subsidy Program

A. Creation. There is hereby established a Kinship Care Subsidy Program in ~~the office of children and family services of the Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works, for the purpose of assisting eligible kinship caregivers, including grandparents, step-grandparents, or other adult relatives within the fifth degree who have legal custody or guardianship of their minor relatives.

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E. Subsidy amounts. ~~The office of children and family services~~ Louisiana Works shall promulgate rules and regulations to establish the amount of the subsidy to be awarded on behalf of each minor relative.

F. Rules, regulations, and procedures. ~~The office of children and family services~~ Louisiana Works shall promulgate rules and regulations to provide for any other eligibility requirements which are reasonably necessary to administer the Kinship Care Subsidy Program in accordance with this Section and any federal requirements, to promote the safety and well-being of any minor relative for whom subsidies are issued, and to establish procedures for reconsideration of eligibility of applicants no less than annually.

G. Administration and funding. The subsidy provided for in this Section shall be administered by ~~the office of children and family services~~ Louisiana Works and funded through the TANF block grant.

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AMENDMENT NO. 74

On page 80, delete lines 20 through 22 and insert the following:
 "§441. Surviving spouse of public assistance recipients; retention of benefits received during month of death

A surviving spouse of a ~~general~~ public assistance recipient is hereby authorized to receive and retain any financial assistance paid by ~~the Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works to or for the benefit of ~~said~~ the recipient during the month of the death of said recipient, whether or not the check covering ~~such~~ the public assistance was actually received prior to the death of the recipient.

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§443. Exemption of income and resources

The secretary of ~~the Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works and the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health are hereby authorized to adopt income and resources exemption policies to the extent necessary to conform with the federal Economic Opportunity Act, any social security provision, and any other laws of congress to obtain federal block grant or matching funds for the state's public assistance program. Such income and resources exemption policies shall prevail in the event they conflict with R.S. 46:151, 153, 154, and 233.

§444. Cooperation with administrative agencies relative to interchange of information

~~The Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works is hereby authorized to provide for interchange of such information necessary in providing for work training experiences as required by Public Law 90-248, as the secretary of the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare, or its successor department, may require for federal matching purposes.

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§447. Revision of standard of need; aid to families with dependent children; general assistance

A. The Louisiana Department of Health and ~~the Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works jointly shall revise the standard of need for the Family Independence Temporary Assistant Program and the general assistance program each year, basing such standard on the Annual Update of the Poverty Income Guidelines published by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The standard shall reflect the higher of the southern and national averages. The departments shall cause such revised standard to become effective on January first of each year.

B. Implementation of this provision shall be contingent on the Louisiana Department of Health and ~~the Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works certifying to the commissioner of the division of administration that the revision will not increase the total state dollar expenditure for the two departments.

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§450.1. Electronic authorization and distribution of public assistance benefits and services

A. ~~The office of children and family services, Department of Children and Family Services,~~ Louisiana Department of Health and Louisiana Works shall contract for the development and implementation of an electronic issuance system for the authorization and distribution of benefits and services provided by public assistance programs. Such programs shall include but not be limited to issuance of benefits and services of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and the Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program (FITAP), and shall require that all recipients who participate in programs for which benefits and services are authorized and distributed through the system shall obtain benefits through ~~such~~ the electronic issuance system, subject only to ~~such~~ the exceptions as ~~shall be~~ necessary for the effective functioning of the program programs.

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§460.1. Submission of quarterly reports to the legislature

~~The Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works shall submit copies of the federal quarterly ACF-T96 and ACF-696 reports to the House and Senate committees on health and welfare, the House Committee on Appropriations, and the Senate Committee on Finance at the time these reports are submitted to the federal government. Upon request, the department shall submit copies of any other report the legislature deems necessary.

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§460.5. Earned income disregards for certain TANF recipients

A. In order to promote self-sufficiency, ~~the Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works shall disregard a recipient's first six months of earnings up to nine hundred dollars of gross earnings per month in determining the amount of his household's benefit under Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, provided that ~~such~~ the recipient is engaged in a work activity which has been approved by the department as part of his work participation requirement under TANF.

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§460.7. Incentive Award Program; dropout reduction; teen pregnancy reduction

A. ~~The Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works in consultation with the Department of Education shall develop and implement a special program, the Incentive Award Program, whereby the governing authority of a parish and a parish school system may receive a financial award for reducing the teen pregnancy rate and dropout rate for the parish.

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C. Through the Incentive Award Program, the department shall provide a financial award to each of the ten parishes identified in the annual progress report ~~which that~~ have demonstrated the most significant reduction in dropout rates, as defined by rule of the Department of Education, and in teen pregnancy rates as defined by rule of ~~the Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works. The financial award shall be distributed to ~~such~~ the ten parish school systems. These awards may be expended by the parish school system to implement innovative community-based and school-based programs designed to further reduce the dropout rate and the teen pregnancy rate for the parish and for instructional enhancement programs.

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§460.8. TANF eligibility; teen parent living arrangements; work participation requirements; submission of waiver

A.(1)(a) Any recipient of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (TANF) benefits who is less than eighteen years of age, is not married, and is a custodial parent shall live in an approved adult-supervised living arrangement with his ~~or her~~ child, except when evidence is presented to a caseworker of the ~~Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works that the teen parent, or his ~~or her~~ child, has been subjected to emotional or physical abuse.

(b)(i) If the caseworker determines that the teen parent, or his ~~or her~~ child, has been subjected to the abuse of an adult with whom they are living in a primary relationship and that under the circumstances the teen, and his ~~or her~~ child, would be safer living outside the present adult-supervised living arrangement, then the teen parent and child shall be allowed to live outside ~~such~~ the adult-supervised living arrangement temporarily.

(ii) If the teen parent leaves his ~~or her~~ ~~such~~ the adult-supervised living arrangement, the caseworker shall monitor the teen's case no less frequently than once a month and shall assist the teen parent in locating another approved adult-supervised living arrangement, taking into consideration the needs and concerns of the teen parent and child.

(c) The teen parent shall be allowed to receive TANF benefits on behalf of himself ~~or herself~~, and his ~~or her~~ child, while temporarily living outside an adult-supervised living arrangement as provided in this Subsection.

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B. The secretary of the ~~Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works may temporarily exempt from the work participation requirements any female who is in a two-parent TANF family who presents sufficient evidence to support a claim that she has been incapable of maintaining a job or regularly reporting to her place of employment because she is a victim of domestic violence and has been forced to move into a shelter or another protective environment outside her home.

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§460.10. Drug testing for certain adult recipients of public assistance; legislative policy; procedures

A. The legislature hereby reaffirms the legitimate government function of promoting the safety and welfare of children and adults. The legislature declares that the best interests of a significant portion of the state's population are served by ensuring that they are free of the physical and mental impairments associated with drug dependence. The legislature further reaffirms its compelling interest in providing safeguards to eliminate the misappropriation of ~~entitlement~~ public assistance benefits. The legislature hereby directs the secretary of the ~~Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works, in consultation with the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health and the commissioner of administration, to establish a mandatory drug testing program for certain adults in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant Program.

B.(1) The secretary of the ~~Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works shall cause to be instituted a mandatory drug testing program for certain adult participants, to be determined by the secretary in consultation with the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health and the commissioner of administration, in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant Program. However, ~~no~~ ~~no~~ participant shall be tested if such testing is prohibited by federal law. No sanction shall be imposed on an adult participant if such sanction is prohibited by federal law.

(2) The ~~Such~~ testing program shall provide procedural safeguards to ensure the protection of the constitutional rights of the program participants and provide that testing shall be done by state certified laboratories.

C.(1) The required drug testing program shall require a participant to complete an education and rehabilitation program upon the initial identification of ~~such~~ the participant as an illegal drug user verified by a positive test result as a prerequisite to continued receipt of benefits. Further, the drug testing program shall provide for the suspension of participation in ~~such entitlement~~ the public assistance program for a participant subsequently identified by a verified positive test result as an illegal drug user; ~~however~~. However, in no event shall participation in ~~such entitlement~~ the public assistance

program be suspended while the participant is taking part in the education and rehabilitation program or until an education and rehabilitation program is available to the participant.

(2)(a) The secretary of the ~~Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works, in conjunction with the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health and the commissioner of administration, shall provide a program of education and rehabilitation for participants so identified as illegal drug users.

(b) The ~~Such~~ program shall include regulations governing the reentry of a suspended ~~recipient~~ participant into the ~~entitlement~~ public assistance program based on subsequent testing results and completion of education and rehabilitation programs.

(c) The ~~Such~~ program shall also include the provision of inpatient services for any participant identified as an illegal drug user if it is determined that such inpatient services are necessary for successful rehabilitation.

D. The secretary of the ~~Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works, in consultation with the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health and the commissioner of administration, shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Section in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. Such rules and regulations shall provide that the cost of testing participants for the presence of illegal drugs and the treatment of such participants pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall be borne by the department or departments that grant the applicable public assistance.

E. The secretary of Louisiana Works shall prepare a written statistical report on the program and submit the report to the legislature on or before January 1, 1999 and annually thereafter.

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AMENDMENT NO. 75

On page 81, line 1, change "July" to "October"

AMENDMENT NO. 76

On page 81, line 10, change "July" to "October"

AMENDMENT NO. 77

On page 81, line 19, change "July" to "October"

AMENDMENT NO. 78

On page 81, at the beginning of line 23, change "Section 12." to "Section 14."

AMENDMENT NO. 79

On page 81, line 30, change "July" to "October"

AMENDMENT NO. 80

On page 82, delete lines 3 and 4 and insert the following:

"B. It is further the intention of the legislature that the ~~Office~~ ~~Department~~ of Elderly Affairs administer all federal funds appropriated, allocated,"

AMENDMENT NO. 81

On page 82, line 9, change "July" to "October"

AMENDMENT NO. 82

On page 82, at the beginning of line 12, change "Section 13." to "Section 15."

AMENDMENT NO. 83

On page 83, at the beginning of line 3, change "Section 14.(A)" to "Section 16."

AMENDMENT NO. 84

On page 83, delete lines 5 through 10 and insert the following:

"Section 17. R.S. 46:51(2), (10), and (11), 52.1(C) through (F), 55, 102, 103, 112, 230.1(C), and 231.14(G)(3) and R.S. 49:1402(1)(a) are hereby repealed in their entirety."

AMENDMENT NO. 85

On page 83, at the beginning of line 11, change "Section 15." to "Section 18."

AMENDMENT NO. 86

On page 83, line 14, change "Louisiana Works or department" to ""Louisiana Works" or "department""

AMENDMENT NO. 87

On page 83, at the beginning of line 19, change "Section 16." to "Section 19."

AMENDMENT NO. 88

On page 83, at the beginning of line 27, change "Section 17." to "Section 20."

AMENDMENT NO. 89

On page 83, at the beginning of line 30, change "Section 18." to "Section 21."

AMENDMENT NO. 90

On page 84, delete lines 1 through 13 and insert the following:
"department, contracts related to the operation and administration of the programs and activities transferred to Louisiana Works by this Act shall be deemed to have been transferred and assigned to Louisiana Works upon the effective date of this Section without the necessity of contractual amendment, and Louisiana Works shall be solely responsible for all related obligations and liabilities arising on or after that effective date.

(B) In order to ensure continuity of services during the transition period, any pending"

AMENDMENT NO. 91

On page 85, at the beginning of line 14, change "Section 19." to "Section 22."

AMENDMENT NO. 92

On page 85, line 15, after "Section" change "7" to "8"

AMENDMENT NO. 93

On page 85, line 18, after "Section" change "10" to "14"

AMENDMENT NO. 94

On page 85, delete lines 22 through 28 and insert the following:
"Section 23.(A) The workforce development programs administered by the Department of Children and Family Services shall be transferred to and administered by Louisiana Works, or its successors. The workforce program includes those consolidated under Skills Employment and Training, or "SET for Success", or successor programs, the Child Support Enforcement Employment and Training Program,"

AMENDMENT NO. 95

On page 86, delete lines 19 through 21 and insert the following:
"Section 24.(A) The Disability Determination Services (DDS) program administered by the Department of Children and Family Services shall be transferred to and administered by the Louisiana Department"

AMENDMENT NO. 96

On page 86, at the beginning of line 30, change "Section 22." to "Section 25."

AMENDMENT NO. 97

On page 87, at the beginning of line 4, change "Section 23." to "Section 26."

AMENDMENT NO. 98

On page 87, delete lines 12 through 25 and insert the following:
"(B) All Department of Children and Family Services contracts related to the operation and administration of the programs and activities transferred to the Louisiana Department of Health by this Act shall be deemed to have been transferred and assigned to the Louisiana Department of Health upon the effective date of this Section without the necessity of contractual amendment, and the Louisiana Department of Health shall be solely responsible for all related obligations and liabilities arising on or after that effective date.

(C) In order to ensure continuity of services during the transition period, any pending"

AMENDMENT NO. 99

On page 88, delete lines 19 through 26 and insert the following:
"Section 27.(A) Sections 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 15, 16, 18, 20, 23, 24, and 26 of this Act shall become effective on October 1, 2025.

(B) The provisions of Sections 8, 14, and 22 of this Act shall become effective when Act No. 384 of the 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature becomes effective.

(C) Sections 1, 3, 5, 11, 13, 17, 19, 21, and 25 of this Act shall become effective October 1, 2027."

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 640— (Substitute for House Bill No. 621 by Representative Bourriaque)

BY REPRESENTATIVES BOURRIAQUE, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAMBURG, BEAULLIEU, BERAULT, BOYER, BRAUD, BROWN, BUTLER, CARLSON, CARRIER, CARVER, CHENEVERT, COATES, CREWS, DAVIS, DEVILLIER, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, EDMONSTON, EGAN, EMERSON, FARNUM, FISHER, FONTENOT, FREIBERG, GLORIOSO, HEBERT, HILFERTY, HORTON, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, MACK, MCFARLAND, MCMAHON, MCMAKIN, MELERINE, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, THOMPSON, TURNER, VILLIO, WALTERS, WILDER, WILEY, WRIGHT, AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To enact Part IX of Chapter 2 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 49:220.51 through 220.53, relative to the office of Louisiana Highway Construction; to create the office of Louisiana Highway Construction within the office of the governor, division of administration; to define the term "office"; to designate certain powers, duties, and responsibilities of the office; to provide for an executive director of the office of Louisiana Highway Construction; to establish the duties and responsibilities of the executive director; to provide for the exercise of procurement procedures, including emergency procurement; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works. The bill was read by title and recommitted to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE BILL NO. 649—

BY REPRESENTATIVE VENTRELLA
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4570, 4570.2, and 4570.4(B) and to enact R.S. 33:4570.7, relative to East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide relative to park and recreation facilities within the parish; to provide relative to the Recreation and Park Commission for the parish of East Baton Rouge; to provide relative to the boundaries and powers and duties of the commission; to exclude certain territory and property from the jurisdiction of the commission; to provide for the creation of a recreation district in the city of Central; to provide relative to the boundaries, purpose, governance, and powers and duties of the district; to provide for district funding; to include certain territory and property within the jurisdiction of the district; 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 Engrossed House Bill No. 649 by Representative Ventrella

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "reenact" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 3 and on line 4, delete "facilities within the parish; to provide" and insert the following: "R.S. 33:4570.1,"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 5, after "Rouge;" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 6 through 10 and insert the following: "to provide for annual reporting by the commission to each municipality as to the funds received from and expended to each municipality; to provide"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 16, after "Section 1." delete the remainder of the line and delete line 17 and insert the following: " R.S. 33:4570.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

Delete pages 2 through 8 in their entirety and insert the following: "\$4570.1. Board of commissioners; officers; quorum; employees

A. The commission shall be composed of ~~three~~ five ex officio members and ~~six~~ four appointed members for a total of nine commissioners. The ex officio members shall be the ~~mayor-president, or an officer or employee of the city or parish designated by the mayor-president from time to time; a member of the school board of East Baton Rouge Parish, designated by the school board for a term coincident with his term on the school board; and a member of the planning commission designated by the planning commission for a term coincident with his term on the planning commission.~~ mayors of the following municipalities: Baker, Baton Rouge, Central, St. George, and Zachary. Each mayor may designate a person to serve in his place as a member of the commission. Each designee shall serve at the pleasure of the designating mayor. The ex officio members shall serve during their terms of office. The six four appointed members shall be qualified voters of the parish appointed by the metropolitan council governing authority of the city of Baton Rouge, parish of East Baton Rouge for terms of three years. Of the four appointed members, at least two shall be residents of the city of Baton Rouge, and at least one shall be a resident of the unincorporated area of East Baton Rouge Parish. Following the release of each federal decennial census, the commission may, by majority vote, reallocate these designated residency requirements to reflect the changes in population distribution across the parish. Any such reallocation shall apply prospectively and shall not alter the term of any sitting member. Vacancies shall be filled by the designating or appointing body for the unexpired portion of the term authority. All commission members shall serve without compensation.

B. The commission shall elect from the ~~six appointed~~ its members a chairman, a vice chairman, and a treasurer whose terms of office shall be one year. ~~Four~~ Five members shall constitute a quorum of the commission for all purposes. The commission shall have the power and authority to name and employ a person who shall be designated as superintendent of the commission, who shall not be a member of the commission, and who shall be ex officio secretary of the commission, and to prescribe and pay an annual salary to the superintendent.

C. The commission shall submit a written report annually to each municipality and to the state senators and representatives that represent these municipalities that provides the amount of funds received from taxpayers in each municipality, the amount of funds spent by BREC on facilities in each municipality, and the amount of money generated at BREC facilities in each municipality.

Section 2. The terms of the members of the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge in office on the effective date of this Act shall terminate on that date; however, the members shall remain in office until the commission members take office as provided in this Act. The members of the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge shall take office as provided in this Act and shall serve terms of office as provided in this Act.

Section 3. 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 Kleinpeter, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 661—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:4.7, 31.32(D) and (E), and 1046(G)(1)(b), to enact R.S. 40:31.31.1 and 31.40, and to repeal R.S. 40:31.32 (F), relative to fees collected by the Louisiana Department of Health, office of public health; to provide for vendor fees at certain events; to provide for fees for export and free sale certificates; to provide for sewage fees; to establish fees for the review of plans for certain facilities; to establish fees related to the sale and production of therapeutic marijuana; 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 Reengrossed House Bill No. 661 by Representative Miller

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "R.S. 40:4.7," delete "31.32(D)" and insert "31.32(B), (D),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 10, after "R.S. 40:4.7," delete "31.32(D)" and insert "31.32(B), (D),"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, between lines 11 and 12, insert the following:

"B. The department shall charge and collect a one-time fee of one hundred fifty dollars for each individual-type sewerage system installed for residential use. Such fee shall be payable by the manufacturer or, if authorized by the department, manufacturer-authorized system distributor, franchise, sale, or agent thereof.

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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. 686— (Substitute for House Bill No. 511 by Representative Owen)

BY REPRESENTATIVES OWEN, AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BILLINGS, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, FIRMINT, HORTON, SCHAMERHORN, SPELL, THOMPSON, VENTRELLA, AND WILDER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 24:57(3) and to enact R.S. 24:51(9), 53(K), and 53.1, R.S. 33:9664(H), and R.S. 49:74(I), relative to lobbying on behalf of foreign adversaries; to provide for the definition of a foreign adversary; to provide for additional lobbying disclosure requirements for a foreign adversary; to provide for penalties; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for an electronic database administered by the board of ethics; to provide for data sharing and public access of records; 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 Reengrossed House Bill No. 686 by Representative Owen

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AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "53.1," insert "53.2,"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 7, after "ethics;" insert "to provide relative to lobbying on behalf of designated foreign corporations;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 11, delete "and" and then after "53.1" insert "and 53.2"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, delete lines 1 through 4

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 5, change "(c)" to "(b)"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

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

"(d) 'Foreign adversary' shall not include any entity where that entity, or any corporate parent or affiliate of that entity, holds an active registration on the United States General Services Administration's (GSA) SAM.gov federal procurement system."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

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

"§53.2 Designated foreign corporations; disclosure

A. Any person who lobbies on behalf of a foreign corporation or any entity whose headquarters or principal place of business is located in a nation or country identified in 15 CFR Part 7.4, as revised from time to time, shall disclose at a minimum, the following information:

(1) The name of the foreign corporation represented by the person.

(2) The nation under whose laws the corporation is incorporated or organized.

(3) Where the corporation has its principal place of business.

(4) Where the corporation is primarily located if not in the United States which shall include the permanent mailing office address of the foreign corporation.

(5) A description of the business activity of the foreign corporation represented by the person.

(6) An identification of the matters on which the person expects to conduct lobbying business on behalf of the foreign corporation.

B. The Board of Ethics shall post on its website on the internet a list of all persons who have failed to file or failed to timely file a disclosure pursuant to this Section.

C. The board shall provide information about disclosures filed pursuant to this Section through a web portal maintained on the board's website. The portal shall contain the information about the registrant and the registrant's activities within the state. The board shall publish each disclosure filed pursuant to this Section on the board's website.

D. The board may send to and receive data from government officials in other states in order to increase the transparency and registration compliance of lobbyists of foreign corporations that operate in multiple states.

E. The board may promulgate rules pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act as necessary to carry out the provisions of this Section.

F. Any change in information previously submitted in a disclosure pursuant to this Section shall be reported to the board through a supplemental disclosure within ten days following the change."

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

25th DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

HOUSE BILL NO. 688— (Substitute for House Bill No. 633 by Representative Braud)

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRAUD

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:330.1(C)(1)(a)(introductory paragraph) and (i) and (ii), (2)(b) through (e), (3)(a) through (c), and (4) and (D) and to enact R.S. 38:330.1(C)(2)(a)(xii) and (f) and (g), relative to the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East and the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-West Bank; to change membership of the board of commissioners of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East; to appoint the executive director of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority as secretary of the nominating committee; to replace certain requirements of the regional directors, or in their absence, the presidents of the boards of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East and the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-West Bank with the chair; to change timeframes for notification of unexpected and expected vacancies within the flood authorities, to reduce consecutive terms of commissioners; 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 Reengrossed House Bill No. 688 by Representative Braud

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, at the end of the line delete "(2)(b)" and insert "(2)(a)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 16, at the end of the line delete "(2)(b)" and insert "(2)(a)"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, between lines 26 and 27, insert:

"(ii) A member or designee of the Council Leaders for A Better Louisiana.

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AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 6, line 21, after "Subsection" insert: "except the nominating committee shall submit its nominations for each expected vacancy to the governor for consideration no later than thirty days prior to the start of the regular session. If the nominating committee fails to submit nominees for an expected vacancy thirty days prior to the start of the regular session, the governor shall follow the procedure outlined in Subsection (3)(c)."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 8, line 12, after "All commissioners" delete "thereafter appointed"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 8, line 14, after "years." insert "Members serving on the commission on and after June 1, 2025, shall be permitted to serve a third term on the commission."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 8, after line 22, insert the following:

"Section 3. 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 Connick, the committee amendment was adopted. The amended bill was read by title and referred to the

Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 690— (Substitute for House Bill No. 377 by Representative Owen)

BY REPRESENTATIVES OWEN, AMEDEE, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BUTLER, CREWS, EGAN, FIRMONT, HORTON, SCHAMERHORN, SPELL, AND WILDER

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:5.13, relative to the administration of medical activities under Emergency Use Authorization; to require the surgeon general to promulgate rules for the administration of emergency use authorization-related medical activities; to provide for the applicability of these rules to all members of the healthcare community; to specify that these rules apply during health emergencies and regular operations; to provide for the scope and content of the rules; 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 Reengrossed House Bill No. 690 by Representative Owen

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 3, line 1, after "Measures to" and before "access" change "ensure" to "promote"

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. 691— (Substitute for House Bill No. 568 by Representative Carrier)

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARRIER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:1106(D)(1) and 1107.1(C) and to enact R.S. 30:1107.1(B)(4) and (5) and (D) through (F), relative to carbon dioxide sequestration; to increase civil penalties; to add reporting requirements; to impose criminal penalties for willful and knowing failures to report; to require notice to the public and emergency responders; 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. 692— (Substitute for House Bill No. 583 by Representative Jacob Landry)

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACOB LANDRY

AN ACT

To enact Chapter 17 of Subtitle I of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 30:1501 and 1502, relative to clean energy solutions; to provide definitions; to provide for affordable, reliable, and clean energy security; to provide for energy security and affordability; to provide the criteria for reliable energy sources and for green energy and clean energy; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Natural Resources.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Natural Resources to Reengrossed House Bill No. 692 by Representative Jacob Landry

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 12, after "Commission" and before "to" insert "and the Department of Economic Development"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

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

"(3) Ensuring Louisiana has a sufficient supply of renewable energy production sources, as provided in 42 U.S.C. 15852(b), to satisfy the demand for the state's business and industry."

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 693— (Substitute for House Bill No. 596 by Representative Wright)

BY REPRESENTATIVES WRIGHT AND BEAULLIEU

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:154(A)(18) and R.S. 18:1482, 1483(1), (2)(a), (4), (6)(a) and (b), (9)(a), (b)(ii), (c), (d)(ii) and (iii), (10), (12), (15)(a), (b)(ii), (c), and (d), (16), (17), (19), (22), and (24), 1484(introductory paragraph), (2) and (3), 1485(E), 1486(A), (B), and (C)(1) and (2)(introductory paragraph) and (d), the heading of Part II of Chapter 11 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, 1491.1(A), (B)(3), and (D), 1491.2, 1491.3(A), 1491.4, 1491.5(A), (B)(1), (2), and (3), (E), and (H) through (J), 1491.6(A), (B)(introductory paragraph), (C)(introductory paragraph), (1)(a), and (2), (D), (E)(introductory paragraph), (G), and (I), 1491.7(A), (B), (4)(a) and (b), (5) through (8), (10), (13), (14), (18), and (22), and (C), 1491.8, 1495.2, 1495.3(B)(1) and (2)(introductory paragraph) and (a) and (E), 1495.4(C)(introductory paragraph) and (1)(a) and (2) and (D)(1) and (3)(a), 1495.5(B)(5) and (9) and (C), 1495.6, 1501.1, 1501.3(C)(introductory paragraph), 1505.2(A)(1), (B), (C), (D)(3)(b)(i) and (c), (4), and (5), (F), (G), (H)(1)(b) and (c), (2)(a)(introductory paragraph), (b)(i)(introductory paragraph), (c), (e), (f) and (g), (3)(a)(iii) through (vii) and (b) through (d), and (5), (1)(1), (2), (4), (5)(a), (b)(ii), and (c) through (e), (6), and (7), (J), (K), (L)(2) and (4), (M), (O)(1), (P), (Q)(1), (2), and (3)(a)(i), and (R)(2) and (3)(a)(i), 1505.2.1(A), (D), and (E), 1505.3(B) and (D)(1)(a) and (2)(a)(i) and (b)(introductory paragraph) and (ii), 1505.4(A)(1), (2)(a), and (3) and (B), 1505.5(B) and (C)(1), 1505.6(A) through (C), 1511.2(B), 1511.4(A)(2)(h) and (i), (C)(1) and (2)(introductory paragraph), and (D), 1511.4.1(C)(3), and 1511.5(A)(1) and (B), to enact R.S. 18:1483(9)(d)(v), (15)(b)(iii) and (iv), and (25) through (32), 1491.1(B)(5)(d) and (e), 1491.6(J), 1491.6.1, 1491.9, 1505.2(H)(2)(h) and (I)(8), 1511.2(D) and (E), 1511.4(C)(2)(f) and (3), and 1511.4.2, and to repeal R.S. 18:1486(C)(1) and (2)(d), 1505.2(N), and 1511.3(B), relative to the revision of the system of laws related to election campaign finance; to provide for the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act; to establish leadership committees and provide authorizations and restrictions related thereto; to provide for the many various duties and requirements of committees, including political committees, principal campaign committees, subsidiary committees, independent expenditure-only committees, and leadership committees; to provide for contributions; to provide for contribution limits; to provide for contributions made to or by a political party; to provide for expenditures; to provide for limitations on expenditures; to provide for reporting requirements; to provide for contributions, expenditures, and reporting related to closed party primary elections; to provide for joint fundraising efforts and agreements; to provide for foreign nationals; to provide for the powers and duties of the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure; to provide for investigations conducted by and penalties issued by the supervisory committee; to repeal provisions related to the regulation of contributions and expenditures related to proposition elections; to provide for loans; to provide for coordinated expenditures; to provide for excess contributions; to provide for definitions and terminology; and to provide for related matters.

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

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Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to Reengrossed House Bill No. 693 by Representative Wright

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 3, after "1491.9," and before "1505.2(H)(2)(h)" insert "1501.3(G),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 21, after "contributions;" and before "to provide" insert "to provide an exception to the Code of Governmental Ethics for persons contracting with, employed by, or volunteering for a gubernatorial transition or inauguration;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, line 14, after "1491.9," and before "1505.2(H)(2)(h)" insert "1501.3(G),"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 46, line 11, change "A.(1)(a)" to "A.(1)"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 46, delete line 13 and at the beginning of line 14, delete "this Paragraph"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 46, delete lines 23 through 29 and on page 47, delete lines 1 through 5

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 49, between lines 3 and 4 insert the following:

"G. No person who contracts, is employed, or volunteers for a gubernatorial transition or inauguration shall be considered a public servant for purposes of the Code of Governmental Ethics by reason of such contract, employment, or volunteer service."

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 60, line 8, after "committee" and before the colon ":" insert the following: "and shall be prohibited unless the candidate, elected official, or committee overcomes the presumption by showing by a preponderance of the evidence that the expenditure was not for personal use"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 60, delete lines 19 through 23

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 60, line 24, change "(vi)" to "(v)" and change "country club, health club," to "private club."

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 75, line 22, after "there is" and before "to believe" delete "reason" and insert "probable cause"

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 75, line 23, after "Chapter" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 24 through 28 and on page 76, delete lines 1 through 7 and insert a period "." and insert the following: "In determining probable cause, the supervisory committee shall consider whether the totality of known circumstances is sufficient to justify the belief that the respondent has committed a violation of this Chapter."

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 76, at the beginning of line 15, delete "warranting an investigation"

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

Rules Suspended

Senator Barrow asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules

25th DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

to advance to:

Senate Resolutions on Second Reading Reported by Committees

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 132—

BY SENATOR BARROW

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the office of juvenile justice to provide specific information in a report to the Senate committees on Finance and Judiciary B relative to complaints, investigations, and litigation at secure and non-secure care facilities under jurisdiction of the office of juvenile justice, youth services.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary B.

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

Rules Suspended

Senator Duplessis asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to advance to:

House Concurrent Resolutions on Second Reading Reported by Committees

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 52—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MARCELLE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice and all Louisiana state and local law enforcement agencies, jointly, to improve crime data reporting in order to be in full compliance with the National Incident Based Reporting System, hereinafter referred to as "NIBRS", provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, hereinafter referred to as "FBI", by analyzing progress towards, obstacles to, and recommendations for full NIBRS compliance in an annually published, publicly available, report.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary B.

Floor Amendments

Senator Duplessis proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Duplessis to Engrossed House Concurrent Resolution No. 52 by Representative Marcelle

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete lines 19 and 20

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, delete lines 1 and 2

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 9, after "Justice" change "publish a publicly available" to "include in the" and after "report" insert "published pursuant to R.S. 15:1204.2, a section"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, after line 10, insert the following:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report section include details for each state and local law enforcement as to certification status, partial compliance including months of adequate reporting and months of inadequate compliance, and other itemized deficiencies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that LCLE include in the report section suggestions on how to support and accelerate law enforcement agencies to achieve complete NIBRS until the law

enforcement agencies of Louisiana achieve full NIBRS compliance for no fewer than three consecutive years."

On motion of Senator Duplessis, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Jenkins	Owen	Womack
Total - 3		

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

Rules Suspended

Senator Talbot asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to advance to:

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Third Reading and Final Passage

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 returned to the Calendar, subject to call.

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. Senator Barrow moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Boudreaux	Jenkins	Owen
Total - 3		

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it returned to the House. Senator Barrow moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

HOUSE BILL NO. 294—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BAGLEY AND BAMBURG
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 4(D)(3) of the Constitution of Louisiana and to repeal Article VII, Section 4(D)(4) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to state severance tax revenues; to repeal limits on amounts of severance tax revenues remitted to parishes; to repeal requirements associated with certain severance tax revenue amounts remitted to parishes; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and returned to the Calendar, subject to call.

HOUSE BILL NO. 325—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BRYANT, DESHOTEL, JACKSON, MCCORMICK, AND NEWELL
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:841(A)(2), relative to tobacco taxes; to provide with respect to the rate of the tax levied on certain cigars; to provide for application of the tax on certain cigars in the inventory of certain retail and wholesale dealers; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Harris	Myers
Abraham	Hensgens	Price
Allain	Hodges	Reese
Barrow	Jackson-Andrews	Seabaugh
Boudreaux	Kleinpeter	Selders
Bouie	Lambert	Stine
Carter	Luneau	Talbot
Cathey	Miguez	Womack
Duplessis	Miller	

Total - 26

NAYS

Bass	Fesi	Morris
Cloud	Foil	Pressly
Connick	McMath	Wheat
Edmonds	Mizell	

Total - 11

ABSENT

Jenkins Owen

Total - 2

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it returned to the House. Senator Reese moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

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 was read by title and returned to the Calendar, subject to call.

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 returned to the Calendar, subject to call.

HOUSE BILL NO. 475—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMONT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:836(B)(introductory paragraph) and (9), relative to insurance premium tax credits; to extend the termination date of the credit; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and returned to the Calendar, subject to call.

HOUSE BILL NO. 518—

BY REPRESENTATIVE GEYMAN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:633, relative to severance tax; to provide with respect to severance tax rates; to provide for computation of amounts of severance tax imposed on particular natural resources; to provide relative to severance tax exemptions for oil and gas; to provide relative to severance tax administration; to make technical changes and corrections; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and returned to the Calendar, subject to call.

HOUSE BILL NO. 594—

BY REPRESENTATIVES HENRY, AMEDEE, BILLINGS, BOYER, BUTLER, DOMANGUE, FIRMONT, HORTON, JACOB LANDRY, SCHAMERHORN, SPELL, WILDER, AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:831(A)(1), 832(A)(2) and (3), (B), and (C)(introductory paragraph), (6)(introductory paragraph), and

(7)(a)(introductory paragraph), 833(B)(2), 855(A)(2), 2058(A)(3)(a)(iv), and 2092(B), to enact R.S. 22:831(A)(3) and 833(F), and to repeal R.S. 22:601.16(4) and 832(D) through (F) and Chapter 26 of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 51:1921 through 1935, relative to insurance premium taxes; to provide for insurance premium tax rates; to provide for credits and other tax preferences applicable to insurance premium tax liability; to repeal the tax credit for retaliatory taxes paid by certain domestic insurers; to repeal the Louisiana Capital Companies Tax Credit Program; to provide for applicability; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and returned to the Calendar, subject to call.

HOUSE BILL NO. 665—

BY REPRESENTATIVES WILLARD AND DAVIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:6020(D)(1) and (2)(a), (G), and (H), relative to tax credits; to provide with respect to the Angel Investor Tax Credit Program; to extend the duration of the program; to remove certain limitations on claiming of the credit; to provide for applicability; to provide for effective dates; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and returned to the Calendar, subject to call.

HOUSE BILL NO. 669—

BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:841(B) and 842(20), relative to the tobacco tax; to provide for the tax on cigarettes; to provide for definitions; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Cathey proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Cathey to Reengrossed House Bill No. 669 by Representative Riser

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "47:841(B) and" change "842(20)," to "842(2) and (20), and to enact R.S. 47:841(H),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 6, after "47:841(B) and" change "842(20)," to "842(2) and (20)" and after "reenacted" insert "and R.S. 47:841(H) is hereby enacted"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

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

"H. The tax imposed by this Section on cigarettes for heating shall be reduced by twenty-five percent, provided the product has been issued an exposure modification order by the United States Food and Drug Administration pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 387(k) and (g)."

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AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, between lines 23 and 24, insert the following:

(2) "Cigarette" includes any roll for smoking or heating under ordinary conditions of use, made wholly or in part of tobacco, irrespective of size or shape and irrespective of the tobacco being flavored, adulterated or mixed with any other ingredient, where such roll has a wrapper or cover made of paper, or any other material except where such wrapper is wholly or in greater part made of tobacco.

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Senator Cathey moved the adoption of the amendments.

Senator Edmonds objected.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	McMath	Stine
Abraham	Morris	Talbot
Cathy	Myers	Wheat
Cloud	Reese	
Luneau	Selders	
Total - 13		

NAYS

Allain	Edmonds	Miller
Barrow	Foil	Mizell
Bass	Harris	Pressly
Boudreaux	Hodges	Price
Bouie	Jackson-Andrews	Seabaugh
Carter	Kleinpeter	Womack
Connick	Lambert	
Duplessis	Miguez	
Total - 22		

ABSENT

Fesi	Jenkins
Hensgens	Owen
Total - 4	

The Chair declared the amendments were rejected.

Floor Amendments

Senator Cathey proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Cathey to Reengrossed House Bill No. 669 by Representative Riser

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "842(20)," insert "and to enact R.S. 47:842(24),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 6, after "reenacted" insert ", and R.S. 47:842(24) is hereby enacted"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, between lines 5 and 6, insert the following:

"(24) Heated tobacco product" means a product containing tobacco and producing an inhalable aerosol by use of an electronic device that either heats the tobacco without burning it, or primarily heats rather than burns the tobacco, but does not include cigarettes or tobacco products.

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On motion of Senator Cathey, the amendments were adopted.

Floor Amendments

Senator Foil proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Foil to Reengrossed House Bill No. 669 by Representative Riser

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2 after "47:841(B) and" and before "relative to" delete "842(20)," and insert "842(16) and (20) through (23), and to enact R.S. 47:842(24),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete line 6 and insert the following:

"Section 1. R.S. 47:841(B) and 842(16) and (20) through (23) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 47:842(24) is hereby enacted to read"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, delete line 24 and insert the following:

"(16) "Smoking tobacco" includes granulated, plug cut, crimp cut, ready rubbed and any other kind and form of tobacco prepared in such manner as to be suitable for smoking in or as pipe or cigarette.

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(20) "Tobacco substitute" means any non-combustible product intended to be used or consumed as an alternative to tobacco, including products made with nicotine extracted from tobacco or any other source, or synthetic nicotine, and any product which simulates traditional smokeless tobacco whether or not it contains nicotine.

~~(20)~~ (21) "Vapor products" shall mean any noncombustible product containing"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, delete line 5 and insert the following:

~~(21)~~ (22) "Vending machine" means any receptacle used to store taxable articles which vend such articles automatically.

~~(22)~~ (23) "Vending machine operator" means any person who controls the use of one or more vending machines as to the supply of cigarettes or any tobacco products in the machine or the receipts from cigarettes vended through such machines.

~~(23)~~ (24) "Wholesale dealers" are those dealers whose principal business is that of a wholesaler, and who sells cigarettes, cigars, and smoking tobacco to retail dealers for purpose of resale; and who is a bona fide wholesaler and fifty percent of whose total tobacco sales are to retail stores other than their own or their subsidiaries within Louisiana. Wholesale dealer shall include any person in the state who acquires cigarettes solely for the purpose of resale in vending machines, provided such person services fifty or more cigarette vending machines on selling locations in Louisiana other than their own. Wholesale dealers shall include those dealers engaged in receiving bulk smoking tobacco for purposes of blending and including those Louisiana dealers who were affixing cigarette and tobacco stamps as of January 1, 1974."

On motion of Senator Foil, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Fesi	Jenkins	Owen
Total - 3		

The Chair declared the amended bill was passed and ordered it returned to the House. Senator Cathey moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

Rules Suspended

Senator Edmonds asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to revert to the Morning Hour.

Introduction of Senate Resolutions

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 174—

BY SENATOR FOIL

A RESOLUTION

To authorize and direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to study and recommend legislation relative to the Louisiana Governmental Claims Act, any provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure or Civil Code Ancillaries related thereto, and other provisions of law relative to claims against the state and the administration thereof, and to submit a report of its findings, recommendations and proposed legislation to the legislature no later than March 1, 2026.

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

Reports of Committees

The following reports of committees were received and read:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

FINANCE

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

June 4, 2025

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

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.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 77—

BY REPRESENTATIVES TURNER, ADAMS, BAGLEY, BERAULT, BUTLER, CARRIER, FREIBERG, HORTON, ILLG, KERNER, MACK, SCHLEGEL, AND THOMPSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:5002(A), (E)(1) and (3), and (G), 5025(introductory paragraph), 5029(B)(3)(b)(ii) and (iii) and (D)(1)(introductory paragraph), 5041(introductory paragraph), (1)(c), and (4), and 5043(1) and to enact R.S. 17:5002(I), 5002.1, and 5024(A)(1)(e), (B)(1)(e) and (3), and (D), relative to the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students; to create a new program award level; to provide a definition of tuition for certain program purposes; to revise academic initial eligibility criteria for a TOPS-Tech award; to provide for qualification for a TOPS-Tech award based on the attainment of certain early college credits; to provide for an additional test for purposes of determining initial award eligibility for certain students; to allow certain students who qualify for a program award to apply unused award amounts to medical and dental school under

certain circumstances; to require repayment of award amounts under certain circumstances; to require the Board of Regents to provide by rule for collection and exceptions; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 116—

BY REPRESENTATIVES EGAN, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BAYHAM, CHASSION, CREWS, DAVIS, DICKERSON, EMERSON, HORTON, JACKSON, KNOX, SPELL, STAGNI, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:122(B)(7) and (8) and (C), relative to the Louisiana Military Family Assistance Fund; to expand the authorized expenditures of the fund to include indigent veteran burials and indigent student benefits; to provide for annual grants from the fund; to provide for application requirements for the grants; to provide for use of the grant funds; to provide for audits of the grantees; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 404—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLARD

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 26:364(C) and R.S. 47:301.4(B)(1), 1517(C), (E), and (F), 1621(D)(1), and 1676(C)(4), (D)(4)(a)(i) and (ii), (b), and (c), (E), and (F)(1), to enact R.S. 47:301.4(C)(4) and 303.1(D), and to repeal R.S. 26:346(B) and 354(C)(2) and R.S. 47:296.1, 1517(B)(1)(c) through (e) and (2) through (4), 1517.1, and 1624(A)(2), relative to tax administration; to provide for powers and duties of the Department of Revenue; to provide for administration of income, sales and use, and alcoholic beverage taxes; to provide relative to refunds of overpayments of taxes; to prohibit payment of interest on refunds of certain sales tax overpayments; to provide for sourcing of certain sales; to provide relative to the functions of the office of debt recovery; to provide relative to the tax exemption budget; to repeal reporting requirements pertaining to certain tax incentives; to repeal outdated references and expired provisions of law; to provide for retroactive application of certain provisions of law; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 466—

BY REPRESENTATIVES CARLSON, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BRASS, CARVER, CHASSION, CREWS, DESHOTEL, DEVILLIER, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, EMERSON, FREIBERG, MARCELLE, MELERINE, MOORE, OWEN, SCHLEGEL, STAGNI, TAYLOR, AND WALTERS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:418.1, relative to the compensation of teachers and other school employees; to require public school systems to provide a salary increase to certain personnel; to provide relative to the amount of the increase; to provide relative to related benefits; to provide for a funding mechanism; to provide for definitions; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 473—

BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 10.8(A)(1), (2), and (4) and (C)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to enact Article VII, Section 10.17, and to repeal Article VII, Sections 10(F)(4)(d), 10.1, and 10.8(A)(3) and (C)(3), relative to monies in the state treasury; to repeal the Education Excellence Fund within the Millennium Trust, the Louisiana Education Quality Trust Fund, and the Louisiana Quality Education Support Fund; to apply monies held in those funds to liabilities of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana; to direct the state treasurer to

take certain actions with respect to monies in repealed funds; to provide for calculation and transfer of such monies to the Overcollections Fund for use by specified entities pursuant to outlined restrictions; to execute technical changes; to establish an effective date; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 495—

BY REPRESENTATIVE GEYMANN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:633(7)(d)(introductory paragraph), relative to severance tax; to provide relative to the severance tax exemption; to provide for an exemption for oil and gas produced from horizontally drilled wells; to limit the exemption period for gas produced from those wells; to provide for applicability; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 507—

BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON
AN ACT

To enact Chapter 47 of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 51:2771, relative to the High Impact Jobs Program; to establish the program; to provide relative to qualification for and administration of the program; to provide relative to the powers and duties of Louisiana Economic Development and its secretary; to provide relative to special treasury funds; to provide relative to the transfer, deposit, and use, as specified, of monies in certain special treasury funds; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 567—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:112.2(A), 248(B)(1)(a), 287.732, 287.732.1, 287.732.2(A)(1), and 1675(F)(1) and to repeal R.S. 39:2(15.1)(a) through (c), (k), (v), (x), and (y) and R.S. 47:1675(G), relative to income tax; to provide with respect to corporate taxation; to provide for credits, deductions, exclusions, and exemptions applicable to corporation income tax; to provide for tax treatment of entities taxed as S corporations for federal income tax purposes; to provide for credits granted or allocated to S corporations; to repeal the S corporation exclusion; to provide for tax treatment of qualified Subchapter S subsidiaries; to provide for the calculation and utilization of certain S corporation carry-forward and carry-back amounts; to provide for the application of certain income tax credits; to provide for filing of composite returns; to provide with respect to the mobile workforce employer exemption; to provide relative to tax credits classified as incentive expenditures; to provide for definitions; to provide for applicability; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 578—

BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:301(3)(a), (4)(k)(i), (10), (13)(a), (16)(d), (18)(a) and (c)(i), and (27)(x)(ix), 301.1(F), 301.3(7)(a) and (10)(a), 305.2(A)(5), 305.6(1) and (5), 305.7(A)(2), 305.12(D), 305.33, 305.36(A), (B), and (C)(1), 305.75(A), 321(A), 321.1(A), (B), and (C), and 331(A) and (B) and R.S. 51:1286(A), to enact R.S. 39:100.118 and R.S. 47:301.3(11), 305(E)(4) and (L), 305.14, 305.21, 305.22, and 305.64, and to repeal R.S. 47:301.6(B) and (C) and 321.1(E), relative to sales and use tax; to reduce the state sales and use tax rate under certain circumstances; to provide with respect to exemptions

from sales and use taxes levied by taxing authorities; to exempt certain services from sales and use tax; to provide for the exemption for schools and educational materials; to provide for the exemption for certain intergovernmental transactions; to provide for exemptions for certain nonprofit organizations; to provide for the exemption for software and digital products for certain healthcare facilities; to provide for an exemption for certain sickle cell disease organizations; to provide for the exemption for transactions involving certain motor vehicles; to provide for an exemption for qualifying radiation therapy treatment centers; to provide with respect to the levies of certain taxes; to provide for taxes levied on certain telecommunication and ancillary services; to provide for the amount of sales and use taxes dedicated to tourism; to provide for definitions; to provide for limitations and requirements; to authorize the refund of certain sales and use taxes under certain circumstances; to provide for the establishment of the Local Revenue Fund; to provide for the transfer, deposit, and use of monies in the fund; to provide for applicability; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 579—

BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3801(A) and (C) and 3802(A)(1), R.S. 39:98.1, 98.2(A) and (E), 98.3(A) and (C)(introductory paragraph), and 100.161(B)(3), to enact R.S. 39:98.2(F) and 100.161(E), and to repeal R.S. 17:3801 through 3805 and R.S. 39:98.3(C) and (E) and 100.116(A)(9), relative to certain treasury funds; to provide for the transfer, deposit, and use, as specified, of monies in certain treasury funds and accounts; to provide for the investment of certain treasury funds and accounts; to repeal certain treasury funds and accounts; to provide with respect to the authority of the Louisiana State Law Institute; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 600—

BY REPRESENTATIVE GEYMANN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:633(7)(a), (b), and (c)(i)(aa), (ii)(aa), and (iv)(aa) and (bb), relative to severance tax; to provide for rates of the severance tax on oil; to provide for severance tax on oil produced from certain types of wells; to provide for applicability; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 644—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROWN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:86, relative to court costs; to provide relative to court costs collected for civil filings and criminal convictions; to provide for the allocation of such costs; to provide for the use of proceeds of such costs; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 652— (Substitute for House Bill No. 550 by Representative Kerner)

BY REPRESENTATIVE KERNER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:5.5.2(B)(2), 5.5.3(A), (B)(introductory paragraph), and (H), 5.10.1(B), and 31.35(C), to enact Part IV of Chapter 30 of Title 3 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 3:4749 through 4749.3, and R.S. 36:624(C) and 629(L)(5), and to repeal R.S. 36:204(A)(10) and 209(D)(4), R.S.40:31.35.1, and Section 2 of Act No. 667 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to commercial

seafood; to transfer authority for imported seafood sampling, testing, and enforcement from the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry; to transfer the Seafood Safety Task Force to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry; to provide for the powers of the commissioner of agriculture and forestry; to provide for penalties; to provide for reporting by processors and distributors to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry; to remove the authority of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism and the Department of Agriculture and Forestry to promulgate rules; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,
GLEN WOMACK
Chair

**House Bills and Joint Resolutions
on Second Reading
Just Reported by Committees**

Senator Womack asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to take up House Bills and Joint Resolutions just reported by Committees.

HOUSE BILL NO. 77—

BY REPRESENTATIVES TURNER, ADAMS, BAGLEY, BERAULT, BUTLER, CARRIER, FREIBERG, HORTON, ILLG, KERNER, MACK, SCHLEGEL, AND THOMPSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:5002(A), (E)(1) and (3), and (G), 5025(introductory paragraph), 5029(B)(3)(b)(ii) and (iii) and (D)(1)(introductory paragraph), 5041(introductory paragraph), (1)(c), and (4), and 5043(1) and to enact R.S. 17:5002(I), 5002.1, and 5024(A)(1)(e), (B)(1)(e) and (3), and (D), relative to the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students; to create a new program award level; to provide a definition of tuition for certain program purposes; to revise academic initial eligibility criteria for a TOPS-Tech award; to provide for qualification for a TOPS-Tech award based on the attainment of certain early college credits; to provide for an additional test for purposes of determining initial award eligibility for certain students; to allow certain students who qualify for a program award to apply unused award amounts to medical and dental school under certain circumstances; to require repayment of award amounts under certain circumstances; to require the Board of Regents to provide by rule for collection and exceptions; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Finance.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to Reengrossed House Bill No. 77 by Representative Turner

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Delete the set of amendments proposed by the Senate Committee on Education on May 29, 2025 and adopted by the Senate on June 1, 2025.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete line 5 in its entirety and insert "17:5002(I) and 5024(A)(1)(e) and (B)(1)(e) and (3), relative to the"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, at the end of line 7, delete "to revise academic"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, delete lines 8 through 14 in their entirety and insert "to provide for additional test for purposes of determining initial award eligibility for certain students; to provide for applicability;"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, at the end of line 1, after "R.S. 17:5002(I)" delete the remainder of the line

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, at the beginning of line 2, change "and 5024(A)(1)(e), (B)(1)(e) and (3), and (D)" to "and 5024(A)(1)(e) and (B)(1)(e) and (3)"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 4, between lines 22 and 23, insert the following:

"(2) Any student who is eligible for an Excellence Award pursuant to this Chapter and who has enrolled in any independent college or university in this state that is a member of the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities and that is accredited by an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education to pursue an academic degree, shall be awarded by the state either an amount determined by the administering agency equal to the tuition charged by the independent college or university or eight thousand five hundred dollars, whichever is less."

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 4, delete lines 26 through 28 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 9

Delete page 5 in its entirety and on page 6, delete lines 1 through 24 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 7, delete lines 21 through 28 in their entirety and on page 8, delete lines 1 through 7 in their entirety

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 116—

BY REPRESENTATIVES EGAN, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BAYHAM, CHASSION, CREWS, DAVIS, DICKERSON, EMERSON, HORTON, JACKSON, KNOX, SPELL, STAGNI, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:122(B)(7) and (8) and (C), relative to the Louisiana Military Family Assistance Fund; to expand the authorized expenditures of the fund to include indigent veteran burials and indigent student benefits; to provide for annual grants from the fund; to provide for application requirements for the grants; to provide for use of the grant funds; to provide for audits of the grantees; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 404—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLARD

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 26:364(C) and R.S. 47:301.4(B)(1), 1517(C), (E), and (F), 1621(D)(1), and 1676(C)(4), (D)(4)(a)(i) and (ii), (b), and (c), (E), and (F)(1), to enact R.S. 47:301.4(C)(4) and 303.1(D), and to repeal R.S. 26:346(B) and 354(C)(2) and R.S. 47:296.1, 1517(B)(1)(c) through (e) and (2) through (4), 1517.1, and 1624(A)(2), relative to tax administration; to provide for powers and duties of the Department of Revenue; to provide for administration of income, sales and use, and alcoholic beverage taxes; to provide relative to refunds of overpayments of taxes; to prohibit payment of interest on refunds of certain sales tax overpayments; to provide for sourcing of certain sales; to provide relative to the functions of the office of debt recovery; to provide relative to the tax exemption budget; to repeal reporting requirements pertaining to certain tax incentives; to repeal outdated references and expired provisions of law; to provide for retroactive application of certain provisions of law; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Finance.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to Reengrossed House Bill No. 404 by Representative Willard

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 4, after "to repeal" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 5 and insert "R.S. 47:296.1 and"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 11, after "budget;" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 12 and insert "to repeal outdated references and"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 8, line 8, after "Section 5." delete the remainder of the line and delete line 9 and insert "R.S. 47:296.1 is hereby repealed in its entirety."

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 466—

BY REPRESENTATIVES CARLSON, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BRASS, CARVER, CHASSION, CREWS, DESHOTEL, DEVILLIER, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, EMERSON, FREIBERG, MARCELLE, MELERINE, MOORE, OWEN, SCHLEGEL, STAGNI, TAYLOR, AND WALTERS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:418.1, relative to the compensation of teachers and other school employees; to require public school systems to provide a salary increase to certain personnel; to provide relative to the amount of the increase; to provide relative to related benefits; to provide for a funding mechanism; to provide for definitions; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Finance.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to Reengrossed House Bill No. 466 by Representative Carlson

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "R.S. 17:418.1" and before "relative" delete the comma "," and insert "and 3996(B)(4)."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 8, delete "is" and insert "and 3996(B)(4) are"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, at the beginning of line 10, change "A.(1)" to "A.(1)(a)"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 11, after "thousand" and before "dollars" insert "two hundred fifty"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, line 12, after "thousand" and before "dollars" insert "one hundred twenty-five"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 1, after line 16, insert the following:

"(b) Each public school system shall incorporate the permanent salary increase as provided in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph into its salary schedule and shall also provide such increase, plus any related benefits, to personnel who are on approved leave when such increase is provided, including but not limited to the following types of leave:

(i) Leave due to assault, battery, or physical contact with a student as provided in R.S. 17:1201 and 1206.1.

(ii) Sabbatical leave.

(iii) Military leave.

(iv) Maternity leave or adoptive leave."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

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

"(e) Technology."

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 2, delete lines 21 through 25 and insert the following:

"(1)(a) "Personnel" means both certificated personnel and noncertificated personnel as defined in Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph who are employed based on the staffing data submitted to the official personnel data reporting system of the state Department of Education as of October first of the school year when the salary increase, plus any related benefits, is provided.

(b)(i) "Certificated personnel" means personnel employed as Teachers (all function codes 1000-2200s, object code 112); Therapists/Specialists/Counselors (function codes 1000-2200s, object code 113); School Site-based Principals, Assistant Principals, and Other School Administrators (function code 2400s, object code 111); Central Office Certificated Administrators (function codes 1000-2200 & 2324, 2831, and 2832 (excluding 2130s), object code 111); School Nurses (function code 2134, object code 118); and Sabbaticals (function codes 1000-2200s, 2134, and 2400s, object code 140).

(ii) "Noncertificated personnel" means personnel employed as Aides (function codes 1000-4900s, object code 115); Support Supervisors (function codes 2130s, 2300s (excluding 2311, 2321, 2324, 2831 and 2832) and 2500-4900s, object code 111); Clerical/Secretarial (function codes 1000-4900s, object code 114); Service Workers (function codes 1000-4900s, object code 116); Skilled Craftsmen (function codes 1000-4900s, object code 117); Degreed Professionals (function codes 1000-4900s, (excluding 2134s) object code 118); and Other Personnel (function codes 1000-4900s, object codes 100, 110 and 119).

(c) The positions, object codes, and function codes provided in Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph shall be defined as provided in Chapter 9 of Part XLI of Title 28 of the Louisiana Administrative Code."

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 2, after line 29, insert the following:

"C. Not later than December thirty-first of the year that the salary increase is provided as required in Paragraph (A)(1) of this Section, each public school system shall submit a report to the state Department of Education in a manner determined by the department that documents such implementation and the expending of any excess savings as provided in Paragraph (A)(3) of this Section. The department shall submit a report to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education not later than March first of the next year containing the information reported by each system pursuant to this Subsection.

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§3996. Charter schools; exemptions; requirements

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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:

* * *

(4) Compensation for teachers and other school employees if the charter school participates in the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana, R.S. 17:418.1."

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AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 3, at the end of line 7, delete the period "." and insert "and shall not supplant or offset any salaries or salary supplements to which personnel were entitled prior to the effective date of this Act."

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 473—

BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 10.8(A)(1), (2), and (4) and (C)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to enact Article VII, Section 10.17, and to repeal Article VII, Sections 10(F)(4)(d), 10.1, and 10.8(A)(3) and (C)(3), relative to monies in the state treasury; to repeal the Education Excellence Fund within the Millennium Trust, the Louisiana Education Quality Trust Fund, and the Louisiana Quality Education Support Fund; to apply monies held in those funds to liabilities of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana; to direct the state treasurer to take certain actions with respect to monies in repealed funds; to provide for calculation and transfer of such monies to the Overcollections Fund for use by specified entities pursuant to outlined restrictions; to execute technical changes; to establish an effective date; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Finance.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to Reengrossed House Bill No. 473 by Representative Emerson

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "and (4)" and before "and (C)(1)" insert a comma "," followed by "(B)."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 4, after "10.1," and before "relative to" delete "and 10.8(A)(3) and (C)(3)," and insert "10.8(A)(3) and (C)(3), and 10.16(A)(9)."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 8, after "System of" and before "to direct" delete "Louisiana;" and insert "Louisiana and to require local public school systems to pay a teacher pay raise with savings realized from payment of those retirement system liabilities; to require additional state general fund expenditures for the Minimum Foundation Program relative to such pay raises;"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 11, after "changes;" delete the remainder of the line in its entirety and insert "to"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, line 17, after "and (4)" and before "and (C)(1)" insert a comma "," followed by "(B)."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 4, delete line 10 in its entirety and insert the following:
"(B) Investment. Monies credited to the Millennium Trust pursuant to Paragraph (A) of this Section shall be invested by the treasurer with the same authority and subject to the same restrictions as the Louisiana Education Quality Trust Fund, as provided by law. However, the portion of monies in the Millennium Trust which may be invested in stock may be increased to no more than fifty percent by a specific legislative instrument which receives a favorable vote of two-thirds of the elected members of each house of the legislature. The legislature shall provide for procedures for the investment of such monies by law. The treasurer may contract, subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, for the management of such

investments and, if a contract is entered into, amounts necessary to pay the costs of the contract shall be appropriated from the Millennium Trust."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 6, line 3, after "later than" and before "the state" delete "April 1, 2027," and insert "May 31, 2026."

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 6, line 19, after "(B)" and before "Any net" insert "(1)"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 6, line 20, after "be used" delete the remainder of the line in its entirety and delete lines 21 and 22 in their entirety and insert the following: "by each public school system that participates in the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana to provide a permanent salary increase, plus any related benefits, of at least two thousand two hundred fifty dollars for certificated personnel and at least one thousand two hundred twenty-five dollars for noncertificated personnel, as provided by law."

(2)(a) Notwithstanding any provision of this constitution or law to the contrary, the minimum foundation program formula effective for the 2026-2027 school year shall include the permanent salary increase and related benefits required pursuant to the provisions of Subparagraph (1) of this Paragraph and an equivalent permanent salary increase and related benefits for public school system personnel whose employers do not participate in the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana. The legislature shall appropriate funding for these increases; however, any portion of the funding required that is attributable to a public school system that participates in the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana shall be adjusted to account for the net savings realized by that public school system for the 2026-2027 school year attributable to the payments made pursuant to Paragraph (A) of this Section that are used to fund a permanent salary increase and related benefits pursuant to Subparagraph (1) of this Paragraph.

(b) Until the legislature approves a formula pursuant to Article VIII, Section 13 of this Constitution that includes the permanent salary increases and related benefits required pursuant to the provisions of this Subparagraph, they are deemed part of the formula most recently adopted by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and approved by the legislature.

(3) For the purposes of this Paragraph, the following terms shall have the following meanings, unless context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Personnel" shall mean persons employed in the positions for which an across-the-board pay raise was proposed in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 minimum foundation program formula for that fiscal year and for which a stipend was provided for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in Act No. 4 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature.

(b) "Public school system" shall mean any city, parish, or other local public school board; charter school; and any other elementary or secondary school governing authority.

Section 2. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to repeal Article VII, Sections 10(F)(4)(d), 10.1, 10.8(A)(3) and (C)(3), and 10.16(A)(9)."

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 6, line 23, after "Within" and before "weeks" delete "four" and insert "two"

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 7, line 1, after "each entity" and before "certified" delete "it" and insert "its"

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 7, line 10, after "Within" and before "weeks" delete "four" and insert "two"

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 8, line 20, after "satisfy" and before "fiscal" delete "2026-2027" and insert "2025-2026"

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 8, line 25, after "July 1," and before "No" delete "2027." and insert "2026."

AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 8, line 26, after "from the" and before "fiscal year" delete "2026-2027" and insert "2025-2026"

AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 9, line 6, after "Section 7." delete the remainder of the line in its entirety and insert the following: "The total amount of the required adjustment to the Minimum Foundation Program funding required pursuant to Section 1 of this Act shall be submitted by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to the legislature for inclusion in the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 general appropriation bill no later than May 15, 2026."

AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 9, at the end of line 8, delete "November 3," and insert "April 18,"

AMENDMENT NO. 18

On page 9, line 16, after "and to" delete the remainder of the line in its entirety and delete line 17 in its entirety and insert "use monies from those funds and the state general fund to finance a permanent pay raise for certain public elementary and secondary education personnel?"

AMENDMENT NO. 19

On page 9, line 19, after "and (4)" and before "and (C)(1)" insert a comma "," followed by "(B)."

AMENDMENT NO. 20

On page 9, line 20, after "10.1," delete the remainder of the line and insert "10.8(A)(3) and (C)(3), and 10.16(A)(9))"

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 495—

BY REPRESENTATIVE GEYMAN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:633(7)(d)(introductory paragraph), relative to severance tax; to provide relative to the severance tax exemption; to provide for an exemption for oil and gas produced from horizontally drilled wells; to limit the exemption period for gas produced from those wells; to provide for applicability; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Finance.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to Engrossed House Bill No. 495 by Representative Geymann

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, after line 17, insert the following:

"Section 4. This Act shall not take effect and become operative if House Bill No. 600 of this 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature is not enacted and does not become effective."

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 507—

BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON
AN ACT

To enact Chapter 47 of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 51:2771, relative to the High Impact Jobs Program; to establish the program; to provide relative to qualification for and administration of the program; to provide relative to the powers and duties of Louisiana Economic Development and its secretary; to provide relative to special treasury funds; to provide relative to the transfer, deposit, and use, as specified, of monies in certain special treasury funds; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Finance.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to Re-engrossed House Bill No. 507 by Representative Emerson

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 5, line 27, after "subject to the" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 28 and 29 in their entirety and insert "approval of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 6, line 4, after "as the", delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 5 through 18 in their entirety and insert the following: "fund". Any money transferred, donated, or appropriated to the fund by the legislature shall be deposited into the fund after compliance with the requirements of Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana relative to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund.

(2) All unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund. The monies in the fund shall be invested by the state treasurer in the same manner as monies in the state general fund, and interest earned on the investment of monies in the fund shall be credited to the fund."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 6, delete lines 21 through 24 in their entirety and insert "Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026."

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 567—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:112.2(A), 248(B)(1)(a), 287.732, 287.732.1, 287.732.2(A)(1), and 1675(F)(1) and to repeal R.S. 39:2(15.1)(a) through (c), (k), (v), (x), and (y) and R.S. 47:1675(G), relative to income tax; to provide with respect to corporate taxation; to provide for credits, deductions, exclusions, and exemptions applicable to corporation income tax; to provide for tax treatment of entities taxed as S corporations for federal income tax purposes; to provide for credits granted or allocated to S corporations; to repeal the S corporation exclusion; to provide for tax treatment of qualified Subchapter S subsidiaries; to provide for the calculation and utilization of certain S corporation carry-forward and carry-back amounts; to provide for the application of certain income tax credits; to provide for filing of composite returns; to provide with respect to the mobile workforce employer exemption; to provide relative to tax credits classified as incentive expenditures; to provide for definitions; to provide for applicability; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Finance.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

June 4, 2025

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to Reengrossed House Bill No. 567 by Representative Bacala

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Delete Senate Committee Amendment Nos. 1, 2, and 3 proposed by the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs and adopted by the Senate on May 13, 2025.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, at the beginning of line 4, delete "R.S. 47:1675(G)" and insert "R.S. 47:248(B)(1)(d) and 1675(G)"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 12, at the end of line 4, delete "R.S. 47:1675(G)" and insert "R.S. 47:248(B)(1)(d) and 1675(G)"

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 578—

BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:301(3)(a), (4)(k)(i), (10), (13)(a), (16)(d), (18)(a) and (c)(i), and (27)(x)(ix), 301.1(F), 301.3(7)(a) and (10)(a), 305.2(A)(5), 305.6(1) and (5), 305.7(A)(2), 305.12(D), 305.33, 305.36(A), (B), and (C)(1), 305.75(A), 321(A), 321.1(A), (B), and (C), and 331(A) and (B) and R.S. 51:1286(A), to enact R.S. 39:100.118 and R.S. 47:301.3(11), 305(E)(4) and (L), 305.14, 305.21, 305.22, and 305.64, and to repeal R.S. 47:301.6(B) and (C) and 321.1(E), relative to sales and use tax; to reduce the state sales and use tax rate under certain circumstances; to provide with respect to exemptions from sales and use taxes levied by taxing authorities; to exempt certain services from sales and use tax; to provide for the exemption for schools and educational materials; to provide for the exemption for certain intergovernmental transactions; to provide for exemptions for certain nonprofit organizations; to provide for the exemption for software and digital products for certain healthcare facilities; to provide for an exemption for certain sickle cell disease organizations; to provide for the exemption for transactions involving certain motor vehicles; to provide for an exemption for qualifying radiation therapy treatment centers; to provide with respect to the levies of certain taxes; to provide for taxes levied on certain telecommunication and ancillary services; to provide for the amount of sales and use taxes dedicated to tourism; to provide for definitions; to provide for limitations and requirements; to authorize the refund of certain sales and use taxes under certain circumstances; to provide for the establishment of the Local Revenue Fund; to provide for the transfer, deposit, and use of monies in the fund; to provide for applicability; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 579—

BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3801(A) and (C) and 3802(A)(1), R.S. 39:98.1, 98.2(A) and (E), 98.3(A) and (C)(introductory paragraph), and 100.161(B)(3), to enact R.S. 39:98.2(F) and 100.161(E), and to repeal R.S. 17:3801 through 3805 and R.S. 39:98.3(C) and (E) and 100.116(A)(9), relative to certain treasury funds; to provide for the transfer, deposit, and use, as specified, of monies in certain treasury funds and accounts; to provide for the investment of certain treasury funds and accounts; to repeal certain treasury funds and accounts; to provide with respect to the authority of the Louisiana State Law Institute; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Finance.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to Engrossed House Bill No. 579 by Representative Emerson

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the end of line 3 insert "17:407.30.2 and R.S."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 4, after "repeal" and before "and R.S." delete "R.S. 17:3801 through 3805" and insert "Chapter 35 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 17:3801 through 3805,"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 8, after "accounts;" and before "to provide" insert "to establish the Early Childhood Education Stability Fund;"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 13, after "reenacted" and before "to read" insert "and R.S. 17:407.30.2 is hereby enacted"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, between lines 13 and 14 insert the following:

"§407.30.2. Early Childhood Education Stability Fund

A. There is hereby established in the state treasury as a special fund the Early Childhood Education Stability Fund, hereafter referred to in this Section as the "fund".

B. After satisfying the requirements of the Bond Security and Redemption Fund as provided in Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, monies shall be deposited into the fund as follows:

(1) Beginning July 1, 2026, and continuing each July first thereafter the treasurer shall transfer an amount equal to eleven million dollars into the fund from the state general fund.

(2) Monies designated for the fund and received by the state treasurer from donations, gifts, grants, or other revenue.

C. Monies in the fund shall be invested by the state treasurer in the same manner as monies in the state general fund. Interest earned on the investment of monies in the fund shall be deposited into the fund. Unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund.

D. Monies in the fund shall be appropriated to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education for early childhood education programs and initiatives.

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AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 18, line 23, after "Section 4." and before "and R.S. 39:98.3(C)" delete "R.S. 17:3801 through 3805" and insert "Chapter 35 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 17:3801 through 3805,"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 19, line 6, after "July 1," and before "if and" delete "2027," and insert "2026,"

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 600—

BY REPRESENTATIVE GEYMAN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:633(7)(a), (b), and (c)(i)(aa), (ii)(aa), and (iv)(aa) and (bb), relative to severance tax; to provide for rates of the severance tax on oil; to provide for severance tax on oil produced from certain types of wells; to provide for applicability; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 644—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BROWN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:86, relative to court costs; to provide relative to court costs collected for civil filings and criminal convictions; to provide for the allocation of such costs; to provide for the use of proceeds of such costs; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Finance.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to Engrossed House Bill No. 644 by Representative Brown

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 12, after "sum of" change "one" to "two"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 16, after "additional" change "one" to "two"

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 652— (Substitute for House Bill No. 550 by Representative Kerner)

BY REPRESENTATIVE KERNER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:5.5.2(B)(2), 5.5.3(A), (B)(introductory paragraph), and (H), 5.10.1(B), and 31.35(C), to enact Part IV of Chapter 30 of Title 3 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 3:4749 through 4749.3, and R.S. 36:624(C) and 629(L)(5), and to repeal R.S. 36:204(A)(10) and 209(D)(4), R.S. 40:31.35.1, and Section 2 of Act No. 667 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to commercial seafood; to transfer authority for imported seafood sampling, testing, and enforcement from the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry; to transfer the Seafood Safety Task Force to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry; to provide for the powers of the commissioner of agriculture and forestry; to provide for penalties; to provide for reporting by processors and distributors to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry; to remove the authority of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism and the Department of Agriculture and Forestry to promulgate rules; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

Rules Suspended

Senator Womack asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to recall House Bill No. 675 from the Committee on Finance and discharge said committee.

HOUSE BILL NO. 675— (Substitute for House Bill No. 572 by Representative Glorioso)

BY REPRESENTATIVES GLORIOSO, BACALA, CARRIER, COATES, COX, CREWS, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, EMERSON, FIRMINT, HORTON, MIKE JOHNSON, MCMAKIN, SCHLEGEL, VILLIO, AND WILDER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 925, 926(B) and (E), 926.2(A) and (B)(2) and (3)(introductory paragraph) and (a), 927, 930(A) and (C), 930.2, 930.4(article heading), (A), and (D) through (G), 930.5, 930.6(B), 930.8(A)(introductory paragraph) and (2) through (5) and (B) through (E) and R.S. 15:178, to enact Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 924(5) and (6), 926(F) and (G), 926.4, 927.1, 930.4(H), 930.8(F), and 930.11, and to repeal Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 928, 930.6(C), 930.8(A)(6), and 930.10, relative to post conviction relief; to provide for procedures; to

provide for definitions; to provide for appeals; to provide for applications; to provide for motions; to provide for summary disposition; to provide for judgments; to provide for grounds for relief; to provide relative to claims; to provide for duties of the court, district attorney, attorney general, and petitioner; to provide for time periods; to provide relative to time limitations; to provide for burden of proof; to provide relative to a writ of mandamus; to provide for the appointment of counsel in certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

Rules Suspended

Senator Foil asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to recall House Bill No. 580 from the Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs and discharge said committee.

HOUSE BILL NO. 580—

BY REPRESENTATIVES ILLG AND MCMAKIN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:519(A) through (H) and (K) and (L), 521 and to enact R.S. 47:519(M) through (O), relative to temporary registration plates; to require license dealers submit electronic notification to the commissioner upon the issuance of a temporary registration plate; to allow the commissioner to issue a cease and desist order to a dealer if the commissioner finds that the law or the commissioner's directions are not being complied with by the dealer; to provide for the display of temporary registration license plates; to provide for an increased penalty for displaying a fictitious plate; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

Rules Suspended

Senator Kleinpeter asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to recall House Bill No. 686 from the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 686— (Substitute for House Bill No. 511 by Representative Owen)

BY REPRESENTATIVES OWEN, AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BILLINGS, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, FIRMINT, HORTON, SCHAMERHORN, SPELL, THOMPSON, VENTRELLA, AND WILDER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 24:57(3) and to enact R.S. 24:51(9), 53(K), and 53.1, R.S. 33:9664(H), and R.S. 49:74(I), relative to lobbying on behalf of foreign adversaries; to provide for the definition of a foreign adversary; to provide for additional lobbying disclosure requirements for a foreign adversary; to provide for penalties; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for an electronic database administered by the board of ethics; to provide for data sharing and public access of records; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

On motion of Senator Kleinpeter, House Bill No. 686 was read by title and recommitted to the Committee on Finance.

**Privileged Report of the
Legislative Bureau**

June 4, 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. 77—

BY REPRESENTATIVES TURNER, ADAMS, BAGLEY, BERAULT, BUTLER, CARRIER, FREIBERG, HORTON, ILLG, KERNER, MACK, SCHLEGEL, AND THOMPSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:5002(A), (E)(1) and (3), and (G), 5025(introductory paragraph), 5029(B)(3)(b)(ii) and (iii) and (D)(1)(introductory paragraph), 5041(introductory paragraph), (1)(c), and (4), and 5043(1) and to enact R.S. 17:5002(I), 5002.1, and 5024(A)(1)(e), (B)(1)(e) and (3), and (D), relative to the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students; to create a new program award level; to provide a definition of tuition for certain program purposes; to revise academic initial eligibility criteria for a TOPS-Tech award; to provide for qualification for a TOPS-Tech award based on the attainment of certain early college credits; to provide for an additional test for purposes of determining initial award eligibility for certain students; to allow certain students who qualify for a program award to apply unused award amounts to medical and dental school under certain circumstances; to require repayment of award amounts under certain circumstances; to require the Board of Regents to provide by rule for collection and exceptions; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 85—

BY REPRESENTATIVE GADBERRY

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1730.23(K), relative to permits for construction; to provide for the enforcement of building codes by municipalities and parishes; to provide for roofing and reroofing permits and inspections; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 108—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DOMANGUE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 25:343(A), relative to the Louisiana State Museum; to provide relative to the position of museum director; to change the criteria for such position; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 116—

BY REPRESENTATIVES EGAN, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BAYHAM, CHASSION, CREWS, DAVIS, DICKERSON, EMERSON, HORTON, JACKSON, KNOX, SPELL, STAGNI, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:122(B)(7) and (8) and (C), relative to the Louisiana Military Family Assistance Fund; to expand the authorized expenditures of the fund to include indigent veteran burials and indigent student benefits; to provide for annual grants from the fund; to provide for application requirements for the grants; to provide for use of the grant funds; to provide for audits of the grantees; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 125—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HORTON

AN ACT

To enact Chapter 59-B of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 51:3181 through 3185, relative to protecting an individual's genomic information from certain foreign entities; to provide for definitions; to prohibit the use of certain genetic sequencers and software; to limit storage locations and remote access to genomic information; to provide for penalties; to provide for fines and damages; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 136—

BY REPRESENTATIVE GLORIOSO

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:2481.7 and 2541.7, relative to the fire and police civil service; to authorize the governing authority to create the position of chief of operations; to provide that the position is appointed on a competitive basis; to provide relative to the appointment, supervision, and discharge of any person in any such position; to provide relative to the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities for such position; to provide relative to departmental and promotional seniority; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 138—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEWITT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1263(B) and 1270(A)(9), relative to the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners; to provide for the membership of the board; to provide for the qualifications of the members of the board; to provide for the director of investigations; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 160—

BY REPRESENTATIVES DICKERSON, ROBBY CARTER, CHASSION, EDMONSTON, EGAN, FISHER, JACKSON, OWEN, AND WALTERS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1141(B)(1) and to enact R.S. 42:1141(D) and 1153(C), relative to enforcement of laws within the jurisdiction of the Board of Ethics; to provide relative to ethics complaints; to provide for the investigative powers of the Board of Ethics; to provide for the procedure for making complaints; to provide for a prohibition against retaliation; to provide for penalties for making a false complaint and retaliating; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 165—

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONSTON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:3306(A)(2)(introductory paragraph), relative to the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District; to remove the deadline for the board to promulgate regulations for watershed management; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 256—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MCMAKIN, BOYD, AND CHASSION

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1432(B), relative to the Louisiana Real Estate Commission; to provide for the terms of appointment of commissioners; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 264—

BY REPRESENTATIVES ECHOLS, BILLINGS, FARNUM, SCHAMERHORN, AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1657.1(A) and (B)(introductory paragraph) and (4) and R.S. 44:4.1(B)(11) and to enact R.S. 22:1657.1(D) and 1860.3(F), relative to pharmacy benefit managers; to modify the definition of rebates; to provide for reimbursement of pharmacists and pharmacies; to authorize the commissioner of insurance's examination of records and compensation programs; to provide for public records exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 267—
BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:9038.81, relative to the town of St. Francisville; to provide for the creation of a special taxing district; to provide for the purpose, governance, boundaries, and powers and duties of the district; to provide for district funding, including the authority to engage in tax increment financing; to authorize the levy of taxes; to provide for the rate of certain taxes; to provide for limitations and requirements; to authorize the issuance of bonds; to provide for the termination of the district under certain circumstances; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

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.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 285—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BAMBURG
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:381(C)(37), relative to the village of Edgefield and Red River Parish; to provide for the abolition of the office of police chief and the police department in the village of Edgefield; to authorize the village to contract with other law enforcement entities in the parish for law enforcement services; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 288—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYD
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:3408(B) and 3415.2(3) and (4) and to repeal R.S. 37:3398(C) and 3415.10(D), relative to real estate appraisers; to provide for continuing education requirements; to provide for definitions; to repeal in regards to an application time line; to repeal a sunset provision; to provide for effective dates; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 297—
BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2212(C)(1) and (P)(1)(a) and to enact R.S. 38:2212(C)(5), relative to contract limitations for public works projects by the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism; to provide for a "contract limit" for public works projects to be completed by the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism; to remove the ten-day time frame for a public entity to post notice of a public emergency in its official journal; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 299—
BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2740.45, relative to Morehouse Parish; to increase the maximum rate of ad valorem taxes the governing authority of the parish is authorized to levy for public cemeteries; to provide for the use of the proceeds of the taxes; to provide for the use of the proceeds of taxes from prior tax years; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 318—
BY REPRESENTATIVE GADBERRY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 51:912.22(8), relative to manufactured and modular housing in flood-prone areas; to provide for minimum standards adopted by FEMA; to provide for permit information; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 319—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 25:1221(B)(8), 1222(A) and (B)(4), (9), and (14), 1223(A)(1), 1224(A)(10), (B)(1)(a), (c), and (f), (2)(introductory paragraph), (a), (b), and (c), and (3)(introductory paragraph), and (a) through (f), relative to the Atchafalaya Trace Commission and Atchafalaya Trace Heritage Area; to change the name of the heritage area; to include Lafourche Parish within the heritage area; to increase the membership of the commission; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

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.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 356—
BY REPRESENTATIVES BRAUD, MANDIE LANDRY, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BOURRIAQUE, BOYD, BRYANT, ROBBY CARTER, CARVER, CHASSION, COX, DEVILLIER, DOMANGUE, FARNUM, FONTENOT, GLORIOSO, HILFERTY, KERNER, KNOX, JACOB LANDRY, TERRY LANDRY, LARVADAIN, MILLER, STAGNI, WILLARD, AND WYBLE
AN ACT

To enact Subpart D-2 of Part IV of Chapter 4 of Title 22 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 22:1346.1 through 1346.6, relative to insurers of residential properties; to create the Stated Value Policy Act; to require insurers to offer a stated value policy option to consumers; to provide requirements for homeowners opting for such policies; to establish minimum policy value standards; to require the commissioner of insurance to provide certain information to consumers; to provide for rulemaking; to provide for enforcement, penalties, and severability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 357—

BY REPRESENTATIVES FREEMAN, ADAMS, BAGLEY, BERAULT, BUTLER, CARRIER, COATES, DEWITT, FISHER, FREIBERG, HUGHES, ILLG, KERNER, LAFLEUR, MANDIE LANDRY, LYONS, MACK, MARCELLE, AND THOMPSON

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1077.4, relative to integrative treatments for cancer; to require health insurance coverage for such treatments; to require coverage for Medicare enrollees; to provide for definitions; to provide for applicability and effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 359—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MILLER, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BILLINGS, CARRIER, DICKERSON, FISHER, FREIBERG, JORDAN, KNOX, LAFLEUR, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARCELLE, MCMAKIN, MOORE, NEWELL, SPELL, STAGNI, TAYLOR, WALTERS, AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1216.2 and R.S. 46:2168.1, relative to human trafficking; to establish procedures for treating victims of human trafficking; to establish the Human Trafficking in Emergency Departments Advisory Board; to require the board to prepare a protocol; to require the board to report to the legislature; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 371—

BY REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BERAULT, CARRIER, CARVER, CHENEVERT, COX, CREWS, DEVILLIER, EDMONSTON, EGAN, FIRMONT, 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 Religious 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.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 379—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WRIGHT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:868(A)(introductory paragraph) and (1) and to enact R.S. 22:868.1, relative to property insurance; to provide for mandatory binding arbitration under certain circumstances; to provide for endorsements; to provide for requirements of arbitration and selected arbitrators; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 385—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRYANT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:162(A), relative to charges for the recordation of an oath or affirmation of office for a public official; to provide that the oath or affirmation shall be recorded at no charge to the official; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 391—

BY REPRESENTATIVE STAGNI

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3902(B)(5), relative to the evaluation of teachers and administrators; to prohibit the inclusion of test scores or data of certain students in the value-added assessment model; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 404—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLARD

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 26:364(C) and R.S. 47:301.4(B)(1), 1517(C), (E), and (F), 1621(D)(1), and 1676(C)(4), (D)(4)(a)(i) and (ii), (b), and (c), (E), and (F)(1), to enact R.S. 47:301.4(C)(4) and 303.1(D), and to repeal R.S. 26:346(B) and 354(C)(2) and R.S. 47:296.1, 1517(B)(1)(c) through (e) and (2) through (4), 1517.1, and 1624(A)(2), relative to tax administration; to provide for powers and duties of the Department of Revenue; to provide for administration of income, sales and use, and alcoholic beverage taxes; to provide relative to refunds of overpayments of taxes; to prohibit payment of interest on refunds of certain sales tax overpayments; to provide for sourcing of certain sales; to provide relative to the functions of the office of debt recovery; to provide relative to the tax exemption budget; to repeal reporting requirements pertaining to certain tax incentives; to repeal outdated references and expired provisions of law; to provide for retroactive application of certain provisions of law; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 405—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLARD

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:18(E), relative to the powers and duties of the secretary of state; to require the secretary of state to prepare and publish a revised Louisiana Election Code and certain information concerning changes in election law; to provide deadlines; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 428—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BOURRIAQUE AND ROMERO

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:191(1)(o) and to repeal R.S. 49:191(4)(a), relative to the Department of Transportation and Development, including provisions to provide for the re-creation of the Department of Transportation and Development and the statutory entities made a part of the department by law; to provide for the effective termination date for all statutory authority for the existence of such statutory entities; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 442—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HENRY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:2651(1), (3), and (7)(a), (b), and (g), 2659(A)(introductory paragraph) and (1), 2660(3), 2662(C)(introductory paragraph) and (3), to enact R.S. 37:2651(13) through (18), and to repeal R.S. 37:2651(7)(e) and (f), relative to audiology and speech-language pathology; to provide for definitions; to provide for the qualifications of an applicant for licensure; to waive certain requirements for licensure; to provide for disciplinary actions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 466—

BY REPRESENTATIVES CARLSON, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BRASS, CARVER, CHASSION, CREWS, DESHOTEL, DEVILLIER, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, EMERSON, FREIBERG, MARCELLE, MELERINE, MOORE, OWEN, SCHLEGEL, STAGNI, TAYLOR, AND WALTERS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:418.1, relative to the compensation of teachers and other school employees; to require public school systems to

provide a salary increase to certain personnel; to provide relative to the amount of the increase; to provide relative to related benefits; to provide for a funding mechanism; to provide for definitions; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 473—

BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 10.8(A)(1), (2), and (4) and (C)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to enact Article VII, Section 10.17, and to repeal Article VII, Sections 10(F)(4)(d), 10.1, and 10.8(A)(3) and (C)(3), relative to monies in the state treasury; to repeal the Education Excellence Fund within the Millennium Trust, the Louisiana Education Quality Trust Fund, and the Louisiana Quality Education Support Fund; to apply monies held in those funds to liabilities of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana; to direct the state treasurer to take certain actions with respect to monies in repealed funds; to provide for calculation and transfer of such monies to the Overcollections Fund for use by specified entities pursuant to outlined restrictions; to execute technical changes; to establish an effective date; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 495—

BY REPRESENTATIVE GEYMAN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:633(7)(d)(introductory paragraph), relative to severance tax; to provide relative to the severance tax exemption; to provide for an exemption for oil and gas produced from horizontally drilled wells; to limit the exemption period for gas produced from those wells; to provide for applicability; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 507—

BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON

AN ACT

To enact Chapter 47 of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 51:2771, relative to the High Impact Jobs Program; to establish the program; to provide relative to qualification for and administration of the program; to provide relative to the powers and duties of Louisiana Economic Development and its secretary; to provide relative to special treasury funds; to provide relative to the transfer, deposit, and use, as specified, of monies in certain special treasury funds; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 514—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLARD

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1059.1, relative to the Louisiana Doula Registry Board; to provide for board composition; to provide with respect to the regulatory authority of the Louisiana Doula Registry Board and the Louisiana Department of Health; to provide relative to administrative staff and further rulemaking requirements of the Louisiana Department of Health; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 531—

BY REPRESENTATIVE TRAVIS JOHNSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1216.1(A)(introductory paragraph), relative to forensic medical examinations of sexual assault survivors; to require a healthcare facility or hospital to offer

forensic medical examinations to sexual assault survivors; to require the Louisiana Legislative Auditor to conduct audits; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 535—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MANDIE LANDRY, AMEDEE, BACALA, BOYD, EGAN, FARNUM, FISHER, HILFERTY, LARVADAIN, MARCELLE, MCCORMICK, OWEN, WILDER, AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:1517.2 and to repeal R.S. 47:1517.1 and R.S. 51:935.1, relative to tax incentives and economic development programs; to provide for duties of the legislative auditor; to require the legislative auditor to evaluate and report on tax incentives within the state; to provide for the powers, duties, and functions of the legislative auditor as it relates to the evaluation of and the reports on tax incentives and economic development programs; to repeal requirements relative to reports on tax incentives by certain agencies; to repeal requirements for the unified economic development budget report; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

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.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 548—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:149(B)(introductory paragraph) and (C) and 209.2(B)(introductory paragraph) and (C) and R.S. 56:765 and to enact R.S. 30:149.1 and 209.3, relative to revenue from carbon dioxide sequestration on state property; to provide for the distribution of revenue from carbon dioxide sequestration on property owned by the state and state agencies; to provide for the distribution of revenue received by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission from carbon dioxide sequestration; to provide for prior acts of donation accepted by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission; to dedicate revenue to the Conservation Fund; to dedicate revenue to local governing authorities; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 562—

BY REPRESENTATIVES FONTENOT, BRYANT, CARRIER, FIRMENT, GLORIOSO, JORDAN, TAYLOR, AND THOMPSON

AN ACT

To enact Subpart A-1 of Part II of Chapter 4 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 33:1980.1, relative to fire departments, fire protection districts, and certain nonprofit corporations; to provide relative to emergency services provided by such departments, districts, and nonprofit corporations; to provide for reimbursement of certain costs; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 567—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:112.2(A), 248(B)(1)(a), 287.732, 287.732.1, 287.732.2(A)(1), and 1675(F)(1) and to repeal R.S. 39:2(15.1)(a) through (c), (k), (v), (x), and (y) and R.S. 47:1675(G), relative to income tax; to provide with respect to corporate taxation; to provide for credits, deductions, exclusions, and exemptions applicable to corporation income tax; to provide for tax treatment of entities taxed as S corporations for federal income tax purposes; to provide for credits granted or allocated to S corporations; to repeal the S corporation exclusion; to provide for tax treatment of qualified Subchapter S subsidiaries; to provide for the calculation and utilization of certain S corporation carry-forward and carry-back amounts; to provide for the application of certain income tax credits; to provide for filing of composite returns; to provide with respect to the mobile workforce employer exemption; to provide relative to tax credits classified as incentive expenditures; to provide for definitions; to provide for applicability; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 578—

BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:301(3)(a), (4)(k)(i), (10), (13)(a), (16)(d), (18)(a) and (c)(i), and (27)(x)(ix), 301.1(F), 301.3(7)(a) and (10)(a), 305.2(A)(5), 305.6(1) and (5), 305.7(A)(2), 305.12(D), 305.33, 305.36(A), (B), and (C)(1), 305.75(A), 321(A), 321.1(A), (B), and (C), and 331(A) and (B) and R.S. 51:1286(A), to enact R.S. 39:100.118 and R.S. 47:301.3(11), 305(E)(4) and (L), 305.14, 305.21, 305.22, and 305.64, and to repeal R.S. 47:301.6(B) and (C) and 321.1(E), relative to sales and use tax; to reduce the state sales and use tax rate under certain circumstances; to provide with respect to exemptions from sales and use taxes levied by taxing authorities; to exempt certain services from sales and use tax; to provide for the exemption for schools and educational materials; to provide for the exemption for certain intergovernmental transactions; to provide for exemptions for certain nonprofit organizations; to provide for the exemption for software and digital products for certain healthcare facilities; to provide for an exemption for certain sickle cell disease organizations; to provide for the exemption for transactions involving certain motor vehicles; to provide for an exemption for qualifying radiation therapy treatment centers; to provide with respect to the levies of certain taxes; to provide for taxes levied on certain telecommunication and ancillary services; to provide for the amount of sales and use taxes dedicated to tourism; to provide for definitions; to provide for limitations and requirements; to authorize the refund of certain sales and use taxes under certain circumstances; to provide for the establishment of the Local Revenue Fund; to provide for the transfer, deposit, and use of monies in the fund; to provide for applicability; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 579—

BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3801(A) and (C) and 3802(A)(1), R.S. 39:98.1, 98.2(A) and (E), 98.3(A) and (C)(introductory paragraph), and 100.161(B)(3), to enact R.S. 39:98.2(F) and 100.161(E), and to repeal R.S. 17:3801 through 3805 and R.S. 39:98.3(C) and (E) and 100.116(A)(9), relative to certain treasury funds; to provide for the transfer, deposit, and use, as specified, of monies in certain treasury funds and accounts; to provide for the investment of certain treasury funds and accounts; to repeal certain treasury funds and accounts; to

provide with respect to the authority of the Louisiana State Law Institute; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 580—

BY REPRESENTATIVES ILLG AND MCMAKIN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:519(A) through (H) and (K) and (L), 521 and to enact R.S. 47:519(M) through (O), relative to temporary registration plates; to require license dealers submit electronic notification to the commissioner upon the issuance of a temporary registration plate; to allow the commissioner to issue a cease and desist order to a dealer if the commissioner finds that the law or the commissioner's directions are not being complied with by the dealer; to provide for the display of temporary registration license plates; to provide for an increased penalty for displaying a fictitious plate; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 600—

BY REPRESENTATIVE GEYMAN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:633(7)(a), (b), and (c)(i)(aa), (ii)(aa), and (iv)(aa) and (bb), relative to severance tax; to provide for rates of the severance tax on oil; to provide for severance tax on oil produced from certain types of wells; to provide for applicability; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 603—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:74(B)(1), 341(A)(2), 683(B)(1), 711.4(B)(3)(introductory paragraph), 753(C)(1)(a), (2)(a), and (3), 914(B)(1), 962(C), 1104(A), (B)(2)(a), and (C), 1263(B)(1) through (7), 1270.1(B)(2) and (4), 1314(C)(1)(e)(introductory paragraph) and (f) through (j) and (2)(introductory paragraph), 1339(B) and (D), 1361(B)(1) through (4), 1474(B), 1515(A)(3), 2151(B)(1) through (4) and (7), 2353(A)(2), 2403(B)(2), (3), and (5), 2455(B)(1) and (4), 2503(A)(3)(a), 2654(C) and (D), 2704(A)(introductory paragraph), 3061(A)(1)(a) through (c) and (2), 3084(B)(1)(a), (b), and (d), 3201(B)(1)(a) through (c), 3356(A)(2)(a) through (c), 3389(B)(1) through (5), 3394(B)(1)(a), 3444(A) and (C), 3463(B)(1), 3504(B), and 3703(B)(1); relative to appointments to certain occupational licensing boards, committees, and authorities; to provide for governor appointments; to provide for the consideration of lists; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 617—

BY REPRESENTATIVES CARVER, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAMBURG, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOYER, BRAUD, BRYANT, CHENEVERT, COATES, COX, CREWS, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, EDMONSTON, FIRMONT, FISHER, FREIBERG, GLORIOSO, HEBERT, HENRY, HILFERTY, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, KERNER, LACOMBE, MACK, MCMAKIN, MELERINE, MOORE, NEWELL, OWEN, SCHLEGEL, SPELL, STAGNI, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, WALTERS, WILDER, WRIGHT, AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Children's Code Articles 509(B)(1), 512(B)(1), 522(A)(2), 1269.3(F), 1270(B), (E), and (F), 1271(A), 1273, 1283.2(H), 1285.2(H), and 1519, Code of Evidence Article 902(10), R.S. 6:333(F)(14), R.S. 9:315.16(A), 315.40(1) and (3), 399.1(A) and (F)(3) and (4), and 406(B)(2) and (C)(2), R.S. 11:441.1(F), R.S. 13:998 (B) and (E)(1) and (3), 1141(B) and (E)(1) and (3), 1414(B) and (E)(1) and (3), 4291(B)(1), and 5108.2, R.S. 15:587(A)(2)(a) and (b), 587.1(I), and 587.5(A)(4), R.S. 17:192.1(A)(1)(a) and (3), R.S. 23:1605(A)(4), R.S. 36:3(7), 8(E)(2)(d), 9(C), 471(B) and

(C)(1), 472(A), 475.1(B) and (C), 476, and 477, R.S. 40:34.5(E), 46.12(D) and (F), and 1061.14(B)(3)(b)(i), R.S. 43:111(A)(8), R.S. 44:38, R.S. 46:51(introductory paragraph), 51.3, 114(A), (B), (C)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (2), (D), and (E)(3), 114.2, 233.1(C)(introductory paragraph) and (D)(introductory paragraph), 236.1.1(3), 236.1.4(E), 236.1.8(D), 236.3(A)(2), 236.10(A), 236.11(C), 236.12(B)(1), 236.14(D)(1)(introductory paragraph), 236.15(A)(1), 236.16, 238(B), (C), (D), (E)(introductory paragraph) and (7), and (F), 281, 443, 1002(A), (B)(introductory paragraph), and (C), and 2136.2(F), R.S. 47:299.11(1), 299.41(B), 463.112(C), and 9027(C)(10)(introductory paragraph) and (c), and R.S. 51:1442(4) and to repeal R.S. 36:474(A)(11) and (G) and 477(B)(2) and R.S. 46:51(2) and (14) and 233.1(A) and (B), relative to the organization of the Department of Children and Family Services; to create the office of child support and the office of child welfare; to eliminate the office of children and family services; to transfer the duties of certain offices within the Department of Children and Family Services; to remove outdated provisions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 644—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROWN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:86, relative to court costs; to provide relative to court costs collected for civil filings and criminal convictions; to provide for the allocation of such costs; to provide for the use of proceeds of such costs; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 649—

BY REPRESENTATIVE VENTRELLA

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4570, 4570.2, and 4570.4(B) and to enact R.S. 33:4570.7, relative to East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide relative to park and recreation facilities within the parish; to provide relative to the Recreation and Park Commission for the parish of East Baton Rouge; to provide relative to the boundaries and powers and duties of the commission; to exclude certain territory and property from the jurisdiction of the commission; to provide for the creation of a recreation district in the city of Central; to provide relative to the boundaries, purpose, governance, and powers and duties of the district; to provide for district funding; to include certain territory and property within the jurisdiction of the district; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 652— (Substitute for House Bill No. 550 by Representative Kerner)

BY REPRESENTATIVE KERNER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:5.5.2(B)(2), 5.5.3(A), (B)(introductory paragraph), and (H), 5.10.1(B), and 31.35(C), to enact Part IV of Chapter 30 of Title 3 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 3:4749 through 4749.3, and R.S. 36:624(C) and 629(L)(5), and to repeal R.S. 36:204(A)(10) and 209(D)(4), R.S. 40:31.35.1, and Section 2 of Act No. 667 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to commercial seafood; to transfer authority for imported seafood sampling, testing, and enforcement from the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry; to transfer the Seafood Safety Task Force to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry; to provide for the powers of the commissioner of agriculture and forestry; to provide for penalties; to provide for reporting by processors and distributors to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry; to remove the authority of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism and the Department of Agriculture and Forestry to promulgate rules; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 661—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:4.7, 31.32(D) and (E), and 1046(G)(1)(b), to enact R.S. 40:31.31.1 and 31.40, and to repeal R.S. 40:31.32 (F), relative to fees collected by the Louisiana Department of Health, office of public health; to provide for vendor fees at certain events; to provide for fees for export and free sale certificates; to provide for sewage fees; to establish fees for the review of plans for certain facilities; to establish fees related to the sale and production of therapeutic marijuana; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 675— (Substitute for House Bill No. 572 by Representative Glorioso)

BY REPRESENTATIVES GLORIOSO, BACALA, CARRIER, COATES, COX, CREWS, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, EMERSON, FIRMINT, HORTON, MIKE JOHNSON, MCMAKIN, SCHLEGEL, VILLIO, AND WILDER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 925, 926(B) and (E), 926.2(A) and (B)(2) and (3)(introductory paragraph) and (a), 927, 930(A) and (C), 930.2, 930.4(article heading), (A), and (D) through (G), 930.5, 930.6(B), 930.8(A)(introductory paragraph) and (2) through (5) and (B) through (E) and R.S. 15:178, to enact Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 924(5) and (6), 926(F) and (G), 926.4, 927.1, 930.4(H), 930.8(F), and 930.11, and to repeal Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 928, 930.6(C), 930.8(A)(6), and 930.10, relative to post conviction relief; to provide for procedures; to provide for definitions; to provide for appeals; to provide for applications; to provide for motions; to provide for summary disposition; to provide for judgments; to provide for grounds for relief; to provide relative to claims; to provide for duties of the court, district attorney, attorney general, and petitioner; to provide for time periods; to provide relative to time limitations; to provide for burden of proof; to provide relative to a writ of mandamus; to provide for the appointment of counsel in certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 688— (Substitute for House Bill No. 633 by Representative Braud)

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRAUD

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:330.1(C)(1)(a)(introductory paragraph) and (i) and (ii), (2)(b) through (e), (3)(a) through (c), and (4) and (D) and to enact R.S. 38:330.1(C)(2)(a)(xii) and (f) and (g), relative to the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East and the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-West Bank; to change membership of the board of commissioners of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East; to appoint the executive director of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority as secretary of the nominating committee; to replace certain requirements of the regional directors, or in their absence, the presidents of the boards of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East and the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-West Bank with the chair; to change timeframes for notification of unexpected and expected vacancies within the flood authorities, to reduce consecutive terms of commissioners; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 690— (Substitute for House Bill No. 377 by Representative Owen)

BY REPRESENTATIVES OWEN, AMEDEE, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BUTLER, CREWS, EGAN, FIRMINT, HORTON, SCHAMERHORN, SPELL, AND WILDER

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:5.13, relative to the administration of medical activities under Emergency Use Authorization; to require the surgeon general to promulgate rules for the administration of emergency use authorization-related medical activities; to provide for the applicability of these rules to all members of the healthcare community; to specify that these rules apply during health emergencies and regular operations; to provide for the scope and content of the rules; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 691— (Substitute for House Bill No. 568 by Representative Carrier)

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARRIER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:1106(D)(1) and 1107.1(C) and to enact R.S. 30:1107.1(B)(4) and (5) and (D) through (F), relative to carbon dioxide sequestration; to increase civil penalties; to add reporting requirements; to impose criminal penalties for willful and knowing failures to report; to require notice to the public and emergency responders; to provide an effective date; 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.

Message from the House

**SIGNED HOUSE BILLS AND
JOINT RESOLUTIONS**

June 4, 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 Bills and Joint Resolutions:

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.

HOUSE BILL NO. 57—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:338.199, relative to sales and use taxes; to authorize the levy of an additional sales and use tax by the Jefferson Davis Parish School Board; to require voter approval of the tax; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 86—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4570.1, relative to the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge; to provide relative to the membership of the commission; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 100—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS AND SENATOR BARROW

AN ACT

To amend and reenact the heading of Part III of Chapter 10 of Title 15 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and R.S. 15:1313(Section heading), (A), (B)(introductory paragraph), and (C) and 1318(H)(introductory paragraph) and Code of Criminal Procedure Article 311(5)(introductory paragraph) and to enact R.S. 15:1302(21) and 1318(E)(3) and (H)(6), relative to bail bond enforcement; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; to provide for eligibility to obtain an order for the use of a cellular tracking device; to provide for the reporting of information; and to provide for related matters.

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.

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.

HOUSE BILL NO. 164—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BILLINGS, BAYHAM, CHASSION, JACKSON,
AND WALTERS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:651, relative to hunting preserves; to provide for licensing for a hunting preserve outside the coastal zone; and to provide for related matters.

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.

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.

HOUSE BILL NO. 242—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHENEVERT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9103(A)(6), relative to the East Baton Rouge Parish Communications District; to provide relative to the membership of the board of commissioners; to increase the membership of the board; to provide for appointment of board members; to provide relative to the terms of office of the board members; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 245—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1666.1(A)(2), (4)(a), (6)(a), and (7)(a) and (B), relative to qualifications for firemen that receive state supplemental pay; to provide for standards for firemen's training program; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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.

HOUSE BILL NO. 279—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYD AND SENATORS EDMONDS, HODGES, JACKSON-ANDREWS, MIGUEZ, AND MIZELL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:1801.1(C), relative to acts of criminal hazing; to provide relative to requirements of certain students at postsecondary education institutions; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 289—

BY REPRESENTATIVES CARRIER AND ROMERO

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:2800.60 and R.S. 40:1799, relative to civil liability for firearm and ammunition manufacturers and distributors; to extend liability protections; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 296—

BY REPRESENTATIVES FREIBERG, JACKSON, AND MARCELLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2740.70.5, relative to East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide relative to the distribution of sales and use tax revenue collected by the parish governing authority on the sale of admission tickets to and concessions and parking at certain events; to provide relative to the approval of such distributions; to provide definitions; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 304—

BY REPRESENTATIVES ROBBY CARTER AND OWEN

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.

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.

HOUSE BILL NO. 468—

BY REPRESENTATIVES ADAMS, ROBBY CARTER, CHASSION, MIKE JOHNSON, MARCELLE, MOORE, NEWELL, ST. BLANC, TAYLOR, AND VENTRELLA

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 36:784(A)(8), relative to the award of certain honorary medals; to provide for the Civilian Honor Medal Program; to provide for the establishment and management of the Civilian Honor Medal Program; to provide for qualifications and selection; and to provide for related matters.

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.

HOUSE BILL NO. 492—

BY REPRESENTATIVE VENTRELLA

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:102.1(A)(1)(introductory paragraph), (b), (d), (e), and (h) and (2), (B), and (C)(6) and to repeal R.S. 14:102.1(A)(1)(i) and (j), relative to offenses affecting the public sensibility; to provide relative to the crimes of simple cruelty to animals and aggravated cruelty to animals; to provide for conduct that constitutes simple cruelty to animals; to provide for conduct that constitutes aggravated cruelty to animals; and to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 504—

BY REPRESENTATIVE COATES

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1849(B), relative to permits for trucks carrying liquefied petroleum gas; to increase the tanker truck registration fee; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 510—

BY REPRESENTATIVES ORGERON, MCMAKIN, NEWELL, AND RISER

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 32:297.1, relative to the designation of alternative pathways for certain vehicles in the town of Golden Meadow; to authorize the use of golf carts and low-speed vehicles only on the shoulders of public roads and streets; to provide for definitions; to establish speed limits; to enforce regulations for operators; to provide for the registration of golf carts and low-speed vehicles; to authorize a governing authority to assess a registration fee; and to provide for related matters.

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.

HOUSE BILL NO. 577—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1361(A) and (B), 1362(A)(1), 1362.1(I)(1) and (K), and 1362.2(A) and (C) and to enact Subpart B of Part II of Chapter 8 of Title 18, to be comprised of R.S. 18:1367.1 through 1367.14, relative to procurement of voting systems or system components; to provide relative to the allowable methods of procurement; to provide relative to the approval of voting systems; to provide relative to the Voting System Commission and its powers and duties; to provide relative to the Voting System Proposal Evaluation Committee and its powers and duties; to provide for the authority and duties of the secretary of state; to provide for the authority and duties of the commissioner of administration and chief procurement officer with respect to procurement; to provide for legal and contractual remedies and for administrative appeals relative to such procurements; to provide for the authority of the Louisiana Law Institute; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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.

HOUSE BILL NO. 651—BY REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG
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 Claiborne Parish Airport District No. 31; to create the Claiborne Parish Airport District No. 31; to provide for powers and duties of the district; to provide for the governance of the board of commissioners; 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.

HOUSE BILL NO. 47—BY REPRESENTATIVE DEWITT
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:2494(C)(7), relative to the city of Alexandria; to provide for the classified police service; to provide for the certification and appointment of eligible persons; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 49—BY REPRESENTATIVES MELERINE, BACALA, BAMBURG, BOYER, CHASSION, COX, FONTENOT, HORTON, KNOX, LAFLEUR, MOORE, AND WILEY AND SENATORS PRESSLY AND SEABAUGH
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.

HOUSE BILL NO. 94—BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE AND SENATOR WOMACK
AN ACT

To repeal Chapter 44 of Title 34 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 34:3281 through 3286, relative to the West Feliciana Parish Port Commission; to abolish the West Feliciana Parish Port Commission; to repeal all powers and duties of the commission; and to provide that the governing authority of West Feliciana Parish will become the successor of the commission for any unfinished business.

HOUSE BILL NO. 97—BY REPRESENTATIVES BRYANT AND CHASSION
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:2740.70.9, relative to the city of Jeanerette; to provide for the creation of an economic development district within the city; to provide for the purpose, boundaries, 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.

HOUSE BILL NO. 107—BY REPRESENTATIVES BRYANT AND CHASSION
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:2740.70.9, relative to the city of St. Martinville; to provide for the creation of an economic development district within the city; to provide for the purpose, boundaries, 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.

HOUSE BILL NO. 141—BY REPRESENTATIVE HUGHES
AN ACT

To enact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 331(M), relative to bail; to provide relative to the discharge of bail obligations; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 273—BY REPRESENTATIVES SPELL, AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BEAULLIEU, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOYER, BRAUD, BRYANT, CARRIER, CARVER, CHASSION, COATES, DEVILLIER, DICKERSON, EGAN, EMERSON, FISHER, FREIBERG, HEBERT, ILLG, JACKSON, KERNER, LACOMBE, LAFLEUR, MANDIE LANDRY, MCMAKIN, MOORE, ORGERON, RISER, STAGNI, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, WALTERS, WILDER, AND WYBLE
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:170.25, relative to state symbols; to provide that the "Cajun Night Before Christmas" is the official state children's Christmas book; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 298—BY REPRESENTATIVE KNOX
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4710.11(A) and (D), 4710.13(3), (7), (8), and (13), 4710.15.1(A), 4710.15.2(A), 4710.16, 4710.17(A), 4710.17.1(A) and (D), 4710.24(A), (B)(1), (C)(1), and (F), 4710.25(A), 4710.26(B), 4710.28(A)(introductory paragraph), (1), and (2), and 4710.29 and to repeal R.S. 33:4710.14, 4710.15(B)(5), 4710.15.1(B)(4), 4710.15.2(B)(5), 4710.23(A)(4) and (B)(4), 4710.24(E), 4710.25(D), 4710.26(C), and 4710.30, relative to the Ernest N. Morial-New Orleans Exhibition Hall Authority; to provide relative to the powers and duties of the authority; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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.

HOUSE BILL NO. 368—BY REPRESENTATIVE ST. BLANC
AN ACT

To enact Chapter 5 of Code Title XII of Code Book III of Title 9 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 9:3591.1 through 3591.7, relative to consumer-directed earned wage access services; to provide definitions; to require and prohibit certain acts of providers of earned wage access services; to provide for statutory compliance and applicability; to provide for annual reporting of earned wage access services data; to provide for enforcement; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 392—BY REPRESENTATIVE ST. BLANC
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1749.12(11) and 1749.13(B)(1) and (E)(1) and (7) and to enact R.S. 40:1749.13(B)(6), relative to the Louisiana Underground Utilities and Facilities Damage Prevention Law; to provide for definitions; to provide for procedure of excavations and demolitions; to require certain training; to provide relative to conflict in large project excavations; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 497—BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:317(B)(1) and (2)(b) and (d) and (C), relative to the Louisiana Catch and Cook Program; to allow charter boat captains to provide fish directly to retail food establishments; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 625—BY REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER
AN ACT

To provide for a special statewide election to be held on April 18, 2026, for the purpose of submitting proposed constitutional amendments to the electors of the state; to provide for the conduct of such election; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 18—BY REPRESENTATIVES KERNER AND DEWITT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:107.1(D)(4)(a), to enact R.S. 11:2256.4, and to repeal R.S. 11:107.1(D)(4)(c), relative to the Firefighters' Retirement System; to provide relative to the system's funding deposit account; to remove the prohibition on payment of cost-of-living increases from the funding deposit account; to provide with respect to a nonrecurring lump-sum supplemental payment to certain retirees and beneficiaries; to provide for eligibility and calculation of such payment; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 51—BY REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3991(H), relative to charter schools; to provide relative to the assets of certain charter schools; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 96—BY REPRESENTATIVES KNOX AND CHASSION
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:5364(1), R.S. 14:34(C), 34.1(B), and 34.7(B), R.S. 15:1199.23(2), R.S. 17:269 and 1915(Article II)(R), R.S. 37:3651(N) and 3662(2), R.S. 46:121(1)(a) and (4)(introductory paragraph), and R.S. 47:463.195(C), relative to definitions of the United States Armed Forces; to provide for the inclusion of the United States Space Force in various statutory definitions of United States Armed Forces; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 134—BY REPRESENTATIVE WILFORD CARTER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:2079.1, relative to city courts; to provide relative to the office of the Ward Three marshal of the city court of Lake Charles; to provide relative to the payment of a supplemental salary for deputy marshals; to authorize compensation from community policing; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 152—BY REPRESENTATIVE MARCELLE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:3272(A)(introductory paragraph), (1), and (15) and 3276.2(A), (B), (C)(2) and (3), (D)(introductory paragraph), and (F) and to enact R.S. 37:3272(A)(20), relative to private security examiners; to provide for definitions; to provide for the authority to obtain criminal history record information; to provide for the confidentiality of criminal history record information; to provide for the use of fingerprints and identifying information; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 153—BY REPRESENTATIVE HEBERT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 23:1600(3)(a) and (b)(i) and 1601(3)(introductory paragraph) and to enact R.S. 23:1601(3)(c), relative to unemployment benefits; to revise the benefit eligibility requirements for unemployment benefits; to provide for when a claimant may be disqualified for unemployment benefits; to provide the method and manner for reporting suspected violations of failing to satisfy work search requirements; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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.

HOUSE BILL NO. 210—BY REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1006(G) and to enact R.S. 40:1006(H), relative to record retention of certain information in the state prescription monitoring program; to provide to the retention, archiving, and destruction of audit trail information; to require the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy to establish rulemaking standards for audit trail information; to require the retention of all records; to require approval before the destruction of any records; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 240—BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFLEUR
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9097.41(A) and (B), relative to East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide relative to the Brookstown Neighborhood Crime Prevention District; to change the name of the district; to expand the boundaries of the district; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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.

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.

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.

HOUSE BILL NO. 282—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:9097.50, relative to East Baton Rouge Parish; to create the Cypress Point Improvement District; to provide relative to the boundaries, purpose, governance, and powers and duties of the district; to provide relative to district funding, including the authority to impose a parcel fee, subject to voter approval, within the district; to provide with respect to termination of the district; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 345—

BY REPRESENTATIVES WYBLE, BAMBURG, CARLSON, AND MELERINE AND SENATOR BARROW
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:41(9), 887(A)(introductory paragraph) and (1)(a) and (G)(1), 1266(A)(5), (D)(1), and (E)(1)(introductory paragraph), 1267(C)(2)(a) and (E)(1), and 1335(A), relative to property and casualty insurance; to provide for the nonrenewal or cancellation of residential property insurance policies; to provide relative to required written notices; to provide for technical changes; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 355—

BY REPRESENTATIVES FREEMAN, BOYD, ROBBY CARTER, CHASSION, FISHER, HUGHES, JORDAN, LAFLEUR, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MILLER, MOORE, NEWELL, AND WALTERS
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.

HOUSE BILL NO. 363—

BY REPRESENTATIVES COX, BACALA, HORTON, LAFLEUR, MOORE, AND KNOX AND SENATORS BARROW AND HODGES
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:93.3(A) through (D) and (E)(1) and 93.4, relative to exploitation of the elderly; to provide for definitions; to provide for a change in terminology; to provide for penalties; to provide for restitution; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 381—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:112(E)(2)(e), 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 require the submission of certain documentation; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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.

HOUSE BILL NO. 446—

BY REPRESENTATIVE SPELL
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:101.1, relative to the development of parishes and municipalities; to provide relative to planning commissions; to provide relative to the powers and duties of planning commissions; to provide relative to judicial review of local subdivision ordinances and certain acts of a governing

authority, planning commission, or planning administrator; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 499—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAMBURG
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:57(A)(1), (H), and (I) and to enact R.S. 32:57(J), relative to traffic offenses occurring in construction zones and utility work safety zones; to provide specific monetary penalties for exceeding the speed limit or breaching a construction zone or work safety zone when employees are present; to provide for specific monetary and confinement penalties if motor vehicle violations occur in a highway safety corridor; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 560—

BY REPRESENTATIVE EGAN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:437.3(introductory paragraph), (11), (14), and (29), 437.5(B), 438.1(A) and (C)(1)(a) and (b), 438.3, 438.6(D)(3), 438.7(3), 439.1(A),(D), and (G), 439.2(A)(1), (2), (3), and (4)(b), (B)(1), (2), (3), (4)(a), and (5), and (E), and 439.4(A)(1), (C)(2), (F), and (G), to enact R.S. 46:437.3(31), 437.6(D), 437.7(E), 438.5(F), 438.8(B)(3), and to repeal R.S. 46:437.3(7), (10), (15), (19), and (24), 438.6(A)(2) and (3), 438.8(D)(2), 439.1(F), 439.2(F), and 440.3, relative to the Medical Assistance Programs Integrity Law; to provide for the prosecution and investigation of fraud related to medical assistance programs; to identify fraud and unlawful acts related to claims to medical assistance programs; to establish procedure for pursuing certain claims; to provide for qui tam actions; to provide for definitions; to provide for damages and recovery related to fraudulent claims to medical assistance programs; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 563—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE AND SENATORS HENRY, MILLER, AND TALBOT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 26:241(18), relative to manufacturers or brewers; to provide for the definition of manufacturers or brewers; to provide for the sale and service of the products of manufacturers or brewers; to provide for regulations; and to provide for related matters.

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.

HOUSE BILL NO. 653—

BY REPRESENTATIVES DAVIS AND MANDIE LANDRY AND SENATORS FOIL, HENSGENS, JACKSON-ANDREWS, MCMATH, MYERS, AND STINE
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.

HOUSE BILL NO. 654—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:301.7, relative to sales and use taxes; to provide for the applicability of certain sales and use tax incentives; to provide for requirements and limitations; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

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.

HOUSE BILL NO. 676— (Substitute for House Bill No. 301 by Representative Domangue)

BY REPRESENTATIVE DOMANGUE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 34:843(A)(1) and 852.23 and to enact R.S. 34:843(E) through (G), relative to abandoned vessels; to require the promulgation of rules and regulations for abandoned vessels; to authorize for removal by third parties; to provide a rebuttable presumption of ownership; to provide a process for notification to lien holders; to provide relative to consent of property owners for purposes of entering onto private property; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 394—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO AND SENATORS BARROW AND HODGES
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:567(B) and (C) and 570(A)(5) and (6) and (D) and to repeal R.S. 15:569.1, relative to the execution of a death sentence; to provide relative to conditions precedent to the execution of a death sentence; to provide relative to the date of execution of a death sentence; to provide with respect to the witnesses present at the execution of a death sentence; to provide for the times during which death sentences shall be executed; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 38—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 44:3(A)(introductory paragraph) and (A)(4)(b)(ii), relative to public records; to provide relative to law enforcement investigation records; to provide for the records of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; to provide for the disclosure of certain individuals; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 90—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HEBERT
AN ACT

To enact Chapter 69 of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 51:3291, relative to preventing restaurant reservation fraud; to provide for definitions; to provide for written agreements; to provide for civil penalties; to provide for restitution; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 208—

BY REPRESENTATIVE VILLIO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:529.2(B)(3), 571.3.1(F), 574.4(A)(4)(b), (B)(2)(a)(iii), (b)(iii), (c)(iii), and (d)(iii), (D)(1)(b), (E)(1)(b), (F)(1)(b), (G)(1)(b), and (J)(1)(b), 574.6(introductory paragraph), 574.9(section heading) and (H)(1)(a)(i)(introductory paragraph), and 1199.24(A)(5), to enact R.S. 15:571.3(C), 571.3.1(I), 574.9(H)(1)(a)(i)(dd), and

Subpart H of Part II of Chapter 5 of Title 15 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 15:574.71 and 574.72, and to repeal R.S. 15:574.9(F), relative to the release eligibility of incarcerated persons; to provide relative to parole eligibility requirements; to provide relative to the automatic earning of good time credits by offenders for good behavior; to provide for the elimination of earned compliance credits while on parole; to provide for a statement of legislative intent; to provide for removal procedures and conditions of certain offenders who are granted parole; to provide for duties of the committee on parole; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 211—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MANDIE LANDRY AND SENATORS CATHEY, HENSGENS, JENKINS, MIZELL, MYERS, AND WHEAT
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.

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.

HOUSE BILL NO. 312—

BY REPRESENTATIVE GADBERRY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2318.1(A) and (B), relative to negotiations for architectural and engineering professional services; to prohibit the state and certain governmental entities or persons they contract with from using price or price-related information as a factor in the selection of specific architectural and engineering professionals for projects using state or local funding; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 373—

BY REPRESENTATIVES HUGHES, BAYHAM, BOYD, BRYANT, CARRIER, WILFORD CARTER, CHASSION, EGAN, FREEMAN, FREIBERG, KNOX, LAFLEUR, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MCFARLAND, MENA, MILLER, NEWELL, ROMERO, SPELL, TAYLOR, WALTERS, WILLARD, AND WYBLE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3914(N)(1)(a), to enact R.S. 17:3138.13, and to repeal R.S. 17:3914(C)(1)(j) and (N)(1)(c), relative to career and technical education; to require the Louisiana Workforce Commission to perform an annual return on investment analysis with respect to industry-based credentials earned in high school; to provide for the purpose and content of the analysis; to require an annual report on the analysis to certain legislative committees and the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; to provide with respect to the collection and sharing of certain student data for the purpose of the analysis; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 382—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1059.6, relative to health insurance; to require coverage for home visiting services provided after the birth of a child; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to authorize methods for reimbursement of expenses; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 403—

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:98.1(A)(4), 98.2(A)(5), 98.3(A)(4), 98.4(A)(3), 99(C), and 99.2(F) and R.S. 32:61(C), 64(D), and 65(G), relative to the imposition of fines for certain driving offenses; to provide for an increase in fines related to the operation of a motor vehicle; to provide for the dedication of revenue to the Louisiana Emergency Response Network Fund; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 451—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Children's Code Articles 603(17)(d) and (e) and 610(A)(3) and (4) and to enact Children's Code Article 610(A)(5), relative to mandatory reporting of child abuse or neglect; to provide for police officers or law enforcement officials who work as school resource officers; to provide for definitions; to provide for mandatory reporting requirements for school resource officers; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 470—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 9:3137.10, relative to revenue-based financing transactions; to provide for definitions; to provide for amounts charged in a revenue-based financing transaction; to provide for disclosures; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 525—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTERS
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 36:259(B)(22) and R.S. 40:1104, relative to the creation of the Uterine Fibroids Commission; to provide for membership of the commission; to provide for functions of commission; to provide for organization of the commission; to require an annual report; and to provide for related matters.

HOUSE BILL NO. 648—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU AND SENATORS CARTER, FESI, JENKINS, KLEINPETER, MIGUEZ, MILLER, REESE, SELTERS, AND WOMACK

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.

HOUSE BILL NO. 584—

BY REPRESENTATIVES LYONS, CHASSION, AND KNOX
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.

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.

HOUSE BILL NO. 687— (Substitute for House Bill No. 616 by Representative Wright)

BY REPRESENTATIVES WRIGHT, HUGHES, MENA, AND TAYLOR
AN ACT

To enact Subpart D of Part I of Chapter 1 of Title 34 of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 34:51 through 57, relative to the St. Bernard Transportation Corridor roadway; to provide for the purposes of the St. Bernard Transportation Corridor roadway; to designate powers and duties to the board; to provide for the establishment, design, construction, and financing of the St. Bernard Transportation Corridor roadway; to authorize the use of public-private partnerships; to provide coordination with the Department of Transportation and Development and the Port of New Orleans; to establish supplemental powers and authority; and to provide for related matters.

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 Bills and Joint Resolutions contained herein were signed by the President of the Senate.

Message from the House

SIGNED HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

June 4, 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. 9—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HEBERT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To authorize and direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to study and recommend legislation for implementation of procedures for recusal of judges and justices of the peace in criminal proceedings and to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the legislature no later than February 1, 2026.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 47—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To encourage school principals to provide for the display of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States of America, and the Bill of Rights in conjunction with America250, the celebration of the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 54—

BY REPRESENTATIVES DESHOTEL, EGAN, FISHER, AND JACKSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to conduct a comprehensive review to assess the health and environmental impacts of chlorine levels in public water systems.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 59—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create the America 250 Louisiana State Commission to work jointly with the federal America250 commission to help plan and coordinate the celebration of the semiquincentennial anniversary of the United States of America and to provide with respect to the America 250 state commission created by House Concurrent Resolution No. 96 of the 2022 Regular Session of the Legislature and House Concurrent Resolution No. 50 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Legislature.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to compel the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to fulfill its duties regarding inspection and testing of imported seafood.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13—

BY REPRESENTATIVES ILLG, ADAMS, BAYHAM, BEAULLIEU, BUTLER, CARRIER, ROBBY CARTER, WILFORD CARTER, CHASSION, DESHOTEL, DEWITT, FISHER, JACKSON, LACOMBE, LAFLEUR, JACOB LANDRY, MELERINE, MOORE, AND ZERINGUE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Southeastern Conference to schedule football games at Louisiana State University after six o'clock in the evening during the month of September for health and safety reasons related to the heat during day games.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31—

BY REPRESENTATIVES DESHOTEL, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BERAULT, BILLINGS, CARLSON, CARVER, CHASSION, CHENEVERT, CREWS, DEVILLIER, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, EGAN, FARNUM, FREIBERG, GADBERRY, HORTON, HUGHES, JACOB LANDRY, MACK, ROMERO, SCHLEGEL, SPELL, ST. BLANC, AND WILDER AND SENATORS CLOUD, EDMONDS, JACKSON-ANDREWS, MIGUEZ, AND MIZELL

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana High School Athletic Association (LHSAA) to refrain from hosting games during Easter weekend.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 33—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to modify the H-2B temporary nonagricultural program to assist with the labor workforce shortage in the state of Louisiana.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 37—

BY REPRESENTATIVES HUGHES, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BILLINGS, BOYD, BOYER, BRASS, CARRIER, WILFORD CARTER, CARVER, CHASSION, DEVILLIER, EDMONSTON, FISHER, FREIBERG, ILLG, JACKSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, JORDAN, KNOX, LAFLEUR, TERRY LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARCELLE, MILLER, MOORE, PHELPS, SPELL, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, VENTRELLA, VILLIO, WALTERS, WILDER, WILLARD, AND YOUNG AND SENATOR BOUDREAUX

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create the Caleb Wilson Hazing Prevention Task Force to evaluate the effectiveness of state anti-hazing law and postsecondary education hazing prevention policies and practices.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 53—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARVER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create a task force to study the occurrence and effect of fraud committed against elderly persons in Louisiana.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 76—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MOORE AND FISHER AND SENATOR JACKSON-ANDREWS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Wossman High School Lady Wildcats basketball team for winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association 2025 Division II Non-Select state championship.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 77—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MOORE AND FISHER AND SENATOR JACKSON-ANDREWS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Wossman High School boys' basketball team for winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association 2025 Division II Non-Select state championship.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 78—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MOORE AND FISHER AND SENATOR JACKSON-ANDREWS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Richwood High School boys' basketball team for winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association 2025 Division III Non-select state championship.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 55—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To continue the Health Disparities in Rural Areas Task Force created in the 2022 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution No. 44 to identify and study key health issues affecting rural areas and develop strategies to improve health outcomes for rural and underserved communities and to submit a written report to the House and Senate committees on health and welfare by February 1, 2026.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 79—

BY REPRESENTATIVE VENTRELLA

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize Wednesday, June 4, 2025, as Opportunity Youth 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.

**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:

June 4, 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 Bills have been properly enrolled:

SENATE BILL NO. 14—

BY SENATORS MCMATH, BOUDREAUX, CLOUD, CONNICK, DUPLESSIS, EDMONDS, FESI, HENRY, HENSGENS, KLEINPETER, LAMBERT, MIGUEZ, MIZELL, MYERS, REESE, SELTERS, STINE AND TALBOT AND REPRESENTATIVES ADAMS, AMEDEE, BAMBURG, BAYHAM, BEAULLIEU, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BUTLER, CARRIER, CARVER, CHENEVERT, COATES, COX, CREWS, DEVILLIER, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, ECHOLS, EDMONSTON, EGAN, EMERSON, FIRMONT, FISHER, GALLE, HILFERTY, HORTON, ILLG, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, KERNER, MCMAHEN, MCMAKIN, MELERINE, MENA, OWEN, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, SPELL, STAGNI, THOMPSON, VENTRELLA, VILLIO, WILDER AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1270(A)(8) and to enact R.S. 17:197.2, R.S. 37:920(G), and Part I-B of Chapter 4 of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 40:661 and 662, relative to nutrition; to provide for serving

certain foods in schools; to provide for continuing education for certain healthcare providers; to provide for disclosure of certain ingredients by manufacturers; to provide for disclosure of seed oil use by food establishments; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 58—

BY SENATORS CONNICK, ABRAHAM, BARROW, BOUDREAUX, CARTER, CLOUD, FESI, FOIL, HENRY, HODGES, JACKSON-ANDREWS, MCMATH, MILLER, MIZELL, MYERS, SELTERS, STINE AND WHEAT AND REPRESENTATIVES ADAMS, AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BUTLER, CARRIER, CHASSION, COX, DEWITT, DOMANGUE, EDMONSTON, FIRMENT, FREIBERG, HILFERTY, HORTON, ILLG, KNOX, LARVADAIN, MCMAKIN, MILLER, MOORE, NEWELL, SCHLEGEL, SPELL, STAGNI, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, VILLIO, WALTERS AND WILDER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:81(A)(1) and (C) and to enact R.S. 14:81(A)(3), relative to sexual offenses affecting minors; to provide relative to the elements of indecent behavior with juveniles; to provide for a definition; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 59—

BY SENATOR REESE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:961(E)(4), relative to the Administrative Procedure Act; to provide for statements of fiscal and economic impact; to provide for approval of appropriations by certain subject matter committees or the governor; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 63—

BY SENATORS JENKINS AND PRESSLY

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:4887, relative to municipal powers; to provide relative to a privilege to municipalities to collect unpaid sewage disposal and water system service charges or user fees charged to a multifamily residential property; to provide relative to privileges and liens; to provide relative to master meter service agreements; to provide relative to the enforcement of a privilege by municipalities on unpaid sewage disposal or water system charges or fees; to provide relative to written demand; to provide relative to delivery and application of payment; to provide relative to sworn detailed statements; to provide relative to ranking and perfection of a privilege by municipalities; to provide relative to notice; to provide relative to filing a privilege by municipalities into the public records; to provide relative to third parties; to provide relative to certain terms, conditions, and procedures; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 66—

BY SENATORS FOIL, BARROW, BASS, BOUDREAUX, BOUIE, CARTER, CLOUD, CONNICK, DUPLESSIS, EDMONDS, FESI, HARRIS, HENRY, HENSGENS, HODGES, JACKSON-ANDREWS, JENKINS, LAMBERT, LUNEAU, MCMATH, MIGUEZ, MIZELL, PRESSLY, PRICE, SELTERS AND STINE AND REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BEREAULT, BILLINGS, BUTLER, ROBBY CARTER, CHASSION, CHENEVERT, EGAN, FIRMENT, FISHER, ILLG, MCCORMICK, OWEN, SCHAMERHORN, STAGNI, THOMPSON, WILDER, WILEY AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:111(A)(1) and (B), R.S. 23:332(A)(1) and (2), (B), (C)(1) and (2), (D), (E), (F), and (H)(1) and (4), R.S. 49:145 and 146(A)(1), R.S. 51:2602(A), 2603(10) through (13), 2606(A)(1) through (5), 2607(A) and (C) and 2608 and to enact R.S. 23:322(10) and R.S. 51:2603(14), relative to discrimination based on military status; to prohibit discrimination in public schools; to prohibit discrimination in employment; to prohibit discrimination in public buildings; to prohibit discrimination in facilities to which the public is invited; to prohibit discrimination in the sale or rental of housing; to provide definitions; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 78—

BY SENATOR MYERS AND REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1021(B), relative to drug paraphernalia; to provide for exemptions from the definition of

drug paraphernalia; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 82—

BY SENATOR REESE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1967(F), relative to ad valorem taxes; to provide relative to the assessment of bank stock; to increase the percentage of assessed value of certain property deducted for assessment purposes; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 94—

BY SENATOR FESI

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:2073(7) and R.S. 49:1(A) and 214.23(6), and to enact R.S. 49.1(D), relative to waters of the state; to provide for the Gulf of America; to provide for the Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System; to provide for definitions; to provide for coastal use permits; to provide for exceptions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 98—

BY SENATORS MYERS AND TALBOT AND REPRESENTATIVES COX, DOMANGUE, EDMONSTON, FREIBERG, HORTON, JACKSON, KNOX, SCHLEGEL, SPELL, STAGNI, TAYLOR AND VILLIO

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:989, relative to controlled dangerous substances; to provide relative to the elements of unlawful inhalation, ingestion, use, or possession of certain substances; to provide for an exception; to provide for penalties; to provide for enforcement; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 104—

BY SENATORS PRICE AND BARROW AND REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 51:1057(B)(24) and (30), (C)(1), (D)(4), and (H), to enact R.S. 51:1057(B)(31) and to repeal R.S. 51:1057(B)(13), (14), (17), (23), (25), and (29), relative to the Empowering Families to Live Well Louisiana Council; to provide for membership of the council; to provide for meetings of the council; to provide for submission of an implementation plan; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 106—

BY SENATOR LAMBERT AND REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, BILLINGS, BROWN, BUTLER, CARRIER, DEVILLIER, FONTENOT, TRAVIS JOHNSON, LACOMBE, OWEN, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, THOMPSON, VENTRELLA AND ZERINGUE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:634(A), relative to frogging at night; to provide for carrying and possession of firearms; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 129—

BY SENATOR PRESSLY AND REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1060.18, relative to cancer treatment; to require health insurers to provide coverage for proton therapy treatment for cancer patients; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 134—

BY SENATORS PRESSLY AND SEABAUGH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1151.1(6) and 1231.1(A)(9), (10), and (13), relative to health care definitions; to provide for definitions relative to medical malpractice; to provide for definitions relative to declarations concerning life-sustaining procedures; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 138—

BY SENATOR KLEINPETER AND REPRESENTATIVES BACALA,
BILLINGS, BROWN, JACKSON, OWEN AND TAYLOR
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:37, relative to group health insurance for retired employees of district attorneys' offices; to prohibit a health insurance issuer from refusing enrollment based solely on the status of retirement; to prohibit discrimination between active and retired employees for purposes of insurance coverage; to provide for construction of statutory provisions; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 181—

BY SENATOR BASS AND REPRESENTATIVES BAYHAM, FISHER,
JACKSON AND VILLIO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:90.3(B) and (E) through (K), and to enact R.S. 14:90.3(L), (M), and (N) and R.S. 27:28(L), (M), and (N), relative to gaming; to provide for illegal gambling by computer; to provide for definitions; to prohibit companies from doing business with terrorist-supporting countries; to prohibit sweepstakes gaming; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Respectfully submitted,
CALEB SETH KLEINPETER
Chairman

The foregoing Senate Bill was signed by the President 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:

June 4, 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. 63—

BY SENATOR FOIL

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To congratulate Coach Clancy Duplechin on his 50th year of coaching and to commend him for his outstanding contributions to Louisiana high school athletics.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 65—

BY SENATOR FOIL

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Episcopal School of Baton Rouge on their athletic achievements and outstanding performances in the Louisiana High School Athletic Association State Championships.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 66—

BY SENATOR FOIL

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commemorate the 175th anniversary of the opening of Louisiana's Old State Capitol as home to the Louisiana Legislature in 1850.

Respectfully submitted,
CALEB SETH KLEINPETER
Chairman

The foregoing Senate Concurrent Resolutions were signed by the President of the Senate.

Message to the Governor**SIGNED SENATE BILLS**

June 4, 2025

To the Honorable Governor of the State of Louisiana:

The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives have signed the following Senate Bills:

SENATE BILL NO. 29—

BY SENATOR HENSGENS

AN ACT

To repeal Subpart B-29 of Part IV of Chapter 1 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 33:130.561 through 130.570, relative to the Vermilion Economic Development District; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 43—

BY SENATOR MCMATH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4574.1.1(A)(29) and to enact R.S. 33:4574.1.1(T), relative to the St. Tammany Parish Tourist and Convention Commission; to provide for occupancy taxes levied by the commission; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 54—

BY SENATOR MIZELL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:1351(A)(1)(b), (2)(a) and (c), (3), (B)(1)(a) and (b), 1355, 1356(E) and 1357(A), (C), (D), (H) and (I) and to enact R.S. 39:1358, 1358.1, 1358.2, and 1358.3, relative to fiscal administrators; to provide relative to financial stability; to provide relative to the appointment of a limited jurisdiction fiscal administrator; to provide for the duties of a limited jurisdiction fiscal administrator; to provide relative to budget amendments to address emergencies; to provide for the termination of the appointment of limited jurisdiction fiscal administrator; to provide relative to violations by an officer, official, or employee of a political subdivision; to provide relative to penalties; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 81—

BY SENATOR EDMONDS AND REPRESENTATIVES ADAMS, AMEDEE, BERAULT, CARLSON, CARRIER, CARVER, CHASSION, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, FIRMINT, KNOX, OWEN, SCHLEGEL, SPELL, WILDER AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:355(C) and (D)(1), relative to elementary and secondary education; to provide for transparency and parental access to school-related instructional materials in public schools; to provide parental in-person access to certain printed instructional materials free-of-charge; to provide parental access to certain online instructional materials free-of-charge; to allow local school boards to develop policies for in-person viewing of certain academic tests or assessments; to require each local school board to submit certain rules and policies to the state Department of Education with respect to parental access to instructional materials; to provide for reports to the legislature; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 90—

BY SENATORS EDMONDS, FESI, KLEINPETER, MIGUEZ, MILLER, REESE AND WOMACK

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:1461.7(A)(10), relative to election offenses; to prohibit betting or wagering on elections; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 127—
BY SENATOR BASS**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:2014.5, relative to permitting of advanced nuclear power generation; to provide for development of a permitting program; to provide for expedited processing of environmental permits; to provide for compliance; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 145—
BY SENATOR MCMATH**AN ACT**

To enact R.S. 41:1706(C) and R.S. 49:214.30(I), relative to the issuance of permits for construction in certain water bodies in St. Tammany Parish; to prohibit the issuance of Class B Permits and coastal use permits for certain construction; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

SENATE BILL NO. 185—

BY SENATORS CATHEY, JACKSON-ANDREWS, STINE AND WOMACK
AND REPRESENTATIVE ECHOLS

AN ACT

To provide relative to wildlife management areas, to designate the boat launch on the Bussey Brake Wildlife Management Area in Morehouse Parish as the "William Kinnison 'Kinny' Haddox Boat Launch"; to provide for location and placement of signage; and to provide for related matters.

and they are hereby presented for executive approval.

Respectfully submitted,
YOLANDA J. DIXON
Secretary of the Senate

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL**PRESENT**

Mr. President	Fesi	Mizell
Abraham	Foil	Morris
Allain	Harris	Myers
Barrow	Hensgens	Pressly
Bass	Hodges	Price
Boudreaux	Jackson-Andrews	Reese
Bouie	Jenkins	Seabaugh
Carter	Kleinpeter	Selders
Cathey	Lambert	Stine
Cloud	Luneau	Talbot
Connick	McMath	Wheat
Duplessis	Miguez	Womack
Edmonds	Miller	
Total - 38		

ABSENT

Owen
Total - 1

Leaves of Absence

The following leaves of absence were asked for and granted:

Owen, R. 1 Day

Announcements

The following committee meetings for June 8, 2025, were announced:

Health and Welfare	2:00 P.M.	Hainkel Room
Revenue and Fiscal Affairs	2:00 P.M.	Room E
Senate and Gov't Affairs	2:30 P.M.	Room F

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Talbot, at 6:31 o'clock P.M. the Senate adjourned until Sunday, June 8, 2025, at 3:00 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