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SEVENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

**Fiftieth Regular Session of the Legislature
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Constitution of 1974**

Senate Chamber
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Monday, March 25, 2024

The Senate was called to order at 3:19 o'clock P.M. by Hon. J. Cameron Henry, Jr., President of the Senate.

Morning Hour

CONVENING ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mr. President	Edmonds	Miguez
Abraham	Fesi	Miller
Allain	Fields	Mizell
Barrow	Foil	Morris
Bass	Hensgens	Owen
Boudreaux	Hodges	Price
Bouie	Jackson-Andrews	Reese
Carter	Jenkins	Seabaugh
Cathy	Kleinpeter	Stine
Cloud	Lambert	Wheat
Connick	Luneau	Womack
Duplessis	McMath	
Total - 35		

ABSENT

Coussan	Pressly
Harris	Talbot
Total - 4	

The President of the Senate announced there were 35 Senators present and a quorum.

Prayer

The prayer was offered by Pastor David Hairford, 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 Lambert, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal of March 20, 2024, was adopted.

**Introduction of Senate Bills
and Joint Resolutions**

SENATE BILL NO. 396—
BY SENATOR MCMATH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:155(A)(2), relative to architects; to provide relative to the State Board of Architectural Examiners; to provide for licensing and registration requirements; to provide for exemptions; to provide relative to terms, conditions, requirements, proceedings, and procedures; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 397—

BY SENATOR MCMATH AND REPRESENTATIVE CARVER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 4:214(M)(3) and to enact R.S. 4:214(M)(4), relative to historical horse racing; to prohibit conducting wagering on historical horse racing in St. Tammany Parish; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 398—

BY SENATORS JENKINS, BASS AND SEABAUGH
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4574.1.1(A)(24)(b), relative to the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau; to provide relative to the hotel occupancy tax levied by the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau; to provide for continuation of the hotel occupancy tax; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 399—

BY SENATOR FIELDS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:312(1)(b) and 312.1(A), relative to the Court of Appeal for the First Circuit; to provide for the organization of districts within the First Circuit; to provide election sections for the second district of the First Circuit; to provide for the assignment of judgeships for election purposes; to provide for the election of judges; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 400—

BY SENATOR FIELDS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:1401.1 and 1403, relative to judgeships of the family court for East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide for the organization of election sections within the family court; to provide for the assignment of judgeships for election purposes; to provide for the election of judges; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 401—

BY SENATOR REESE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:39.1(C) and 39.2(D) and to enact R.S. 14:2(B)(61), relative to the crimes of vehicular negligent injuring and first degree vehicular negligent injuring; to increase the penalties for vehicular negligent injuring and first degree vehicular negligent injuring under certain circumstances; to provide that first degree vehicular negligent injuring is a crime of violence under certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 402—

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:1844(K)(1)(b)(ii), relative to rights of crime victims; to provide relative to victim impact statements; to require a court to allow a victim impact statement to be directed toward the defendant; and to provide for related matters.

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

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Introduction of Senate Resolutions

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 21— BY SENATOR MIZELL

A RESOLUTION

To commend the members of the Louisiana Athletic Trainers Association for their dedicated hard work on behalf of the athletes of Louisiana and to designate March 27, 2024, as Louisiana Athletic Trainers Day at the State Capitol.

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

Introduction of Senate Concurrent Resolutions

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17— BY SENATOR MCMATH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to increase eligibility requirements for the Medicaid Purchase Plan to the original countable income and asset limits.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18— BY SENATOR HODGES

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to review the feasibility of widening Louisiana Highway 16 to four lanes from Louisiana Highway 1019 to Louisiana Highway 1022.

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

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on Second Reading to be Referred

SENATE BILL NO. 394— BY SENATOR JACKSON-ANDREWS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 24:513(J)(1)(c)(i)(aa) and (c)(ii) through (iv), relative to the legislative auditor; to provide for audit thresholds; 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.

SENATE BILL NO. 395— BY SENATOR FOIL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:3301(A), relative to the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District; to provide for the geographical boundaries of the district; and to provide for related matters.

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

Senate Resolutions on Second Reading

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 19— BY SENATORS CATHEY, ABRAHAM, BASS, CARTER, DUPLESSIS, FESI, HARRIS, HENRY, HENSGENS, JACKSON-ANDREWS, JENKINS, LUNEAU, MIGUEZ, MORRIS, OWEN, PRESSLY, PRICE AND STINE

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Grambling State University Tigers men's basketball team for their first appearance in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Men's Division I Basketball Tournament.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 20— BY SENATOR BASS

A RESOLUTION

To commend Sonja Bailes on her selection as a 2024 Virginia K. Shehee Most Influential Woman by Holy Angels.

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

Senate Concurrent Resolutions on Second Reading

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16— BY SENATOR WHEAT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Ponchatoula High School boys basketball team on winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association (LHSAA) Division I (Non-Select) State Basketball Championship for a second consecutive year.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns: Name, Yeas, Nays. Lists names like Mr. President, Abraham, Allain, Barrow, Bass, Bouie, Carter, Cathey, Cloud, Connick, Duplessis, Edmonds, Fesi, Fields, Foil, Hensgens, Hodges, Jackson-Andrews, Jenkins, Kleinpeter, Lambert, Luneau, McMath, Miguez, Miller, Mizell, Morris, Owen, Price, Reese, Seabaugh, Stine, Wheat, Womack.

Total - 34

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Table with 3 columns: Name, Yeas, Nays. Lists names Boudreaux, Coussan, Harris, Pressly, Talbot.

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

March 25, 2024

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. 24 HB No. 336 HB No. 397

HB No. 468 HB No. 494 HB No. 646

HB No. 686 HB No. 25 HB No. 140
 HB No. 281 HB No. 405 HB No. 514
 HB No. 534 HB No. 713 HB No. 283
 HB No. 305 HB No. 318 HB No. 410
 HB No. 645 HB No. 612

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 24—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE MELERINE
 AN ACT
 To enact Civil Code Article 2315.12, relative to the presumption of causation of injuries; to prohibit a presumption of causation in certain circumstances; to provide for exceptions; to provide for prospective application; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 25—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE MCCORMICK
 AN ACT
 To enact R.S. 9:2800.30, relative to civil liability; to provide for refusal to mandate an experimental or emergency use vaccination; to provide relative to business and professional licenses; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 140—
 BY REPRESENTATIVES HORTON, CHASSION, KNOX, AND TAYLOR
 AN ACT
 To amend and reenact R.S. 29:27.1(A), and (B) relative to parking for disabled veterans; to clarify proof of disability requirements for honoring free airport parking for disabled veterans; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 281—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE CREWS
 AN ACT
 To amend and reenact R.S. 2:135.1(B) and (F) and 139, relative to airport facility leases; to repeal provisions for consideration to be paid monthly or annually; to provide relative to local supervision of airports; to repeal the provision for leases not to exceed ten years along with the associated exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 283—
 BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHLEGEL, BOYER, BRAUD, CHASSION, DICKERSON, MOORE, SCHAMERHORN, WALTERS, AND WILEY
 AN ACT
 To enact R.S. 40:1464, relative to commercial driver's instruction; to require commercial driver's training offered by an educational institution or agency include instruction on human trafficking; to require the Board of Regents to establish industry specific anti-trafficking training materials; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 305—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON
 AN ACT
 To amend and reenact R.S. 49:214.5.4(E)(1), (3), (4)(introductory paragraph) and (b), and (5)(a)(introductory paragraph) and (b) and (F) and to enact R.S. 49:214.5.4(K), relative to proceeds from alternative energy production in the coastal area; to provide for disposition of revenues; to provide for restrictions on the use of revenues; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 318—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND
 AN ACT
 To enact R.S. 39:82.2, relative to the reporting of federal funds and grants or programs by the Division of Administration; to provide for specific reports to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget; to provide for the authority of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 336—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE CHENEVERT
 AN ACT
 To enact Chapter 2-C of Code Title XII of Code Book III of Title 9 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 9:3580.1 through 3580.5, relative to litigation disclosure; to provide relative to financial disclosure; to provide relative to the creation of the Litigation Financing Disclosure Act; to provide for definitions, terms, and conditions; to provide for discovery; to provide for contract disclosures; to provide with respect to class action lawsuits; to provide for violations and contracts; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 397—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE ST. BLANC
 AN ACT
 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1749.13(B)(2), 1749.14(C)(1)(b)(iii) and (v), and 1749.15(B), to enact R.S. 40:1749.12(20) through (22) and 1749.13(E), and to repeal R.S. 40:1749.21(C) and (D), relative to the Louisiana Underground Utilities and Facilities Damage Prevention Law; to provide for definitions; to provide for excavations and demolitions; to provide for regional notification centers; to provide for emergency excavations; to remove obsolete provisions; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 405—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON
 AN ACT
 To enact R.S. 49:191(2)(b) and to repeal R.S. 49:191(12)(e), relative to the Department of Revenue, including provisions to provide for the re-creation of the Department of Revenue 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.

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

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HOUSE BILL NO. 410—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2316 and to repeal R.S. 39:128(B)(2), relative to the applicability of the selection of professional services for public contracts; to provide for service contracts with a certain budget; to repeal certain exceptions; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 468—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CREWS
AN ACT

To enact Chapter 3-I of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 40:600.161, relative to requiring utility companies to provide whole-building energy consumption data to certain property owners; to provide for definitions; to require an energy utility provider to provide data in certain circumstances; to provide for information requirements; to provide for privacy of information; to require the payment of a fee to an energy utility provider under certain circumstances; to require the reporting of fees; to provide for a timeline for information requests; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 494—

BY REPRESENTATIVES WILLARD AND CHASSION
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1321(A), relative to special identification cards; to provide access to special identification cards for children of a certain age; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 514—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRAUD
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 48:252(A)(introductory paragraph) and 253(A), relative to projects by the Department of Transportation and Development; to increase the excess cost threshold for certain projects; to provide relative to bid bonds required for certain Department of Transportation and Development projects; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 534—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:1741(I), relative to the booting of motor vehicles parked on private property; to remove the prohibition on a parking facility company, valet company, or general manager from having an ownership interest in a business engaged in booting vehicles on private property or from accepting a rebate or other compensation from a booting company; to clarify that the monetary prohibition applies solely to the owner of the parking facility; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 612—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1749.28, relative to pipeline crossing disputes; to provide for written notice of a proposed crossing; to provide for summary proceedings; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 645—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREIBERG
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:461(A)(1) and (2), (B)(3) and (4), and (C), relative to road usage fee collection; to provide for collection and administration of the road usage fee on hybrid and electric vehicles; to provide certain definitions; to provide for the rate of fees; to provide for a special effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 646—

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2212(P)(1)(a) and to enact R.S. 38:2212(C)(5), relative to contract limitations and enforcements for the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism projects; to provide for a contract limit for public work 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.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 686—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Civil Code Article 642 and R.S. 9:2726, relative to pipeline servitudes; to provide for rights of predial and personal servitudes; to provide for the extent of pipeline servitude or right of way; to provide for limitations on use of servitudes; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 713—

BY REPRESENTATIVE GADBERRY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:682(14) and 711.2(4), (12), and (14) and to enact R.S. 37:702(8), relative to the practice of land surveying and the practice of engineering; to provide for the definitions of the practice of land surveying, engineer, and the practice of engineering; to provide for a saving clause; to provide for the practice of geoscience; and to provide for related matters.

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

Message from the House

**ASKING CONCURRENCE IN
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

March 21, 2024

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. 34

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

House Concurrent Resolutions on First Reading

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34— BY REPRESENTATIVE BERAULT A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Kelly Ryan on being awarded the Milken Educator Award.

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

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Second Reading

HOUSE BILL NO. 23— BY REPRESENTATIVE MELERINE AN ACT

To amend and reenact Civil Code Article 781, relative to building restrictions; to provide for a noticeable violation of building restrictions; to provide for a definition; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 146— BY REPRESENTATIVE FARNUM AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2322(A), relative to board appointments for the Sabine River Authority; to provide relative to qualifications for board members residing in Calcasieu Parish; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 151— BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:291(T)(2)(a)(ii), relative to the membership of the board of commissioners of the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District; to increase the number of commissioners appointed by the governor; to increase the number of nominations submitted by the president of Lafourche Parish; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 155— BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1437(C)(1)(a) and (4)(a), 1437.3(E)(introductory paragraph) and (1), and 1442(B)(2), relative to real estate license requirements; to provide for applications for real estate broker or salesperson licensure; to provide for inactive licenses; to provide for license and registration issuance and renewal; 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 Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs.

HOUSE BILL NO. 162— BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:100.121(B)(1), relative to the capital outlay savings fund; to provide for the withdrawal of monies from the fund under certain circumstances; to provide for certain limitations and restrictions; 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. 235— BY REPRESENTATIVE COATES AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2212.1(A)(2)(a), relative to public bid law exceptions; to increase the exception limit that triggers the application of certain public bid law requirements to the purchase of vehicles for conversion into law enforcement vehicles; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 277— BY REPRESENTATIVES KERNER AND TAYLOR AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:300.4(A), relative to the prohibition for smoking in motor vehicles; to provide for the unlawfulness of smoking in a motor vehicle with a child twelve and under present in the vehicle; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 308— BY REPRESENTATIVE ADAMS AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 45:1364(E) and 1365(B)(1), relative to notice for discontinuation of cable services; to provide for termination of certificates with the secretary of state; to require the issuance of notice; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 317— BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHAMERHORN, FIRMENT, MCCORMICK, AND MCFARLAND AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:190(A), relative to use of safety helmets; to remove the requirement to wear safety helmets for operators and riders of motorcycles who meet certain requirements; to prohibit recovery of damages in certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 350— BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON AN ACT

To amend and reenact Section 1 of Act No. 160 of the 2017 Regular Session, relative to the Grand Isle Port Commission; to provide relative to the use of certain state property near Grand Isle for seafood research; to provide relative to the specification of the boundaries and size of the areas in which the research will be conducted; to require the port commission adhere to the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission rules and regulations; and to provide for related matters.

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

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HOUSE BILL NO. 381—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BRAUD
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 48:250.4.2, relative to Department of Transportation and Development spending; to provide for spending of windfall proceeds from toll collections on public-private partnership projects; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 403—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ECHOLS
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:305.76(B)(48) and (49), relative to exemptions from local sales and use taxes; to provide relative to the local sales and use tax exemption for the procurement and administration in medical clinics of certain prescription drugs administered by infusion, injection, or topical system; to provide for diseases and conditions for which such drugs must be prescribed in order to qualify for the local sales and use tax exemption; 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. 458—
BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:361.1(C)(4), relative to vehicle window tinting regulations; to add patrol vehicles owned by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to window tint exemption; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 475—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIAQUE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:532.1(A)(1) and to enact R.S. 47:532.4, relative to digital transaction providers; to authorize the commissioner to enter into agreements related to digitized credentials; to authorize digital transaction providers to collect fees and process applications and transactions; to provide for terms of contracts with digital transaction providers; to require a surety bond and insurance for digital transaction providers; 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. 536—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIAQUE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2212(C)(1) and to enact R.S. 38:2212(C)(5) and R.S. 39:128(F), relative to the capital outlay process; to provide an exception to contract limits for the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; to allow an increased threshold for specific types of projects; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 539—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:216(C), relative to pedestrians on highways; to limit the time of day pedestrians can lawfully walk on highways; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 589—
BY REPRESENTATIVE GALLE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:409.1(A)(6)(d), relative to a commercial learner's permit or driver's license; to provide for the denial of issuance, renewal, upgrade, or transfer of a permit or license if not cleared through a certain federal clearinghouse; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

**House Concurrent Resolutions on
Second Reading**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31—
BY REPRESENTATIVES ST. BLANC AND BRYANT
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Franklin Senior High School boys' basketball team on winning the Louisiana High School Athletic Association 2024 Division IV Non-Select state championship.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL AND SENATOR CLOUD
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize Thursday, April 25, 2024, as Jefferson Highway Day in Avoyelles Parish.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS		
Mr. President	Fields	Miller
Abraham	Foil	Mizell
Allain	Harris	Morris
Barrow	Hensgens	Owen
Bass	Hodges	Pressly
Bouie	Jackson-Andrews	Price
Carter	Jenkins	Reese
Cathey	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Cloud	Lambert	Stine
Connick	Luneau	Talbot
Duplessis	McMath	Wheat
Fesi	Miguez	Womack
Total - 36		
NAYS		
Total - 0		
ABSENT		
Boudreaux	Coussan	Edmonds
Total - 3		

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

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

SENATE BILL NO. 10—
BY SENATOR PRESSLY
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 12:1705, relative to commercial regulations; to provide relative to separate juridical personalities of a business organization; to provide for definitions; to provide for an

exception; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs. The bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 37—
BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 56:116.1(D)(5), relative to feral hog hunting; to provide for weapon restrictions; to provide for notification; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 38—
BY SENATOR EDMONDS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:4002.3(2)(b) and the introductory paragraph of 4002.5(A) and (A)(1) and (B), relative to the course providers; to provide with respect to definitions; to provide with respect to student eligibility, course approval, and enrollment; to provide relative to student individual graduation plans; to provide with respect to the duties of the department; to provide with respect to the duties of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and public school governing authorities; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 53—
BY SENATOR WOMACK

AN ACT

To provide relative to state highways; to designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 425 in Franklin Parish as the "Lainey Wilson Highway"; to provide for restrictions on costs of materials to the department; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works. The bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 57—
BY SENATOR LAMBERT

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 37:2356.4, relative to licensed psychological associates; to create a licensed psychological associate license; to provide for qualifications and requirements for licensure; to provide for limitations of licensure; to provide for powers and duties of the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists; 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 Original Senate Bill No. 57 by Senator Lambert

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 16, delete "**or general applied**"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 17, after "**equivalent**" insert "**defined by the board**"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 2, after "**licensed**" delete the remainder of the line and insert "**psychologist or**"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, at the beginning of line 4, insert "**post-graduate**"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, delete lines 27 through 29, and insert "**psychological services to individuals, groups, or families including diagnosis for the purpose of offering mental health counseling and psychotherapy services for treatment and prevention of mental, emotional, behavioral, and addiction disorders.**"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 3, delete lines 20 through 22

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

SENATE BILL NO. 70—

BY SENATOR MIZELL

AN ACT

To enact Part I-B of Chapter 11 of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 40:2025.1 through 2025.6, and to enact R.S. 44:4(64), relative to local overdose fatality review panels; to authorize parishes to establish an overdose fatality review panel; to provide for membership of a review panel; to provide for functions and duties of a review panel; to provide relative to access to information and confidentiality; to provide for reporting requirement; to provide an exemption to the Public Records Law; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 86—

BY SENATOR EDMONDS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:3516(A)(1) and (2), relative to the Louisiana State Board of Private Investigator Examiners; to increase certain licensing fees; to provide for terms and conditions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs. The bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 89—

BY SENATOR FIELDS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:9097.40, relative to crime prevention and security districts in East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide relative to the creation of the Delmont Neighborhood Crime Prevention District; to provide relative to the purpose, governance, powers, duties, and authority of the governing board and the district; to provide relative to a parcel fee; to provide with respect to authorization to impose and collect a parcel fee within the district; to provide relative to funds of the district; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 90—

BY SENATOR FIELDS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:9097.40, relative to crime prevention and security districts in East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide relative to the creation of the Brookstown Neighborhood Crime Prevention District; to provide relative to the purpose, governance, powers, duties, and authority of the governing board and the district; to provide relative to a parcel fee; to provide with respect to authorization to impose and collect a parcel fee within the

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district; to provide relative to funds of the district; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 94—
BY SENATOR COUSSAN

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:113.1(D), relative to Lafayette Parish; to provide relative to administrative procedures for approving or certifying plats; to provide with respect to qualifying for administrative approval in certain circumstances; to provide relative to certain plat modifications of existing parcels of land; to provide for exceptions in Lafayette Parish relative to certain plat modifications; 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, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 128—
BY SENATOR MILLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:539, relative to housing authorities; to provide relative to civil service status of a housing authority; to provide with respect to the authorization to elect to not be in the state civil service; to provide relative to process and procedure; 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 Original Senate Bill No. 128 by Senator Miller

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the end of line 14, delete "by"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 15, delete "resolution, elect that it" and insert "upon determining that it should"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 16, after "Louisiana" delete the comma ",."

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, at the beginning of line 17, before "employees" insert "therefore that the" and after "civil service" delete the period "."; Such" and insert ", adopt a resolution that effect and transmit."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 1, delete "election is effective upon transmittal of"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, line 2, after "State Civil Service." insert "The resolution shall be given effect upon the Directors receipt."

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

SENATE BILL NO. 133—

BY SENATORS PRESSLY AND HODGES AND REPRESENTATIVE EDMONSTON

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:24, relative to certain international organizations; to disallow the exercise of jurisdiction by certain international organizations; to prevent the use of communications from certain international organizations as a basis for action in the state of Louisiana; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs. The bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 136—

BY SENATOR TALBOT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4710.12(B), relative to the board of commissioners for the Ernest N. Morial-New Orleans Exhibition Authority; to provide with respect to residency requirements of the members; 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 Original Senate Bill No. 136 by Senator Talbot

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 11, change "~~parish of Orleans~~" to "parish of Orleans" and after "~~parish of Orleans~~" insert ", with the exception of two members who shall be a resident of or have their principal place of business in the"

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

SENATE BILL NO. 137—

BY SENATOR MILLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 6:325(B), (C), and (D), 767(C) and (D), and 768(B) and (C), relative to banking; to provide for the transfer of money, property, or other content upon the death of a customer or depositor; to provide for terms, conditions, and procedures; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs. The bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 139—

BY SENATOR HENSGENS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:539(C)(8)(q) and (r), relative to Vermilion Parish; to provide relative to employees of the Delcambre Housing Authority and the Gueydan Housing Authority; to provide that employees of the authority shall not be in the state civil service; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 145—

BY SENATOR BARROW

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 24:525(C)(2), (5) through (8), and (11), R.S. 44:4(6), and Children's Code Art. 412(N), 616.1.1(B), and the introductory paragraph of 616.1.1(C) and to enact R.S. 17:407.29(J), 3138.12(I), 3914(O), R.S. 24:525(F) and (G), R.S. 46:56(N), and Children's Code Art. 616.1.1(D), relative to the state child ombudsman; to provide for access to records and data; to provide for powers and duties of the state child ombudsman; to provide for exemptions to the Public Records Law; to provide for child abuse reporting and investigation; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to Original Senate Bill No. 145 by Senator Barrow

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 4, line 3, change "Services," to "Services except for the name and any identifying information of the reporter of child abuse or neglect and restrictions provided in Title IV-D of the Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code,"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 5, delete lines 28 and 29 and on page 6 delete lines 1 through 3 and insert:

"B. When a report alleging abuse or neglect is determined to be inconclusive by the department, there shall be an internal second level approval of any inconclusive finding."

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

SENATE BILL NO. 153—

BY SENATOR BARROW

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1505.2(I)(1), relative to campaign funds; to authorize use of campaign funds for certain childcare expenses; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 165—

BY SENATOR MCMATH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 23:921(A)(1), (B), (G)(1), (J), (K), and (L), relative to noncompetition agreements; to provide relative to contracts and agreements restraining business; to provide relative to exceptions to prohibitions to the contracts and agreements; 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 Original Senate Bill No. 165 by Senator McMath

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete line 2, and insert "To enact R.S. 23:921(M), relative to"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 5, after "agreements;" insert "to provide for contracts and agreements restraining certain physicians;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

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

"Section 1. R.S. 23:921(M) is hereby enacted to read as follows:"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, delete lines 11 through 17, delete page 2 in its entirety, and on page 3, delete lines 1 through 10 and insert the following:

(M)(1) Any contract or agreement which restrains a physician from practicing medicine shall terminate after three years from the effective date of the contract or agreement. Any contract or agreement renewed after the initial three year term shall not include noncompete provisions.

(2) If the contract or agreement is terminated prior to the initial three year term, the physician shall be prohibited from

carrying on or engaging in a business similar to that of the employer in three contiguous parishes specified in the contract or agreement, one of which shall be the parish in which the physician's primary practice is located, for a period not to exceed two years from termination of employment.

(3) The provisions of this Subsection shall apply to any physician who predominately practices family medicine, general internal medicine, general pediatrics, general obstetrics, or gynecology. For any other physician, the provisions of Subsection C of this Section shall apply.

(4) The provisions of this Subsection shall not apply to any physician employed by or under contract with a rural hospital as provided for in the Rural Hospital Preservation Act, R.S. 40:1189.1 et seq.

Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall apply to any contract entered into on or after January 1, 2025."

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

SENATE BILL NO. 199—

BY SENATOR COUSSAN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact the section heading of R.S. 32:705 and to enact R.S. 32:705(E), relative to motor vehicle titles; to provide for the delivery of certificate of title; to require the acceptance of the assignment of title; to provide for exceptions to certificate of title requirements; to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to Original Senate Bill No. 199 by Senator Coussan

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 5, delete "sell" and insert "sale"

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

SENATE BILL NO. 201—

BY SENATOR COUSSAN

AN ACT

To enact Chapter 31-C of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 51:2122 through 2123, relative to the Cajundome Commission; to provide with respect to the creation of the Cajundome Commission; to provide for the governance of the commission; to provide for the composition, powers, duties, and functions of the board of commissioners; to provide for the purpose and authority of the commission; to authorize the commission to adopt rules; to provide for definitions; 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 Original Senate Bill No. 201 by Senator Coussan

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 3, line 7, after "Lafayette" insert ", with one appointment being a minority"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, line 8, after "(b)" change "One" to "Two"

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AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, delete lines 11 and 12 in their entirety

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 4, at the end of line 6, after "board" insert the following: "; provided, however, that the board may delegate to its chair or to the commission's director the authority to enter into contracts or incur financial obligations that the board determines to be in the commission's best interest for the efficient operation of the Cajundome"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 6, after line 1, insert the following:

"D. All policies, procedures, delegations, authorizations, contracts, and obligations of the board or commission in effect on the effective date of this Act shall continue in full force and effect unless and until amended by future action of the board."

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

SENATE BILL NO. 205—

BY SENATORS MIGUEZ, EDMONDS, JACKSON-ANDREWS AND MIZELL AND REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, BRYANT, CARPENTER, FREIBERG, HUGHES, MELERINE AND SCHLÉGEL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:418(A), relative to the compensation of teachers and other school employees; to provide for additional compensation for overtime work and for work beyond prescribed duties under certain circumstances; to provide for compensation for planning time for teachers; to provide for applicability; to provide for the rate of such compensation; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 211—

BY SENATOR LAMBERT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:325.1(A)(3)(b), relative to possession limits for certain fish; to provide for size limits for spotted sea trout and red drum; to provide for possession of fish fillets; to provide for the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 226—

BY SENATOR CLOUD

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1313.1(G)(3), (H)(2), and (I)(3) and 1315(C) and to enact R.S. 18:1315(D) and (E), relative to elections; to provide relative to absentee by mail ballots; to provide for the challenge of certain ballots; to provide for rulemaking; to provide for processes and procedures; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to Original Senate Bill No. 226 by Senator Cloud

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "R.S. 18:1313.1(G)(3)" and before "and 1315(C)" change ", (H)(2) and (I)(3)" to "and (H)(2)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 4, after "ballots;" delete "to provide for rulemaking;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 7, after "R.S. 18:1313.1(G)(3)" and before "and 1315(C)" change ", (H)(2) and (I)(3)" to "and (H)(2)"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, delete lines 8 through 13

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 17, after "an" and before "missing" change "affidavit flap" to "absentee by mail certificate"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 3, line 8, after "ballot" and before "or" replace "envelope flap" with "certificate"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 3, delete line 25 and insert "(4) If a"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 4, delete lines 7 through 21 and insert:

"E. The secretary of state shall provide for the following:"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 4, line 22, after "on" and before "of" change "the affidavit flap" to "the absentee by mail certificate"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 4, line 26, after "on" and before "of" change "the affidavit flap" to "the absentee by mail certificate"

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

SENATE BILL NO. 228—

BY SENATOR MCMATH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1046(H)(1)(a), (2)(a) and (b), and (8)(a)(iii) and (L), relative to marijuana for therapeutic use; to provide for regulatory administration and licensing; to extend the sunset; 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 Original Senate Bill No. 228 by Senator McMath

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete line 2 and insert

"To amend and reenact R.S. 28:826(B)(1) and (2)(c) and (C)(1)(b) and R.S. 40:1046(H) and (L), 1046.2(A), the introductory paragraph of 1046.2(B), the introductory paragraph of 1046.2(B)(1), the introductory paragraph of 1046.2(B)(1)(a), 1046.2(B)(1)(b) through (e), and (B)(2)(a), (C)(1), the introductory paragraph of 1046.2(C)(2), and 1046.2(C)(2)(a) and (c), the introductory paragraph of 1046.2(D), the introductory paragraph of 1046.2(D)(1), and 1046.2(D)(2), (4), and (5), the introductory paragraph of 1046.2(E) and 1046.2(E)(1), the introductory paragraph of 1042.2(F), 1046.2(F)(1), the introductory paragraph of 1046.2(F)(2), and 1046.2(F)(2)(b) and (3), (G), (H)(1) and (2) and the introductory paragraph of 1046.2(H)(3), and the introductory paragraph of 1046.2(I), the introductory paragraph of 1046.2(I)(1), and 1046.2(I)(1)(a) and (b), (2), and (3), and 1046.4(A)(1) and (3) and (C)(1) and (2) and to repeal R.S. 28:826(B)(2)(d) and (C)(1)(c), relative"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 4, after "licensing;" insert "to provide for the allocation of monies collected from the sale of therapeutic marijuana;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

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

"Section 1. R.S. 28:826(B)(1) and (2)(c) and (C)(1)(b) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 28:826(B)(2)(d) and (C)(1)(c) are hereby repealed as follows:

§826. Disability Services Fund

* * *

B.(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, after compliance with the requirements of Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana relative to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund, and after a sufficient amount is allocated from that fund to pay all of the obligations secured by the full faith and credit of the state which become due and payable within any fiscal year, the treasurer shall deposit into the fund an amount equal to the amount collected by the state attributable to the sale or lease of all or part of any movable and immovable property previously operated by the office for citizens with developmental disabilities within the Louisiana Department of Health, the proceeds of the fee assessed pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 40:1046(H)(8)(a); and the proceeds of the taxes levied pursuant to R.S. 47:9105(A) and (B).

(2) * * *

(c) The state treasurer shall deposit one-half of the monies attributable to the proceeds of the fee assessed pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 40:1046(H)(8)(a) into a separate account within the fund.

(d) The state treasurer shall deposit one-half of the monies attributable to the proceeds of the fee assessed pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 40:1046(H)(8)(a) and the proceeds of the taxes levied pursuant to R.S. 47:9105(A) and (B) into a separate account within the fund.

* * *

C.(1) The legislature shall appropriate monies from the separate accounts of the fund as follows:

* * *

(b) The account containing the monies attributable to one-half of the proceeds of the fee assessed pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 40:1046(H)(8)(a) shall be used solely to provide funding for the Early Steps intervention program for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families as established in R.S. 28:461 et seq.

(c) The account containing the monies attributable to one-half of the proceeds of the fee assessed pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 40:1046(H)(8)(a) and the proceeds of the taxes levied pursuant to R.S. 47:9105(A) and (B) shall be used solely to support and enhance developmental disabilities services within the Medicaid program or the office for citizens with developmental disabilities, or its successor.

* * *

Section 2. R.S. 40:1046(H) and (L), 1046.2(A), the introductory paragraph of 1046.2(B), the introductory paragraph of 1046.2(B)(1), the introductory paragraph of 1046.2(B)(1)(a), 1046.2(B)(1)(b) through (e), and (B)(2)(a), (C)(1), the introductory paragraph of 1046.2(C)(2), and 1046.2(C)(2)(a) and (c), the introductory paragraph of 1046.2(D), the introductory paragraph of 1046.2(D)(1), and 1046.2(D)(2), (4), and (5), the introductory paragraph of 1046.2(E) and 1046.2(E)(1), the introductory paragraph of 1042.2(F) , 1046.2(F)(1), the introductory paragraph of 1046.2(F)(2), and 1046.2(F)(2)(b) and (3), (G), (H)(1) and (2) and the introductory paragraph of 1046.2(H)(3), and the introductory paragraph of 1046.2(I), the introductory paragraph of 1046.2(I)(1), and 1046.2(I)(1)(a) and (b), (2), and (3), and 1046.4(A)(1) and (3) and (C)(1) and (2) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, delete lines 13 through 17 and on page 2, delete line 1 through 27 and insert the following:

"H.(1)(a) The legislature hereby recognizes and declares that both the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center and the Southern University Agricultural Center timely exercised and asserted the intent of each university to be licensed to produce recommended marijuana for therapeutic use in this state in accordance with the provisions of Act No. 261 of the 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

(b) Each institution identified in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, respectively, shall select and contract with only one contractor authorized to produce therapeutic marijuana in accordance with this Part. The selection process and contracting provided for in this Subparagraph shall be done in accordance with all applicable provisions of the Louisiana Procurement Code, R.S. 39:1551 et seq. Each contractor and the university with which it contracts shall execute an agreement for services. The Louisiana Department of Health shall issue no more than two licenses to cultivate, extract, process, produce, and transport therapeutic marijuana in this state. Each license shall be issued on July first and shall be effective for a period of one year.

(b) The licenses issued on July 1, 2024, shall be to the entities who held contracts with the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center and the Southern University Agricultural Center on January 1, 2024, pursuant to Act No. 261 of the 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature.

(c) Upon each renewal period, a license in force shall be renewed by the department for the next succeeding period upon proper application for renewal and payment of license fees as required by law and the rules and regulations of the department.

(d) Subject to the limitation of no more than two licenses to cultivate, extract, process, produce, and transport therapeutic marijuana in this state, the department shall select a new licensee through a competitive bid process in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Procurement Code, R.S. 39:1551 et seq., if any of the following occur:

(i) After written notice from the department and failure of the licensee to cure within thirty days following receipt of written notice, a licensee fails to comply with the proper application for renewal and payment of license fees as required by law and the rules and regulations of the department, and the license is revoked.

(ii) A license is voluntarily returned or remitted to the department prior to the expiration of the licensure period.

(2) The Louisiana Department of Health shall issue all of the following annually:

(a) A nontransferable specialty license for the production of recommended marijuana for therapeutic use, which the department shall issue only to the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center and the Southern University Agricultural Center.

(b) A permit to cultivate, extract, process, produce, and transport therapeutic marijuana, which the department shall issue only to the sole contractor selected by each university in accordance with Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.

(c) The Louisiana State University Agricultural Center, the Southern University Agricultural Center, and the University of Louisiana at Monroe may conduct research on marijuana for therapeutic use.

(d) On or before February first annually, the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center, the Southern University Agricultural Center, and the University of Louisiana at Monroe shall each submit to the Senate and House committees on health and welfare a report which includes data and outcomes of any research conducted pursuant to Subparagraph (c) of this Paragraph. No such report shall include any proprietary information, intellectual property, or private financial data.

(3) Repealed by Acts 2022, No. 491, §1, eff. August 1, 2022.

(4) Repealed by Acts 2022, No. 491, §1, eff. August 1, 2022.

(5) Repealed by Acts 2022, No. 491, §1, eff. August 1, 2022.

(6)(a) The Louisiana Department of Health shall collect all of the following information from each licensee:

(i) The amount of gross marijuana produced by the licensee during each calendar year.

(ii) The details of all production costs including but not limited to seed, fertilizer, labor, advisory services, construction, and irrigation.

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(iii) The details of any items or services for which the licensee subcontracted and the costs of each subcontractor directly or indirectly working for the **contractor licensee**.

(iv) The amount of therapeutic chemicals produced resulting from the marijuana grown pursuant to this Section.

(v) The amounts paid each year to the licensee related to the licensee's production of therapeutic marijuana pursuant to this Section.

(vi) The amount of therapeutic marijuana distributed to each pharmacy licensed to dispense therapeutic marijuana in this state during each calendar year.

(b) The Louisiana Department of Health shall provide the information collected as required by this Paragraph for the previous calendar year in the form of a written report to the legislature no later than February first of each year. The department shall also make a copy of the report required by this Subparagraph available to the public on the internet.

~~(7)~~**(3)** No company that has made a contribution to a candidate in a Louisiana election governed by the provisions of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act within the five years prior to bidding for the license, or is controlled wholly or in part by a person who made such a contribution within the five years prior to the company bidding for the license, may be eligible for the license.

~~(8)~~**(4)** The Louisiana Department of Health department shall perform the following:

~~(i)~~**(a)** Establish and collect an annual license fee of one hundred thousand dollars from each **contractor licensee** permitted to cultivate, extract, process, produce, and transport therapeutic marijuana.

~~(ii)~~**(b)** Collect a nonrefundable application fee of ten thousand dollars.

~~(iii)~~**(c)** Assess a fee of seven percent of the gross sales of therapeutic marijuana. The fee shall be reported and paid by the licensed production facility or permitted contractor that sells therapeutic marijuana to marijuana pharmacies licensee. The fee shall be collected by the Department of Revenue and shall be subject to the provisions of Chapter 18 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 as amended. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, the Department of Revenue shall transfer any monies collected in accordance with this Item monthly to the state treasury deposit into the Disability Services Fund, as established in R.S. 28:826, the amount of revenues collected in accordance with this Item, on a monthly basis. The treasurer shall allocated the monies as follows:

(i) One percent shall be allocated to the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center.

(ii) One percent shall be allocated to the Southern University Agricultural Center.

(iii) Five percent shall be allocated to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police.

~~An amount shall be allocated to the department, pursuant to legislative appropriation, for regulatory, administrative, investigative, enforcement, legal, and other such expenses as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Chapter and for activities associated with the enforcement of law and regulations governing the therapeutic marijuana program.~~

~~(b) All fees collected by the department shall be used to fund the expenses relating to the regulation and control of therapeutic marijuana.~~

(5) The department shall promulgate rules and regulations as necessary to implement the provisions of this Subsection."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, between lines 1 and 2, insert the following:

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§1046.2. ~~Contractors; selection;~~ **Licensees;** minimum standards

A. ~~The contractor selected by the licensed university through a competitive bid process licensee~~ to cultivate, extract, process, produce, and transport therapeutic marijuana shall be subject to oversight and inspections by the Louisiana Department of Health as provided in this Section.

B. Initial inspections of **contractor** facilities shall be conducted in accordance with the following procedures and requirements:

(1) Prior to commencement of operations, the Louisiana Department of Health shall conduct an initial inspection of the **contractor's** facility, limited strictly to a determination of the following:

(a) That the **contractor** facility adheres to all of the following:

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(b) That the **contractor licensee** possesses and maintains accurate, detailed plans and elevation drawings of all operational areas involved with the cultivation, extraction, processing, and production of therapeutic marijuana.

(c) That the **contractor licensee** possesses and maintains a written operations plan, which shall be limited to standard operating procedures for the cultivation of marijuana in each facility production area, instructions for making each product produced on the premises, equipment operations manuals, procedures for conducting necessary safety checks, sanitization procedures for working surfaces and equipment, quality control procedures, and emergency preparedness procedures.

(d) That the **contractor licensee** has connection and access to the Louisiana Medical Marijuana Tracking System, **hereafter referred to in this Section as LMMTS.**

(e) That the **contractor licensee** has security against unauthorized entry via the presence of operational alarm and video surveillance systems, limited access areas, secure locking systems, and door controls throughout the facility.

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(2)(a) Notwithstanding Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, nothing in this Section shall be construed to obstruct or impede the lawful activity of any licensee or ~~permittee~~.

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C.(1) Inspections of **contractor** facilities other than initial inspections shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures and requirements provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection.

(2) After a **contractor licensee** commences producing therapeutic marijuana in an approved facility, the Louisiana Department of Health shall inspect each **contractor** facility at least twice annually to verify the existence or accuracy of the following:

(a) Possession and accuracy of detailed plans and elevation drawings of all operational areas involved with the cultivation, extraction, processing, and production of **medical therapeutic** marijuana.

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(c) Connection and accessibility to the Louisiana Medical Marijuana Tracking System **LMMTS.**

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D. All of the following standards and requirements for security shall apply with respect to **contractor** facilities:

(1) Any **contractor** facility alarm or surveillance system shall include the following:

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(2) Each **contractor** facility shall maintain on-site security personnel, at a minimum, during standard United States business hours of eight o'clock a.m. to five o'clock p.m. and shall maintain off-site, electronic security monitoring at all other times.

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(4) Each **contractor licensee** shall limit access to and post limited-access signage where marijuana is cultivated, extracted, processed, produced, or stored. Limited access areas shall remain locked and accessible only by authorized personnel.

(5) Each employee, supervisor, or agent of each **contractor licensee** shall keep a current identification card, in a form approved by the department, on his person when present at a **contractor** facility.

E. All of the following procedures, restrictions, and authorizations shall apply relative to visitors at **contractor** facilities:

(1) Persons who do not possess a **contractor licensee** identification card shall be issued a visitor identification badge after signing a log maintained by the **contractor licensee** that properly identifies the visitor to the premises. The visitor shall wear the badge for the duration of his time on the premises, and the visitor shall not be left unaccompanied in any area where marijuana or marijuana products are present.

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F. All of the following requirements shall apply with respect to data management by **contractors licensees:**

(1) Each ~~contractor licensee~~ shall acquire and maintain all software, hardware, and communications infrastructure necessary to ensure connectivity to and implementation of the ~~Louisiana Medical Marijuana Tracking System, referred to hereafter in this Subsection as the~~ LMMTS, to track therapeutic marijuana from seed to distribution to an approved laboratory, to licensed pharmacies, to another cultivation ~~contractor licensee~~ or to destruction, tagging each plant and product with a unique identification number, and entering the number into the LMMTS for tracking. The ~~contractor licensee~~ shall bear the cost of all expenses related to tracking, tagging, and implementation of the LMMTS.

(2) Within twenty-four hours of the respective qualifying event, the ~~contractor licensee~~ shall record the following in the LMMTS:

(b) The sale, transfer, or transport of therapeutic marijuana or its derivatives to another ~~contractor licensee~~, approved laboratory, or therapeutic marijuana pharmacy.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, each ~~contractor licensee~~ shall keep all documents and information required by this Part for at least the current year and the three preceding calendar years, including but not limited to business records necessary to fully account for each business transaction conducted by the ~~contractor licensee~~.

G. All of the following standards and requirements shall apply to ~~contractors' the licensees'~~ inventory:

(1) Each ~~contractor licensee~~ shall maintain a comprehensive inventory of all marijuana, including without limitation usable marijuana available for dispensing, mature marijuana plants, and seedlings at each authorized location. Following an initial inventory, all marijuana shall be inventoried on a weekly basis.

(2) Any therapeutic marijuana waste product shall be properly weighed and recorded in the ~~Louisiana Medical Marijuana Tracking System LMMTS~~ and stored in a limited access area of a ~~contractor~~ facility until rendered unusable.

H. Material safety data sheet requirements shall include all of the following:

(1) Any pesticides or chemicals used by a ~~contractor licensee~~ in the production of therapeutic marijuana shall be used and stored according to the ~~contractor's licensee's~~ written operations plan.

(2) Each ~~contractor licensee~~ shall maintain a material safety data sheet in each facility area where toxic cleaning compounds, sanitizing agents, solvents used in the production of therapeutic marijuana extracts and concentrates, pesticide chemicals, or other agricultural chemicals are used or stored.

(3) Each ~~contractor licensee~~ shall record the following information when applying a pesticide or other agricultural chemical to therapeutic marijuana at any cultivation stage:

I. All of the following requirements shall apply to transportation of therapeutic marijuana by ~~contractors licensees~~:

(1) Prior to transporting therapeutic marijuana, a ~~contractor licensee~~ shall generate an inventory manifest in the ~~Louisiana Medical Marijuana Tracking System, referred to hereafter in this Subsection as the~~ LMMTS, including all of the following information:

(a) The name of the ~~contractor licensee~~ originating the transport.

(b) The name of the ~~contractor licensee~~, approved laboratory, or licensed pharmacy receiving the transport.

(2) The ~~contractor licensee~~ originating the transport shall provide the contractor, approved laboratory, or licensed pharmacy receiving the transport with a copy of the LMMTS inventory manifest, which shall not be altered after departing the originating ~~contractor's licensee's~~ facility.

(3) The ~~contractor licensee~~, approved laboratory, or licensed pharmacy receiving the transport shall record the quantities of all therapeutic marijuana products in the LMMTS. However, any ~~contractor licensee~~, approved laboratory, or licensed pharmacy receiving a therapeutic marijuana transport shall refuse the transport if it is not accompanied by an unaltered LMMTS inventory manifest.

§1046.4. Testing; sample collection; minimum standards; reporting; remediation

A.(1) Each ~~contractor-permitted licensee authorized~~ to cultivate, extract, process, produce, and transport therapeutic marijuana pursuant to this Part shall comply with approved minimum standards by making each batch of therapeutic marijuana subject to random selection, sampling, and analysis conducted by an independent approved laboratory collector in a volume sufficient to ensure compliance.

(3) The laboratory shall record test results in the Louisiana Medical Marijuana Tracking System and produce a certificate of analysis to be delivered to the Louisiana Department of Health and ~~contractor licensee~~ permitted to cultivate, extract, process, produce, and transport therapeutic marijuana within twenty-four hours of test completion.

C.(1) Neither a ~~contractor licensee~~ nor an approved laboratory authorized pursuant to this Part shall release or approve a therapeutic marijuana product for delivery or sale until a sample from the applicable product batch has complied with all required testing standards.

(2) A ~~contractor licensee~~ may resubmit to an approved laboratory any sample that fails one or more initial tests required by this Part. The sample may be released for delivery and sale only if it passes all tests conducted by an approved laboratory in duplicate. The sample may be remediated according to any reasonably acceptable industry methods if it fails one or more tests conducted by an approved laboratory.

Section 3. The existing agreements between the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center and Southern University Agricultural Center and the contractors selected to cultivate, extract, process, produce, and transport therapeutic marijuana shall terminate on July 1, 2024."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 3, at the beginning of line 2, change "Section 2." to "Section 4."

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

SENATE BILL NO. 239—

BY SENATOR MCMATH

AN ACT

To enact Part IX of Chapter 1 of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 40:31.71 through 31.74, relative to amyotrophic lateral sclerosis; to provide for legislative findings; to establish an amyotrophic lateral sclerosis surveillance system; to require reporting to the Louisiana Department of Health; to provide for exemptions to reporting requirements; to provide for confidentiality; to provide for reporting requirements for the department; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Health and Welfare. The bill was read by title, ordered engrossed and recommitted to the Committee on Finance.

SENATE BILL NO. 245—

BY SENATORS STINE, CARTER, FESI, FIELDS, JENKINS, KLEINPETER, MIGUEZ, MILLER AND REESE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:170.23, relative to state symbols; to designate the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Veterans Memorial Park in the city of Lake Charles as the Louisiana Vietnam Veterans Memorial; and to provide for related matters.

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

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SENATE BILL NO. 250—
BY SENATOR ALLAIN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1269, relative to liability; to provide relative to civil liability and to motor vehicle liability coverage; to provide relative to the right of direct action against an insurer; to provide with respect to circumstances in which an action may be brought against the insurer; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 260—
BY SENATOR CLOUD

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:386.1, relative to commercial truck permits; to provide for a multi-use permit; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to Original Senate Bill No. 260 by Senator Cloud

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, delete "R.S. 32:386.1" and insert "R.S. 32:387.14"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 5, delete "R.S. 32:386.1" and insert "R.S. 32:387.14"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, delete lines 6 through 15 and insert the following:
"§387.14. Special permit; heavy equipment

In addition to the special permits issued on an annual basis or a per trip basis as provided for in this Part, the secretary is hereby authorized to issue annual special permits to transporters of heavy equipment. **Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, permits issued under this section may be amended or transferred between vehicles four times per calendar year. Any additional transfers are within the discretion of the Department of Transportation and Development.** The secretary shall promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to implement the provisions of this Section, including but not limited to the fee for such annual permit, which shall not exceed two thousand five hundred dollars, and the size and weight authorized under the permit, which shall not exceed size and weight restrictions for transporters of heavy equipment under this Part."

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

SENATE BILL NO. 274—
BY SENATOR REESE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1511, relative to fire protection districts in certain parishes; to provide relative to the administration of funds; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 278—
BY SENATOR JACKSON-ANDREWS AND REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:972.1, relative to the Louisiana Pregnancy and Baby Care Initiative; to provide for the Louisiana Pregnancy and Baby Care Initiative within the Department of Children and Family

Services; to provide for administrative structure of the initiative through a general contractor and subcontractors; to provide for a service program managed by the general contractor; to provide for program services; to provide for program eligibility; to provide for reporting; to provide for an implementation date; to provide for a prohibition on expenditure of funds; 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 Original Senate Bill No. 278 by Senator Jackson-Andrews

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 4, between lines 24 and 25, insert the following:

"F. The department shall promulgate all rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Section. The rules shall include but not be limited to appropriate oversight provisions and penalties for failure to achieve program objectives as provided for in this Section, measures to ensure the clinical efficacy and financial viability of the program, and benchmarks to achieve best practice outcomes. The department shall report annually to the legislature on the status of the program."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, line 25, change "Section 3." to "Section 2."

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

SENATE BILL NO. 295—
BY SENATOR CLOUD

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1451, 1464(A)(2) and (D), and 1465(A)(2) and (B)(1) and to enact R.S. 22:1465(A)(4) and (D), relative to rate making; to provide for the process whereby the commissioner reviews rate filings; to provide for the approval of rate filings; to provide for certain rate filings to be deemed approved; to provide for incomplete or disapproved rate filings; 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 Original Senate Bill No. 295 by Senator Cloud

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the end of line 13, insert "**The provisions of this Subpart apply to all lines of property and casualty insurance.**"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, at the beginning of line 14, insert "B."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 23, change "**B.**" to "**C.**"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, line 1, change "**C.**" to "**D.**"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, at the beginning of line 13, change "**D.**" to "**E.**"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 3, and the beginning of line 16, delete "**E.**" and insert "F."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 3, at the beginning of line 19, delete "F." and insert "G."

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 3, between lines 22 and 23, insert
 " * * * "

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 3, line 28, after "Subpart," delete "it" and insert "he" and delete "such" and insert "the"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 3, line 29, delete "furnish" and insert "provide"

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 4, line 18, delete "not become effective." and insert "become ineffective as of the date the written notice is sent, at which time the insurer's or rating organization's most recently approved rate filing shall resume effectiveness."

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 5, after line 2, add the following:

"Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature of 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, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 313—
 BY SENATOR EDMONDS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:236(A) and to enact Chapter 43-C of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 17:4037.1 through 4037.7, relative to elementary and secondary education; to create and provide for the administration of a program to provide state funding for the education of certain students with exceptionalities who are not enrolled in public school; to provide relative to the eligibility of students, schools, and service providers participating in the program; to provide relative to program funds; to provide relative to the testing of students participating in the program; to require the state Department of Education to submit annual reports to the legislature relative to the program; to provide relative to rules; to provide relative to definitions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Education.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Education to Original Senate Bill No. 313 by Senator Edmonds

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after R.S. 17:236(A), delete the rest of the line and delete line 3, and insert the following: "and 4014, to enact R.S. 17:3996(B)(introductory paragraph) and (B)(82), Chapter 43-C of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 17:4037.1 through 4037.11, and R.S. 17:5029(F), and to repeal R.S. 17:4011 through 4013 and 4015 through 4025, relative"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 4, after "elementary and secondary education" insert "and school choice" and delete lines 5 through 12 and insert the following: "to create the Louisiana Giving All True Opportunity to Rise (LA GATOR) Scholarship program; provides for educational savings accounts to encourage learning environments and experiences designed to promote educational excellence for children; to provide state funding for various educational options; to provide

the administration of a school choice program for various educational options; to provide relative to the eligibility of students, schools, and service providers participating in the program; to provide relative to the testing of students participating in the program; to require the state Department of Education to submit annual reports to the legislature relative to the program; to encourage eligibility for the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) for students participating in the program; to provide for the termination of the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program and the transition from one program to another; to provide relative to rules; to provide relative to definitions; to provide for an effective date; to provide for technical changes in current law; and to provide for related matters."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 14, after "reenacted" delete the rest of the line and delete lines 15 and 16, and insert the following: "and 4014 are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:3996(B)(introductory paragraph) and (B)(82), Chapter 43-C of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 17:4037.1 through 4037.11, and R.S. 17:5029(F) are hereby enacted to read as follows:"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, delete lines 2 through 29, and insert the following:

"§236. Definition of a school

A. For the purposes of this Chapter, a school is defined as an institution for the teaching of children, consisting of an adequate physical plant, whether owned or leased, instructional staff members, and students.

B. For ~~such~~ an institution to be classified as a school, within the meaning of this Chapter, ~~the~~ instructional staff members shall meet the following requirements:

(1) ~~It~~ **Be an instructional staff member** of a public day school or a nonpublic school ~~which that~~ receives local, state, or federal funds or support, directly or indirectly, ~~they shall be~~ **and be** certified in accordance with rules established by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education;

(2) ~~It~~ **Be an instructional staff member** of a nonpublic school ~~which that~~ receives no local, state, or federal funds or support, directly or indirectly, ~~they shall meet such and meets the~~ requirements as may be prescribed by the school or the church ~~that~~ **established the school.**

C. ~~In addition, except~~ **Except** as otherwise provided in Subsection ~~B D~~ of this Section, any such institution, **in order** to be classified as a school, **an institution** shall operate a minimum session of not less than one hundred eighty days **or as required by R.S. 17:154.1, whichever is applicable.**

D. Solely for Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, for purposes of compulsory attendance in a nonpublic school, a student who participates in a home study program approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall be considered in attendance at a day school; ~~and~~ **A** home study program shall be approved if it offers a sustained curriculum of a quality at least equal to that offered by public schools at the same grade level.

E. ~~Effective for the 2005-2006 school year, the~~ **The** provisions of Subsection A **and B** of this Section relative to the required operation of a minimum school session of not less than one hundred eighty days shall not be applicable. However, the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education may adopt rules effective ~~for the 2005-2006 school year~~ relative to the minimum session required of any institution in order to be classified as a school.

F. For the purpose of reporting data related to schools, as defined in this Section, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) The term "elementary school" means a school composed of any span of grades prekindergarten through grade eight that excludes grades nine through twelve.

(2) The term "middle school" or "junior high school" means a school composed of any span of grades five through nine that includes grades seven and eight and that excludes grades prekindergarten through four and ten through twelve.

(3) The term "high school" means a school composed of any span of grades nine through twelve.

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(4) Middle schools, junior high schools, and high schools shall be considered secondary schools.

~~⊖ F.~~ Nothing in Subsection C of this Section shall be construed to prohibit a city, parish, or other local public school board from configuring, classifying, or defining schools under its jurisdiction in a manner other than that provided in Subsection C of this Section.

~~E G.~~ Nothing in Subsection C of this Section shall affect the certification of education personnel or the grade levels for which they are eligible to teach."

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§3996. Charter schools; exemptions; requirements

B. Notwithstanding any ~~state law, rule, or regulation other provision of law~~ to the contrary, ~~and except as may be otherwise specifically provided for in with respect to~~ an approved charter; or a charter school established and operated in accordance with the provisions of ~~pursuant to~~ 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 ~~that are~~ otherwise applicable ~~with respect~~ to public schools with the same grades:

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(82) Requirements for participation in the Louisiana Giving All True Opportunity to Rise (LA GATOR) Scholarship program, pursuant to R.S. 17:4037.1 et seq, if a charter school opts to participate in the program.

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§4014. Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program; creation; ~~termination~~

~~The Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program is hereby created and shall be administered by the department through the end of the 2024-2025 school year. Effective June 30, 2025, the program shall cease to operate, and no further scholarships shall be awarded through the program.~~

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CHAPTER 43-C. LOUISIANA GIVING ALL TRUE OPPORTUNITY TO RISE (LA GATOR) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

§4437.1. Short title

This Chapter shall be known as and may be cited as the "Louisiana Giving All True Opportunity to Rise (LA GATOR) Scholarship Program". §4037.2. Purpose

The purpose of this Chapter is all of the following:

A. To create an opportunity for each parent to set aside part of their tax dollars in an educational savings account in order to provide the best educational opportunities for their child, whether the child's best opportunities are found at a public school, charter school, private school, home study program, or at a faith-based or religious school.

B. To create an opportunity for the best and highest rated public school districts in Louisiana to stem the continued excess migration into those top school districts. Excessive migration into top rated public school districts create school overcrowding and overdevelop of homes that inevitably result in traffic congestion, increased drainage problems, and the flooding of homes and businesses.

§4037.3. Definitions

As used in this Chapter, the following terms have the following meanings, unless otherwise clearly indicated:

(1) "Account" means an education scholarship account established pursuant to this Chapter and composed of state funds deposited on behalf of a student eligible to participate in the program.

(2) "Account funds" means the funds deposited into an account on behalf of a participating student.

(3) "Department" means the state Department of Education.

(4) "Parent" means a parent, legal guardian, or custodian.

(5) "Participating school" means a school participating in the program pursuant to this Chapter.

(6) "Participating student" means a student who has been determined to be eligible to participate in the program and for whom an account has been established pursuant to this Chapter.

(7) "Program" means the program created by this Chapter.

(8) "Program manager" means an entity selected by the state Department of Education to administer the program as provided in R.S. 17:4037.2.

(9) "Qualified education expenses" means any of the following:

(a) Tuition or fees at a nonpublic school or for nonpublic online learning programs.

(b) Tutoring services provided by an individual or a tutoring facility.

(c) Services contracted for and provided by a public school, including but not limited to individual classes and extracurricular activities and programs.

(d) Curricula and textbooks or other instructional materials, including but not limited to any supplemental materials or online instruction required by a participating school or service provider.

(e) Computer hardware or other technological devices primarily used to help meet a student's educational needs.

(f) Educational software applications.

(g) School uniforms.

(h) Tuition or fees for summer education programs and specialized after school education programs but not after school childcare.

(i) Tuition, fees, instructional materials, and examination fees at a career or technical school.

(j) Fees for Louisiana Educational Assessment Program tests, national norm-referenced examinations, Advanced Placement examinations, and examinations related to postsecondary education institution admission.

(k) Educational services and therapies, including but not limited to occupational, behavioral, physical, speech-language, and audiology therapies.

(l) Fees for transportation paid to a fee-for-service transportation provider for the student to travel to and from a service provider.

(m) Parent navigation services means professional consultants that assist a parent in connecting their child to educational opportunities that allow a parent to coordinate educational services based upon their child's needs, including but not limited to locating and choosing courses and licensed tutors.

(n) Any other educational expenses approved by the state board.

(o) Tuition and fees at an institution of higher education that provides course instruction for the student who is participating in dual enrollment.

(10) "Resident school system" means the public school system in which the student would be enrolled based on his residence.

(11) "Service provider" means a person or entity other than a participating school that receives payments from accounts for qualified education expenses.

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

§4037.4. Program creation and administration; powers and duties of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state Department of Education; rules

A. The Louisiana Giving All True Opportunity to Rise (LA GATOR) Scholarship Program, a universal education scholarship account program, is hereby created. The department or a program manager selected by the department as provided in this Section shall administer the program in accordance with state board rules. The state board shall adopt rules for program administration that shall, at minimum, provide for the following:

(1) Determination of the eligibility of students, participating schools, and service providers.

(2) Financial audits of the program and accounts to ensure that expenditures are made in accordance with this Chapter, including, at minimum, an annual random audit.

(3) The authority of the department to deem any participating student ineligible for the program and to refer a case involving the misuse of account funds to the attorney general for investigation.

(4) The establishment of an online anonymous fraud reporting service.

B. The department may contract with a program manager for the administration of the program or parts of the program. In lieu of the Louisiana Procurement Code, the department may use a process for selecting a program manager as provided in rules adopted by the state board for this purpose. The selection of the program manager is subject to the approval of the state board. Upon approval, the department shall send written notification to the House Committee on Education, the Senate Committee on Education, and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

C.(1) The department shall inform parents of a participating student, at the time of his initial entry into the program and at the beginning of the student's school year in grades eight through twelve, of the eligibility requirements for the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students for participating students as provided in R.S. 17:5029(F).

(2) The department shall begin enrolling participating students not later than March 1, 2025, for the 2025-2026 school year; however, for students for whom account funds shall be used to pay more than one participating school or service provider, the department shall have until March 1, 2026, to begin enrolling students for the 2026-2027 school year.

§4037.5. Account funds; eligibility; phased in funding

A. Subject to the phase in that is provided in Subsection B of this Section, the department shall allocate from funds appropriated or otherwise made available, to each account based upon family income requirements as follows:

(1) Each created pursuant to this Section shall be an amount equivalent to one hundred sixty percent of the average state and local allocation per pupil as provided in the minimum foundation program for a student who meets the criteria provided in R.S. 17:4031(B)(2) for qualification to participate in the School Choice Program for Certain Students with Exceptionalities.

(2) An amount equivalent to eighty percent of the average state and local allocation per pupil as provided in the minimum foundation program formula for a student from a family with a total income that does not exceed two hundred fifty percent of the federal poverty guidelines.

(3) An amount equivalent to fifty-five percent of the average state and local allocation per pupil as provided in the minimum foundation program formula for any other student.

B.(1) During the first two school years of the program, initial student eligibility shall be phased in as provided in this Paragraph. Beginning with the third school year of the program, the only initial eligibility requirements shall be those provided in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.

(2) For the 2025-2026 school year, a student is initially eligible if the student meets the requirements of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection and at least one of the following criteria:

(a) The student participated in the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program for the 2024-2025 school year. A student meeting this criteria shall be granted first priority in terms of participation during the first year of year of the program.

(b) The student is entering kindergarten.

(c) The student was enrolled in a public school for the 2024-2025 school year.

(d) The student is from a family with a total income at or below two hundred fifty percent of the federal poverty guidelines.

(3) For the 2026-2027 school year, a student is initially eligible if the student meets the requirements of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection and at least one of the following criteria:

(a) The student is entering kindergarten.

(b) The student was enrolled in a public school in the 2025-2026 school year.

(c) The student is from a family with a total income at or below four hundred percent of the federal poverty guidelines.

C.(1) The department may withhold up to five percent of funds appropriated or otherwise made available for the program annually for program administration. Any amount withheld by the department shall not reduce the amount allocated to accounts.

(2) The amount allocated to an account shall be prorated if a student transfers into the program after the beginning of a school year.

(3) For students enrolled full-time in a participating school or an educational program operated by a service provider, the department, on a quarterly basis, shall allocate funds. If a participating school or service provider requires partial payment of tuition or fees prior to the start of the school year to reserve space for a student, the department may make the partial payment prior to the start of the school year and deduct the amount from subsequent account deposits to ensure adequate funds remain available throughout the school year; however, if the parent decides not to use the school or service provider, the school or service provider shall return the partial reservation payment to the department which shall credit the amount to the account.

(4) For students not enrolled full-time in a participating school or educational program operated by a service provider, the department, on a twice annual basis, shall allocate funds.

D. The department shall implement a system for parents to direct funds from accounts to participating schools and service providers for qualified education expenses by electronic or online funds transfer. The system shall also allow parents to publicly rate, review, and share information about participating schools and service providers.

E.(1) Account funds shall be used only for qualified education expenses for the participating student. Funds in a student's account that are not used in a given school year shall be retained in the account for future use.

(2) The department shall continue to allocate funds to an account until any of the following occurs, at which point the account shall be closed and funds returned to the state general fund:

(a) The parent enrolls the student full-time in public school.

(b) The department determines that a parent has failed to comply with the provisions of this Chapter or state board rules pertaining to the program, including but not limited to a determination that the parent has misused account funds.

(c) The parent withdraws the student from the program.

(d) The student graduates from high school.

(e) The account has been inactive for two consecutive years unless inactivity is due to lack of available funding for accounts.

F. No account funds shall be refunded, rebated, or shared with a parent or student in any manner. Any rebate or refund for good or services purchased with account funds shall be credited directly to the account.

§4037.6. Student eligibility; initial and continuing

A.(1) A student is initially eligible for an account if he meets both of the following the requirements:

(a) The student's parent submits an application for an account in accordance with procedures established by the department.

(b) The student's parent agrees in writing to all of the following:

(i) To provide an education for the participating student in at least the subjects of English language arts, mathematics, social studies, and science.

(ii) To use account funds only for qualified education expenses of the participating student.

(iii) To comply with all program requirements.

B.(1) The written agreement pursuant to Subparagraph (A)(1)(b) of this Section satisfies the compulsory school attendance requirements of R.S. 17:221. The parent of a participating student shall ensure the student is complying with the attendance requirements of the participating school or service provider. Each participating student who fails to comply with the attendance requirements shall be reported to the state director of child welfare and attendance by the participating school or service provider and shall be subject to the provisions of R.S. 17:233.

(2) A participating student is eligible to participate in the program through in-person education, virtual education, or a hybrid approach that combines both methods.

C. A student shall not participate in this program concurrently with a home study program approved by the state board or a home study program registered with the department as a nonpublic school not seeking state approval, the Course Choice Program, or the School Choice Program for Certain Students with Exceptionalities.

§4037.7. Schools and service providers; eligibility; participation
A. To be eligible to participate in the program, a school shall meet all of the following criteria:

(1) It has been approved by the state board pursuant to R.S. 17:10 or R.S. 17:11 and meets any other standards established by the state board pertaining to health, safety, and program of study as required by the state board.

(2) It is in compliance with the criteria set forth in *Brumfield, et al. v. Dodd, et al.*, 425 F. Supp. 528 (E.D. La. 1977).

B. The state board shall provide eligibility criteria for both schools and service providers in program rules in a way that maximizes school and provider participation.

C. A public school governing authority may adopt a policy authorizing the acceptance of account funds for providing services covered as qualified education expenses to a participating student who is enrolled part-time in a school under its jurisdiction or who takes individual courses provided by such a school without being enrolled in the school. The public school governing authority shall not include any such student in its student count for purposes of receiving funding through the minimum foundation program formula or any other state funding.

D.(1) To be eligible to participate in the program, a nonpublic school or service provider shall apply to participate in the program and, if determined to be eligible, accept account funds for providing services covered as qualified education expenses. A nonpublic school shall annually report its full-time tuition and fees to the department.

(2) If the department finds that any participating school or service provider has failed to maintain continuing eligibility criteria or has demonstrated gross or a persistent lack of academic competence, the department shall restrict its ability to serve additional students through the program and may terminate its participation in the program. The department shall report any such action to the state board and to parents of participating students as soon as practicable. Additionally, the state superintendent of education may declare a school or service provider immediately ineligible to participate in cases of financial malfeasance or if its participation endangers the academic welfare, health, or safety of children.

(3) A school deemed ineligible to participate in the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program or a charter school not approved for charter renewal by the authorizer is not eligible to participate in the program.

(4)(a) Nothing in this Chapter shall be deemed to limit the independence or autonomy of any participating nonpublic school or service provider or to make the actions of a nonpublic school or service provider the actions of the state government.

(b) Participating nonpublic schools and service providers shall be given maximum freedom to provide for the educational needs of participating students without governmental control.

(c) Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to expand the regulatory authority of the state, its officers, or any school district to impose any additional regulation of participating nonpublic schools or service providers beyond those necessary to enforce the requirements of the program.

(d) A participating nonpublic school or service provider that accepts funds pursuant to this Chapter is not an agent of the state or federal government.

(e) No participating nonpublic school or service provider shall be required to alter its creed, practices, or employment policies in order to accept account funds.

§4037.8. Students with exceptionalities

A. If a participating student enrolled in a participating nonpublic school would have been entitled to receive special education services in the resident school system, his parent shall acknowledge in writing, as part of the program enrollment

process, that the parent agrees to accept only such services as are available to all students enrolled in the participating school.

B. A parent may make a parental placement to receive special education and related services from a participating school that has demonstrated the capacity to offer such services.

C.(1) A participating school may adhere to its own admissions policy in considering the admission of students participating in the program. A participating school shall not discriminate against a child with special educational needs during the program admissions process. However, a participating school is required to offer only those services that it already provides or such services as necessary to assist students with special needs that it can provide with minor adjustments. A participating school may partner or contract with the local school system to provide special education services.

(2) The department shall make information regarding the services participating schools and the resident school system can provide to children with special needs available to parents prior to the enrollment process.

§4037.9. Testing

A. The department shall develop a process for the annual administration of either of the following to participating students:

(1) Any examination in English language arts and mathematics required pursuant to the school and district accountability system at the prescribed grade level.

(2) A nationally norm-referenced test or assessment approved by the state board.

B. Notwithstanding Subsection A of this Section, upon approval by the state board, a participating nonpublic school may select an assessment that is substantially aligned with its program of study to be administered to participating students.

C. The department shall develop a process for the collection and aggregate reporting of assessment results and shall ensure that the results of such assessments are provided to parents of participating students and the public.

§4037.10. Reports

Not later than April thirtieth of each year, the department shall submit a written report to the House Committee on Education, the Senate Committee on Education, and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget regarding the implementation of the program. The report, at a minimum, shall include the following information:

(1) The total number of students participating in the program.

(2) A list of all participating schools and service providers.

(3) The total student enrollment of each participating school, the number of participating students enrolled in each school, and the percentage of the total enrollment of each school represented by program participants.

(4) Aggregate test result data for participating students.

(5) The percentage of funds used for each type of qualified education expense.

(6) An analysis of the program's fiscal impact.

(7) The amount withheld by the department for administration of the program, including the amount retained by the department, the amount paid to the program manager for the administration of the program, and the amount paid to vendors for managing the payment system.

(8) The amount of program funds received by each participating school and service provider.

§4037.11. Transitional provisions; Student Scholarships for Excellence Program

A.(1) Any nonpublic school participating in the Student Scholarships for Excellence Program during the 2024-2025 school year may participate in the Louisiana Giving All True Opportunity to Rise (LA GATOR) Scholarship Program during the 2025-2026 school year without undergoing a separate application or approval process.

(2) For each school year thereafter, such schools shall comply with Louisiana Giving All True Opportunity to Rise (LA GATOR) Scholarship Program requirements with respect to the application process.

B. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 17:4037.3, for a student who participates in the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program during the 2024-2025 school year and participates in the Louisiana Giving All True Opportunity to Rise (LA GATOR) Scholarship Program during the 2025-2026 school year at the same school, the department shall annually allocate to the account, subject to funds appropriated or otherwise made available for the program, an amount equal to the amount of the scholarship paid during the 2024-2025 school year through the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program, which shall continue until the student completes the school's terminal grade or until the student leaves the school, whichever occurs first.

§5029. Alternative initial eligibility requirements

F.(1) A student participating in the Louisiana Giving All True Opportunity to Rise (LA GATOR) Scholarship Program as provided in Chapter 43-C of this Title shall be eligible to receive an award pursuant to this Chapter if he qualifies as follows:

(2) The participating student has graduated from a public or approved nonpublic high school as provided in R.S. 17:5021 and has met all requirements of this Chapter applicable to such graduates.

(3) Any other participating student has been certified by a parent, legal guardian, or custodian to have successfully completed at the twelfth grade level an educational program provided through the Louisiana Giving All True Opportunity to Rise (LA GATOR) Scholarship Program and has met the following criteria:

(a) The student became a participant in the Louisiana Giving All True Opportunity to Rise (LA GATOR) Scholarship Program no later than the conclusion of his tenth grade year.

(b) The student meets the requirements of Paragraphs (B)(2) and (3) of this Section."

Section 2. R.S. 17:4011 through 4013 and 4015 through 4025 are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Section 3. Section 1 and this Section of this Act shall become effective upon signature of this Act 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 this Act is vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, Section 1 and this Section of this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

Section 4. Section 2 of this Act shall become effective on June 30, 2025."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

Delete pages 3 through 8 in their entirety.

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 9, delete lines 1 through 12 in their entirety.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 320—

BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:325(A)(1), relative to freshwater recreational fish; to provide for daily take and minimum size limits for largemouth bass; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 323—

BY SENATORS TALBOT AND BASS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1892(A)(3) and (4), (B)(1), and (H), to enact R.S. 22:1892(A)(7), (B)(7), (I), (J), and (K), and 1892.2, and to repeal R.S. 22:1973, relative to claims settlement

practices; to provide definitions; to provide for loss adjustment; to provide for the payment of claims; to provide for practices following a catastrophe; to provide for certain notices; to provide for penalties; to provide for causes of action; 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 Original Senate Bill No. 323 by Senator Talbot

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 6, after "catastrophe;" insert "to provide for good faith duty; to provide for breach of good faith duty;"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 13, after "accident;" insert "good faith duty; breach of good faith duty;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 3, after "catastrophic loss," insert "**as defined in this Section.**"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, delete lines 12 and 13, and insert the following: "**the penalties provided in R.S. 22:1973 a penalty of the greater of five thousand dollars or the amount provided for in Subsection I of this Section.**"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 4, line 9, delete "**manufactured**" and insert "**factory-built**"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 4, line 25, after "**owes to**" delete "**his**" and insert "**its**"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 4, line 27, delete "**This**" and delete lines 28 and 29, and on page 5, delete line 1, and insert the following: "**Any insurer that breaches the duties of this Subsection shall be liable for any proven economic damages sustained as a result of the breach. For claims not involving loss to an insured's immovable property, the insured may be awarded penalties in an amount not to exceed fifty percent of the damages sustained or five thousand dollars, whichever is greater, together with attorney fees and costs actually incurred due to the breach, provided that, when applicable, the insurer shall instead be subject to the provisions of Subsection B of this Section or R.S. 22:1892.2, as appropriate.**"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 5, line 3, delete "**insurer,**" and insert "**insurer or representative of the insurer,**"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 5, line 5, delete "**Misrepresenting**" and insert "**A misrepresentation of**"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 5, line 7, delete "**Failing**" and insert "**A failure**"

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 5, line 9, delete "**Denying**" and insert "**A denial of**"

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 5, line 12, delete "**Misleading**" and insert "**A misrepresentation to**"

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 5, line 13, delete "**Failing**" and insert "**A failure**"

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 5, delete lines 15 through 27, and insert the following:

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"(3) The provisions of this Subsection shall not create a separate cause of action against a representative of the insurer distinct and apart from the cause of action against the insurer.

J.(1) The insured, claimant, or a representative of the insured or claimant has a duty of good faith and fair dealing when asserting a claim for insurance coverage.

(2) Any one of the following acts, if knowingly committed or performed by an insured, claimant, or representative of the insured or claimant, constitutes a breach of the insured's duties imposed in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection:

(a) A failure to comply with affirmative contractual duties or obligations established in the insurance policy, including the duty to act in good faith in providing information regarding the claim, in making demands of the insurer, in setting deadlines, and in attempting to settle the claim.

(b) A misrepresentation of pertinent facts or insurance policy provisions relating to any coverages at issue.

(c) A submission of an estimate or claim for damages that lacks a basis for coverage under the terms of the policy or lacks a good faith evidentiary basis.

(3) The duty imposed by this Subsection does not create a separate cause of action but shall be considered in accordance with Paragraph (4) of this Subsection.

(4) In any action against an insurer pursuant to this Section or R.S. 22:1892.2, if the trier of fact determines that the insured, claimant, or representative of the insured or claimant violated the provisions of this Subsection, the trier of fact shall consider that conduct in determining whether or not the insured is to be awarded penalties or attorney fees otherwise provided for in accordance with R.S. 22:1892 and 1892.2.

(5) This Subsection shall not impact any right or remedy available to the insurer, including but not limited to the right to void the policy or contract or deny coverage."

AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 5, line 29, after "under" insert "life and"

AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 6, line 2, delete "Good faith duty; catastrophic" and insert "Catastrophic"

AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 6, line 9, after "property" and before the comma "1" insert "owned by an insured"

AMENDMENT NO. 18

On page 6, line 12, after "extended" insert "up to thirty additional days"

AMENDMENT NO. 19

On page 6, line 21, delete "breach" and insert "breach,"

AMENDMENT NO. 20

On page 6, line 22, delete "dollars" and insert "dollars, whichever is greater,"

AMENDMENT NO. 21

On page 7, line 1, delete "their" and insert "his"

AMENDMENT NO. 22

On page 7, line 4, delete "giving" and insert "providing"

AMENDMENT NO. 23

On page 7, line 10, delete "policy. There" and insert "policy, there"

AMENDMENT NO. 24

On page 7, line 11, delete "the" and insert "that"

AMENDMENT NO. 25

On page 7, line 19, delete "their" and insert "his"

AMENDMENT NO. 26

On page 9, delete line 7, and insert the following: "under any type of policy or contract of insurance specified in R.S. 22:1811 or

1821 or Chapter 10 of Title 22 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950."

AMENDMENT NO. 27

On page 9, delete lines 16 and 17

AMENDMENT NO. 28

On page 9, after line 18, add the following:

"Section 3. The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby authorized and directed to revise the Code of Evidence and Title 22 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to change all references to "R.S. 22:1973" to "R.S. 22:1892" or "R.S. 22:1892.2", including but not limited to Code of Evidence Article 411(B)(3) and R.S. 22:41(13), 1296(B)(3)(d), 1332(B)(4), and 1893(D).

Section 4. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2024. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by this legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval or July 1, 2024, whichever is later."

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

SENATE BILL NO. 344—

BY SENATOR BARROW

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1339 relative to homeowner's insurance policies; to require applicants or an existing insured to disclose to their insurer the property is to be used as a group home; to provide cause for cancellation or nonrenewal of the insured's homeowner insurance policy; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 370—

BY SENATOR BASS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1265(D) and (F) through (J) and to repeal R.S. 22:1333(C) through (H), relative to the termination of certain policies; to provide for homeowners' policies in effect for three or more years; to provide for deductibles; to provide for the modification of coverages; to provide for certain notices; to provide for the termination of certain provisions of law; to repeal certain duplicative provisions of law; to make technical changes; to provide an effective date; 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 Original Senate Bill No. 370 by Senator Bass

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete line 2 and insert the following: "To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1265(D), to enact R.S. 22:1265(K) and (L), and to repeal R.S. 22:1265(F) and (H) and 1333(C)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete line 10, and insert the following: "Section 1. R.S. 22:1265(D) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 22:1265(K) and (L) are hereby enacted"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, at the beginning of line 16, change "D." to "D.(1)"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 9, before "representative" delete "the insured's" and insert "his"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, delete lines 19 through 29, delete pages 3 and 4, and insert the following:

"K. The provisions of Subsections D and E of this Section do not apply to any policies issued after August 1, 2024."

L. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection D of this Section, for policies in place for at least three years on or before August 1, 2024, the following provisions apply:

(1) Upon filing a plan with the commissioner, an insurer may nonrenew up to five percent of its customers' policies per calendar year for any reason.

(2) Upon request of the insurer, the commissioner may approve the nonrenewal of more than five percent of the insurer's customers' policies in a given calendar year.

(3) An insurer's plan and request submitted pursuant to this Subsection are considered proprietary or trade secret information pursuant to R.S. 44:3.2 and the Uniform Trade Secrets Act, Chapter 13-A of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

(4) The commissioner shall promulgate and adopt rules, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, setting forth the requirements for the plan and request described in this Subsection.

Section 2. R.S. 22:1265(F) and (H) and 1333(C) through (H) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Section 3. In addition to modifying the treatment of homeowners' policies that have been in effect for three or more years, the provisions of this Act are hereby intended to provide insurers full flexibility in the policies that they issue with regard to the deductible applicable thereto. However, nothing in this Act shall be construed to prohibit a policyholder from requesting a decrease in a policy's deductible in exchange for an increase in premium.

Section 4.(A) The provisions of R.S. 22:1265(K) as enacted by 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 this Act is vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, the provisions of R.S. 22:1265(K) as enacted by this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

(B) The provisions of this Act other than those specified in Subsection (A) of this Section shall become effective on January 1, 2025."

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

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2—

BY SENATOR ABRAHAM

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to call a convention of states for the purpose of proposing amendments to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the United States House of Representatives and to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the United States Senate.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Foil	Owen
Abraham	Hensgens	Pressly
Allain	Hodges	Reese
Bass	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Cathey	McMath	Stine
Cloud	Miguez	Talbot
Connick	Miller	Wheat
Edmonds	Mizell	Womack
Fesi	Morris	

Total - 26

NAYS

Barrow	Duplessis	Luneau
Boudreaux	Fields	Price
Bouie	Harris	
Carter	Jackson-Andrews	

Total - 10

ABSENT

Coussan	Jenkins	Lambert
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Total - 3

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3—

BY SENATOR MIZELL

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact reforms to federal permitting policies to accelerate deployment of new energy infrastructure.

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

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs to Original Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 3 by Senator Mizell

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 13, after "Clean" change "water" to "Water"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, at the end of line 18, after "so" insert "the"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 1, after "production" insert "in the United States"

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

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Fesi	Mizell
Abraham	Fields	Morris
Allain	Foil	Owen
Barrow	Harris	Pressly
Bass	Hensgens	Price

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Boudreaux	Hodges	Reese
Bouie	Jackson-Andrews	Seabaugh
Carter	Jenkins	Stine
Cathey	Kleinpeter	Talbot
Cloud	Lambert	Wheat
Connick	Luneau	Womack
Duplessis	Miguez	
Edmonds	Miller	

Total - 37

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Coussan	McMath
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Total - 2

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4—
BY SENATOR MIZELL

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize Congress of the United States to support the extension of funding for the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) of 2021, which provides Louisiana residents access to broadband services.

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

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs to Original Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4 by Senator Mizell

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 6, delete "private"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 7, delete "sector" and insert "private-sector"

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

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

Total - 38

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Coussan

Total - 1

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5—
BY SENATOR FESI

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request state and local law enforcement agencies to cooperate with federal authorities in discovering and closing clandestine branches of the Chinese Ministry of Public Security.

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

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Fields	Morris
Abraham	Foil	Owen
Allain	Hensgens	Pressly
Barrow	Hodges	Price
Bass	Jackson-Andrews	Reese
Bouie	Jenkins	Seabaugh
Carter	Kleinpeter	Stine
Cathey	Lambert	Talbot
Cloud	McMath	Wheat
Connick	Miguez	Womack
Edmonds	Miller	
Fesi	Mizell	

Total - 34

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Boudreaux	Duplessis	Luneau
Coussan	Harris	

Total - 5

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9—
BY SENATOR MIZELL

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to develop a strategy for statewide implementation of the Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Fields	Mizell
Abraham	Foil	Morris
Allain	Harris	Owen

Barrow	Hensgens	Pressly
Bass	Hodges	Price
Bouie	Jackson-Andrews	Reese
Carter	Jenkins	Seabaugh
Cathey	Kleinpeter	Stine
Cloud	Lambert	Talbot
Connick	Luneau	Wheat
Duplessis	McMath	Womack
Edmonds	Miguez	
Fesi	Miller	

Total - 37

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Boudreaux	Coussan
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Total - 2

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10—
BY SENATOR LAMBERT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to develop and implement a plan for managed care organizations to provide reimbursement for psychological services provided by psychology interns and post-doctoral fellows.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to Original Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 10 by Senator Lambert

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, line 4, after "psychology" insert "doctoral"

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 1, line 11, after "psychology" insert "doctoral"

AMENDMENT NO. 3
On page 1, line 13, after "psychology" insert "doctoral"

AMENDMENT NO. 4
On page 1, line 14, after "formal" delete "pre-doctoral training program" and insert "doctoral training program and presently completing a psychology doctoral internship program"

AMENDMENT NO. 5
On page 1, line 15, after "Internship" delete the remainder of the line, delete line 16, and insert "Centers or the American Psychological Association; and"

AMENDMENT NO. 6
On page 1, line 18, after "psychology," change "but" to "and"

AMENDMENT NO. 7
On page 2, line 2, after "psychology" insert "doctoral"

AMENDMENT NO. 8
On page 2, line 5, after "Texas," insert "Arkansas, Alabama, and others"

AMENDMENT NO. 9
On page 2, line 13, after "psychology" insert "doctoral"

AMENDMENT NO. 10
On page 2, line 16, after "Board of" change "Psychology Examiners." to "Examiners of Psychologists."

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

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

Total - 38

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Coussan
Total - 1

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

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SENATE BILL NO. 7—
BY SENATOR CONNICK

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:909, relative to state juvenile institutions; to provide relative to reporting of escapes from juvenile institutions; to expand reporting requirements for juvenile escapes to facilities that house juveniles on behalf of the state; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

Total - 38

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NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Coussan
Total - 1

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it sent to the House. Senator Connick moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

SENATE BILL NO. 16—
BY SENATOR PRESSLY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of Code of Evidence Art. 702(A) and (4), relative to expert testimony; to provide for a burden of proof; to provide with respect to expert opinions; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

Total - 38

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Coussan
Total - 1

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

SENATE BILL NO. 35—
BY SENATOR MORRIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Civil Code Art. 2652, relative to liability; to provide relative to litigious rights; to provide with respect to the sale and assignment of litigious rights; to provide relative to the assignment of a promissory note; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Fesi Miller

Abraham Fields Mizell
Allain Foil Morris
Barrow Harris Owen
Bass Hensgens Pressly
Boudreaux Hodges Price
Bouie Jackson-Andrews Reese
Carter Jenkins Seabaugh
Cathey Kleinpeter Stine
Cloud Lambert Talbot
Connick Luneau Wheat
Duplessis McMath Womack
Edmonds Miguez

Total - 38

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Coussan
Total - 1

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it sent to the House. Senator Morris moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

SENATE BILL NO. 39—
BY SENATOR MIZELL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Children's Code Arts. 412(I), 421, the introductory paragraph of 617(A) and (4), the introductory paragraph of 618(A), (2), and (3), 648, 672(A)(2), 683(E) and (F), 718(A), 720(A), (B)(1) and (6), (C), and (D), 776(A), 781(D) and (E), 895, 1004(B), (D), and (F), 1007(B), 1015.2(B), 1016(A) and (B), 1019(C), 1035(B), the introductory paragraph of 1036(C), the introductory paragraph of (D) and (E), 1036.2(E), 1037.1(A), 1107.8(A), 1124(C), 1125(B), 1132(D), the introductory paragraph of 1170(A), 1200(B)(7)(a)(iii), 1223(B)(7)(a)(iii), 1264, 1267(2), 1409(T), 1428, 1436, and the introductory paragraph of 1569(A), (4), and (7), and to enact Children's Code Art. 625.1, relative to the continuous revision of the Children's Code; to provide for cross-references; to provide for technical corrections; to provide for advising children of their rights; to provide for notice to the Louisiana Department of Health; to provide for notice to Mental Health Advocacy Services; to provide for the child's right to counsel; to provide for the disapproval of the placement of children; to provide for the purpose and motion of guardianship; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Miller sent up floor amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Miller on behalf of the Legislative Bureau to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 39 by Senator Mizell

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 8, change "1223(B)(7)(a)(iii)" to "the introductory paragraph of 1223(B) and (B)(7)(a)(iii)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 7, change "1223(B)(7)(a)(iii)" to "the introductory paragraph of 1223(B) and (B)(7)(a)(iii)"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 17, line 29, delete
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AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 18, delete lines 4 through 10 and insert:

"STATEMENT OF FAMILY HISTORY

		Child's Biological MOTHER	Child's Biological FATHER
Age			
Height			
Weight			
Hair color			
Eye color			
Complexion			
Body build			
Education-last grade completed/ degree received			
Right/left handed			
Occupation			
Talents			
Religion			
Race			
Ethnicity/ Nationality			
Native American/Tribal Affiliation, if applicable			
Other			
Yes	No	Diseases/conditions	If yes, • state relationship to child [biological parent (mother or father), sibling (full or half), grandparent (paternal or maternal), great grandparent (paternal or maternal), aunt/uncle/cousin (paternal or maternal)]; • state specific condition; • age of onset; • treatment (medication, surgery, etc.); and • outcome.
		Cancer	
		Heart disease	
		Stroke	
		High blood pressure	
		Diabetes	
		Kidney disease	
		Liver disease	
		Digestive disorders	
		Respiratory disorders	
		Blood disease (sickle cell, hemophilia, etc.)	
		Glandular disturbances (thyroid, adrenal, growth, etc.)	

	Neurological & muscular disorders (multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, Tay-Sachs, etc.)	
	Arthritis (juvenile, rheumatoid, gout, hammertoe, etc.)	
	Epilepsy, seizures, convulsions	
	Allergies (drugs, food, other)	
	Asthma	
	Vision problems/blindness	
	Hearing problems/deafness	
	Speech disorders	
	Dental problems/braces	
	Birth defects (cleft palate, missing digit, club foot, etc.)	
	Curvature of spine	
	Headaches/migraines	
	Alcoholism	
	Substance abuse	
	Eating disorders/obesity	
	Mental illness (schizophrenia, bipolar, depressive, etc.)	
	Intellectual disability–non-injury (PKU, Down's Syndrome, etc.)	
	Learning disabilities (ADD, ADHD, etc.)	
	Multiple births	
	Miscarriages, stillbirths, neonatal deaths	
	SIDS	
	Rh Factor	
	HIV (biological mother only)	
	Venereal disease during pregnancy (biological mother only)	
	Other: specify	
	Other: specify	
	Other: specify	
Prenatal History		

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Yes	No		If yes, • state type; • state amount; and • state during what months of pregnancy.
		Prescription medication	
		Over the counter medication	
		Alcohol	
		Tobacco	
		Other Drugs	

Are the parents of the child biologically related to each other?

Yes No

If yes what is the biological relationship? _____

Has the minor child had the following immunizations?

YES	NO		YES	NO	
()	()	Birth-2 mo. Hepatitis (Hep) B	()	()	12-15 mo. Hib, MMR # 1
()	()	1 - 4 mo. Hep B	()	()	12-18 mo. Var (chickenpox)
()	()	2 mo. DTaP, IPV, Hib,	()	()	15-18 mo. DTaP
()	()	4 mo. DTaP, IPV, Hib,	()	()	4-6 yrs. MMR # 2, DTaP, OPV
()	()	6 mo. DTaP, Hib,	()	()	11-12 yrs. MMR # 2, Var, Hep B
()	()	6-18 mo. Hep B, IPV	()	()	11-16 yrs. Td (tetanus, diphtheria)

Has the minor child had the following illnesses?

YES	NO		YES	NO	
()	()	Pertussis (P) (Whooping Cough)	()	()	Rheumatic Fever
()	()	Rubella (R) (Measles)	()	()	Tonsillitis
()	()	Mumps (M)	()	()	Convulsions
()	()	Chicken Pox (Var)	()	()	Asthma
()	()	Rotavirus (Rv)	()	()	Polio (IPV)
()	()	Scarlet Fever	()	()	Allergies, specify _____
()	()	Diphtheria (D)			
()	()	Surgery, operations, specify _____			
()	()	Glandular Disturbances, specify _____			

Does the minor child have or has he the child had any other serious illnesses or medical conditions?

On motion of Senator Miller, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

Total - 38

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Coussan
Total - 1

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

SENATE BILL NO. 41—
BY SENATOR MORRIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Children's Code Art. 102, relative to purpose and construction of the Children's Code; to provide that one purpose of the Louisiana Children's Code is to promote public safety; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

Total - 38

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Coussan
Total - 1

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it sent to the House. Senator Morris moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

SENATE BILL NO. 43—
BY SENATOR MCMATH AND REPRESENTATIVE CARVER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1379.1.4(B)(2) and to enact R.S. 40:1379.1.4(F), relative to carrying of concealed firearms by qualified retired law enforcement officers; to provide for the definition of qualified retired law enforcement officer to include retired reserve officers; to provide for a definition of reserve officer; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Fesi	Miller
Abraham	Fields	Mizell

Allain	Foil	Morris
Barrow	Harris	Owen
Bass	Hensgens	Pressly
Boudreaux	Hodges	Price
Bouie	Jackson-Andrews	Reese
Carter	Jenkins	Seabaugh
Cathey	Kleinpeter	Stine
Cloud	Lambert	Talbot
Connick	Luneau	Wheat
Duplessis	McMath	Womack
Edmonds	Miguez	

Total - 38

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Coussan
Total - 1

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it sent to the House. Senator McMath moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

SENATE BILL NO. 73—
BY SENATOR WOMACK

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 30:2075.4, relative to community sewerage systems; to create and provide for the Community Sewerage System Infrastructure Sustainability Act; to provide for public purpose; to provide for definitions; to provide for compliance status verification and fiscal status verification requirements for certain community sewerage systems; to provide for the duties of the Department of Environmental Quality, the Louisiana Department of Health, and the legislative auditor; to provide for prohibited uses of sewerage system funds; to provide for penalties; to provide for rulemaking; 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.

SENATE BILL NO. 79—
BY SENATOR MORRIS

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article I, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the right to bail; to eliminate mandatory bail after conviction but before sentencing under certain circumstances; to provide that after conviction, a person may be bailable in accordance with law; to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors; and to provide a ballot proposition.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Foil	Morris
Abraham	Hensgens	Owen
Allain	Hodges	Pressly
Bass	Kleinpeter	Reese
Cathey	Lambert	Seabaugh
Cloud	McMath	Stine
Connick	Miguez	Talbot
Edmonds	Miller	Wheat
Fesi	Mizell	Womack

Total - 27

NAYS

Barrow	Duplessis	Luneau
Boudreaux	Fields	Price
Bouie	Harris	
Carter	Jenkins	

Total - 10

ABSENT

Coussan
Total - 2

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it sent to the House. Senator Morris moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

SENATE BILL NO. 82—
BY SENATOR ALLAIN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 3:1(7), 1024, and 3225(A), relative to the state chemist; to provide relative to the director of the Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station of the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center or his designee; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Edmonds	Miller
Abraham	Fesi	Mizell
Allain	Fields	Morris
Barrow	Foil	Owen
Bass	Harris	Pressly
Boudreaux	Hensgens	Price
Bouie	Hodges	Reese
Carter	Jenkins	Seabaugh
Cathey	Kleinpeter	Stine
Cloud	Lambert	Talbot
Connick	Luneau	Wheat
Duplessis	Miguez	Womack

Total - 36

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Coussan
Total - 3

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it sent to the House. Senator Allain moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

SENATE BILL NO. 92—
BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Children's Code Art. 1150(4), relative to the Safe Haven Law; to provide for definitions; to provide relative to infant; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

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YEAS

Mr. President	Edmonds	Miller
Abraham	Fesi	Mizell
Allain	Fields	Morris
Barrow	Foil	Owen
Bass	Harris	Pressly
Boudreaux	Hensgens	Price
Bouie	Jenkins	Reese
Carter	Kleinpeter	Seabaugh
Cathey	Lambert	Stine
Cloud	Luneau	Talbot
Connick	McMath	Wheat
Duplessis	Miguez	Womack

Total - 36

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Coussan	Hodges	Jackson-Andrews
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Total - 3

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it sent to the House. Senator Duplessis moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

SENATE BILL NO. 95—
BY SENATOR WHEAT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 3:743(B) and (C), relative to strayed animals; to provide for the possession of a strayed animal; to provide for additional notification methods; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

Total - 38

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Coussan

Total - 1

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it sent to the House. Senator Wheat moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

SENATE BILL NO. 104—
BY SENATOR WHEAT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 3:3004(A), 3005(B), and 3006, relative to livestock found at large; to provide for who may take possession of livestock found at large; to provide for notice and procedure for the sale of unclaimed livestock; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

Total - 38

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Coussan

Total - 1

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it sent to the House. Senator Wheat moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

SENATE BILL NO. 108—
BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 19:2(7), relative to expropriation; to provide for the generating, transmitting, and distributing of electricity and steam by certain corporations and other legal entities; to prohibit the expropriation of certain transmission lines; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Edmonds	Miller
Abraham	Fesi	Mizell
Allain	Fields	Morris
Barrow	Foil	Owen
Bass	Harris	Pressly
Boudreaux	Hensgens	Price
Bouie	Hodges	Reese
Carter	Jenkins	Seabaugh
Cathey	Kleinpeter	Stine
Cloud	Luneau	Talbot

Connick
Duplessis
Total - 36

McMath
Miguez

Wheat
Womack

NAYS

Lambert
Total - 1

ABSENT

Coussan
Total - 2

Jackson-Andrews

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it sent to the House. Senator Seabaugh moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

SENATE BILL NO. 111—
BY SENATOR ABRAHAM

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1667.1(A)(2)(a), relative to supplemental pay for certain law enforcement officers whose agency is headquartered in the city of Lake Charles under certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Coussan
Total - 2

Jackson-Andrews

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it sent to the House. Senator Abraham moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

SENATE BILL NO. 114—
BY SENATOR CATHEY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 3:4215(B)(2) and 4222(C) and to enact R.S. 3:4215(E), relative to meat and poultry inspection; to provide relative to the preparation of carcasses, parts thereof, meat and meat food products; to provide relative to what constitutes a person or business; to provide relative to voluntary inspection services; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Coussan
Total - 2

Jackson-Andrews

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it sent to the House. Senator Cathey moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

SENATE BILL NO. 117—
BY SENATOR JACKSON-ANDREWS
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 3:21, relative to the Agricultural Meteorology Program; to create a program within the Department of Agriculture and Forestry; to provide relative to the purpose of the program; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 131—
BY SENATOR MILLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:4812(D), relative to privileges on immovables; to provide relative to claims against owners and contractors; to provide relative to the furnishing and maintenance of bonds; to provide relative to the liability of sureties; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 132—
BY SENATOR MILLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95.2.1(A) and 95.2.2(C)(2), relative to offenses affecting the public; to provide relative to the crimes of illegal carrying of a firearm at a parade and reckless discharge of a firearm at a parade; to provide relative to penalties; to provide relative to exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

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YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Coussan Jackson-Andrews
Total - 2

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it sent to the House. Senator Miller moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

SENATE BILL NO. 152— BY SENATOR MIGUEZ

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:2793.12(B) as enacted by Section 1 of Act 2 of the 2024 Second Extraordinary Session, R.S. 14:95(M), and R.S. 40:1379.3(I)(1) and (2) and the introductory paragraph of 1379.3(I)(3), relative to the illegal carrying of weapons; to provide relative to exceptions; to make technical changes; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Miller sent up floor amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Miller on behalf of the Legislative Bureau to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 152 by Senator Miguez

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 4, change "Paragraph" to "Subparagraph"

On motion of Senator Miller, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Foil Morris
Abraham Hensgens Owen
Allain Hodges Pressly
Bass Kleinpeter Reese
Cathey Lambert Seabaugh
Cloud McMath Stine
Connick Miguez Talbot
Edmonds Miller Wheat
Fesi Mizell Womack
Total - 27

NAYS

Barrow Duplessis Jenkins
Boudreaux Fields Luneau
Bouie Harris Price
Carter Jackson-Andrews
Total - 11

ABSENT

Coussan
Total - 1

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

Rules Suspended

Senator Jackson-Andrews asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to advance to:

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on Third Reading and Final Passage, Subject to Call

SENATE BILL NO. 117— BY SENATOR JACKSON-ANDREWS AN ACT

To enact R.S. 3:21, relative to the Agricultural Meteorology Program; to create a program within the Department of Agriculture and Forestry; to provide relative to the purpose of the program; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Senator Jackson-Andrews moved the final passage of the bill.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Fesi Miller
Abraham Fields Mizell
Allain Foil Morris
Barrow Harris Owen
Bass Hensgens Pressly
Boudreaux Hodges Price
Bouie Jackson-Andrews Reese
Carter Jenkins Seabaugh
Cathey Kleinpeter Stine
Cloud Lambert Talbot
Connick Luneau Wheat
Duplessis McMath Womack
Edmonds Miguez
Total - 38

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Coussan
Total - 1

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it sent to the House. Senator Jackson-Andrews moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on Third Reading and Final Passage, Resumed

SENATE BILL NO. 161—
BY SENATOR BOUDREAU

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 15:587.7(A)(3)(c), relative to a volunteer and employee criminal history system; to provide for the definition of individuals; to provide for contractors of qualified entities; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Fesi	Miller
Abraham	Fields	Mizell
Allain	Foil	Morris
Barrow	Harris	Owen
Bass	Hensgens	Pressly
Boudreaux	Hodges	Price
Bouie	Jackson-Andrews	Reese
Carter	Jenkins	Seabaugh
Cathey	Kleinpeter	Stine
Cloud	Lambert	Talbot
Connick	Luneau	Wheat
Duplessis	McMath	Womack
Edmonds	Miguez	
Total - 38		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Coussan
Total - 1

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it sent to the House. Senator Boudreaux moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

SENATE BILL NO. 191—
BY SENATOR REESE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:302(K)(7)(b), 1402(E)(1), 1403(A)(5) and (B)(4), 1417(C)(3), and 1565(C)(2), relative to the enforcement and adjudication of state and local taxes and the Board of Tax Appeals; to provide with respect to disputes concerning taxes; to provide for tax administration; to provide with respect to certain revenues dedicated to the board; to provide relative to ad hoc judges; to provide relative to remote witness testimony; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Miller sent up floor amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Miller on behalf of the Legislative Bureau to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 191 by Senator Reese

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 9, following "R.S. 47:302(K)(7)(b)," and before "1403(A)(5)" insert "1402(E)(1),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 9, following "and (B)(4)," and before "and 1565(C)(2)" insert "1417(C)(3),"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 24, change "**Local Tax Judge**" to "**local tax judge**"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 25, change "**Local Tax Judge**" to "**local tax judge**"

On motion of Senator Miller, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Fesi	Miller
Abraham	Fields	Mizell
Allain	Foil	Morris
Barrow	Harris	Owen
Bass	Hensgens	Pressly
Boudreaux	Hodges	Price
Bouie	Jackson-Andrews	Reese
Carter	Jenkins	Seabaugh
Cathey	Kleinpeter	Stine
Cloud	Lambert	Talbot
Connick	Luneau	Wheat
Duplessis	McMath	Womack
Edmonds	Miguez	
Total - 38		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Coussan
Total - 1

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

SENATE BILL NO. 208—
BY SENATOR MIGUEZ

AN ACT

To enact Part III of Chapter 1 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 33:81 through 85, relative to sanctuary policies for illegal immigration; to provide with respect to prohibition on sanctuary policies; to provide relative to local governments' required cooperation with federal immigration authorities; to provide relative to duties related to immigration detainees; to provide relative to enforcement; to provide for definitions; 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.

SENATE BILL NO. 214—
BY SENATOR MIGUEZ

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95.5(C)(2), relative to the illegal carrying of weapons; to provide an exception for the lawful concealed carry of a handgun in a restaurant that serves alcoholic beverages; and to provide for related matters.

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

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ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns of names: Mr. President, Abraham, Allain, Bass, Cathey, Cloud, Connick, Edmonds, Fesi, Total - 27; Foil, Hensgens, Hodges, Kleinpeter, Lambert, McMath, Miguez, Miller, Mizell; Morris, Owen, Pressly, Reese, Seabaugh, Stine, Talbot, Wheat, Womack

NAYS

Table with 3 columns of names: Barrow, Boudreaux, Bouie, Carter, Total - 11; Duplessis, Fields, Harris, Jackson-Andrews; Jenkins, Luneau, Price

ABSENT

Coussan
Total - 1

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it sent to the House. Senator Miguez moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

SENATE BILL NO. 223—
BY SENATOR OWEN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 26:2(28), relative to alcoholic beverages; to provide for the definition of "solicitor"; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns of names: Mr. President, Abraham, Allain, Barrow, Bass, Boudreaux, Bouie, Carter, Cathey, Cloud, Connick, Duplessis, Edmonds, Total - 38; Fesi, Fields, Foil, Harris, Hensgens, Hodges, Jackson-Andrews, Jenkins, Kleinpeter, Lambert, Luneau, McMath, Miguez; Miller, Mizell, Morris, Owen, Pressly, Price, Reese, Seabaugh, Stine, Talbot, Wheat, Womack

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Coussan
Total - 1

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it sent to the House. Senator Owen moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

SENATE BILL NO. 233—
BY SENATOR MIGUEZ

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1379.1.3(D) and 1379.1.4(F), relative to carrying of concealed firearms; to provide relative to carrying of concealed firearms by qualified law enforcement officers and qualified retired law enforcement officers; to provide relative to penalties for violation of concealed carry provisions; to provide relative to authority of attorney general to bring civil actions; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Miguez proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Miguez to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 233 by Senator Miguez

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2 after "(D)" insert "and (E)" and after "(F)" insert "and (G)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 6, after "actions;" insert "to provide for court costs and attorney fees;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 8, after "(D)" insert "and (E)" and after "(F)" insert "and (G)"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 13 after "occurrence" and before "for each" insert: "to be paid to the Department of Justice"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, after line 17, insert: "E. The court shall assess all court costs, including attorney fees, incurred in the institution of the action required by this Section against the subject of the action for any violation of the provisions of this Section."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, line 5, after "occurrence" and before "for each" insert: "to be paid to the Department of Justice"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, after line 9, insert: "G. The court shall assess all court costs, including attorney fees, incurred in the institution of the action required by this Section against the subject of the action for any violation of the provisions of this Section."

On motion of Senator Miguez, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns of names: Mr. President, Abraham, Allain, Barrow, Bass, Boudreaux, Bouie, Carter, Cathey; Fesi, Foil, Harris, Hensgens, Hodges, Jackson-Andrews, Jenkins, Kleinpeter, Lambert; Mizell, Morris, Owen, Pressly, Price, Reese, Seabaugh, Stine, Talbot

Cloud	Luneau	Wheat
Connick	McMath	Womack
Duplessis	Miguez	
Edmonds	Miller	
Total - 37		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Coussan	Fields
Total - 2	

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

SENATE BILL NO. 238—
BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Civil Code Art. 642 and R.S. 9:2726, and to enact R.S. 9:1114, relative to rights of use of immovable property; to provide for summary procedure for pipeline crossing disputes; to provide for notice; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 249—
BY SENATOR CATHEY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 3:1382(E), 1391(7) through (26), 1392(B)(2), 1393(A), 1396(A)(1) and (6) through (9), and 1398(A) and to enact R.S. 3:1391(27), 1396(A)(10) through (13), and 1400(A)(5), relative to the Louisiana Agricultural Chemistry and Seed Commission; to provide relative to the state chemist's responsibilities; to provide for definitions; to provide relative to the commission's powers and authority; to provide relative to registration and labeling; to provide for commercial feed adulteration; to provide relative to inspection, sampling, and analysis regulations; to provide relative to deficiency assessments; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Fesi	Miller
Abraham	Fields	Mizell
Allain	Foil	Morris
Barrow	Harris	Owen
Bass	Hensgens	Pressly
Boudreaux	Hodges	Price
Bouie	Jackson-Andrews	Reese
Carter	Jenkins	Seabaugh
Cathey	Kleinpeter	Stine
Cloud	Lambert	Talbot
Connick	Luneau	Wheat
Duplessis	McMath	Womack
Edmonds	Miguez	
Total - 38		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Coussan
Total - 1

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it sent to the House. Senator Cathey moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

SENATE BILL NO. 326—
BY SENATOR REESE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 3:4276(17), relative to the state forester; to provide for the powers and duties of the state forester; to provide for training and education related to certain circumstances; to provide relative to post-traumatic stress and emotional support; 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	Fesi	Miller
Abraham	Fields	Mizell
Allain	Foil	Morris
Barrow	Harris	Owen
Bass	Hensgens	Pressly
Boudreaux	Hodges	Price
Bouie	Jackson-Andrews	Reese
Carter	Jenkins	Seabaugh
Cathey	Kleinpeter	Stine
Cloud	Lambert	Talbot
Connick	Luneau	Wheat
Duplessis	McMath	Womack
Edmonds	Miguez	
Total - 38		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Coussan
Total - 1

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it sent to the House. Senator Reese moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and laid the motion on the table.

SENATE BILL NO. 377—
BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95.1(A), relative to illegal possession of a firearm or concealed carry of a weapon; to prohibit possession of a firearm or carrying a concealed weapon by persons convicted of certain felonies; to provide for consideration of certain juvenile offenses; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Hensgens	Owen
Abraham	Hodges	Pressly
Allain	Kleinpeter	Reese
Bass	Lambert	Seabaugh
Cathey	Luneau	Stine
Cloud	McMath	Talbot
Connick	Miguez	Wheat

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Edmonds	Miller	Womack
Fesi	Mizell	
Foil	Morris	
Total - 28		

NAYS

Barrow	Duplessis	Jenkins
Boudreaux	Fields	Price
Bouie	Harris	
Carter	Jackson-Andrews	
Total - 10		

ABSENT

Coussan
Total - 1

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

Rules Suspended

Senator Bouie asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to revert to the Morning Hour.

Introduction of Senate Concurrent Resolutions

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19—
 BY SENATORS LAMBERT AND PRICE AND REPRESENTATIVES BACALA, BRASS, EDMONSTON AND WILEY
 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
 To recognize Wednesday, March 27, 2024, as Ascension Parish Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Fesi	Miller
Abraham	Fields	Mizell
Allain	Foil	Morris
Barrow	Harris	Owen
Bass	Hensgens	Pressly
Boudreaux	Hodges	Price
Bouie	Jackson-Andrews	Reese
Carter	Jenkins	Seabaugh
Cathy	Kleinpeter	Stine
Cloud	Lambert	Talbot
Connick	Luneau	Wheat
Edmonds	Miguez	Womack
Total - 36		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Coussan	Duplessis	McMath
Total - 3		

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

March 25, 2024

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate:

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

HB No. 259 HB No. 418 HB No. 430

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

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on First Reading

HOUSE BILL NO. 259—
 BY REPRESENTATIVES BEAULLIEU AND JACOB LANDRY
 AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:633(7)(a), (b), and (c)(i)(aa) and (ii)(aa) and (cc), relative to severance tax; to reduce the severance tax rate on oil over a certain period of time; to fix the severance tax rate on oil produced from certain wells at the current rate; to provide for certain limitations; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 418—
 BY REPRESENTATIVES BEAULLIEU AND JACOB LANDRY
 AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:633(7)(c)(iv), relative to severance tax; to reduce the rate of severance tax on oil and gas produced from wells with inactive or orphan well status; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 430—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN
 AN ACT

To enact R.S. 32:900.2, relative to proof of a "Motor Vehicle Liability Policy"; to provide for acceptance of valid motor vehicle liability policies issued in another state; and to provide for related matters.

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

Rules Suspended

Senator Seabaugh asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to recall Senate Bill No. 12 from the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs and discharge said committee.

SENATE BILL NO. 12—
 BY SENATOR SEABAUGH
 AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:451.2, relative to qualifications of candidates for sheriff; to provide for an exception to residency requirements in certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

On motion of Senator Seabaugh the bill was read by title and withdrawn from the files of the Senate.

Rules Suspended

Senator Allain asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to recall Senate Bill No. 303 from the Committee on Judiciary A and discharge said committee.

SENATE BILL NO. 303— BY SENATOR ALLAIN

AN ACT

To enact Civil Code Art. 2315(C), relative to damages; to provide relative to a limitation on general damages; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

On motion of Senator Allain the bill was read by title and withdrawn from the files of the Senate.

Privileged Report of the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs

ENROLLMENTS

Senator Fields, Chairman on behalf of the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs, submitted the following report:

March 22, 2024

To the President and Members of the Senate:

I am directed by your Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to submit the following report:

The following Senate Resolutions have been properly enrolled:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 15— BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of Carol Gelderman.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 17— BY SENATORS DUPLESSIS, HENRY, BOUIE AND CARTER

A RESOLUTION

To commend Michael A. Fitts on his ten years as president of the Tulane University of Louisiana and designate March 20, 2024, as Tulane Day at the State Capitol.

Respectfully submitted, CLEO FIELDS Chairman

The foregoing Senate Resolutions were signed by the President of the Senate and presented to the Secretary of State by the Secretary.

Privileged Report of the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs

ENROLLMENTS

Senator Fields, Chairman on behalf of the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs, submitted the following report:

March 25, 2024

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. 13— BY SENATOR WHEAT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, April 9, 2024, as Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival Day at the state capitol.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15— BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Edgar Lawrence "Dooky" Chase III and to honor the remarkable life he lived and the profound impact he made on his community.

Respectfully submitted, CLEO FIELDS Chairman

The foregoing Senate Concurrent Resolutions were signed by the President of the Senate.

Message to the Secretary of State

SIGNED

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

March 22, 2024

To the Honorable Secretary of State:

The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives have signed the following Senate Concurrent Resolutions:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7— BY SENATOR MIZELL

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the National Conference of State Legislatures on its 50th anniversary in 2025.

Respectfully submitted, YOLANDA J. DIXON Secretary of the Senate

Message from the House

SIGNED HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

March 25, 2024

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. 26— BY REPRESENTATIVE ST. BLANC AND SENATOR WOMACK

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, March 19, 2024, as Main Street Day at the state capitol.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27— BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON AND SENATOR MORRIS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate Saturday, March 23, 2024, as Moon Pie Festival Day at the state capitol.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30— BY REPRESENTATIVE WILDER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Toni Jarreau on her outstanding achievements in four years of wrestling at Walker High School.

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and asked that the President of the Senate affix his signature to the same.

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

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

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mr. President	Fesi	Miller
Abraham	Fields	Mizell
Allain	Foil	Morris
Barrow	Harris	Owen
Bass	Hensgens	Pressly
Boudreaux	Hodges	Price
Bouie	Jackson-Andrews	Reese
Carter	Jenkins	Seabaugh
Cathey	Kleinpeter	Stine
Cloud	Lambert	Talbot
Connick	Luneau	Wheat
Duplessis	McMath	Womack
Edmonds	Miguez	
Total - 38		

ABSENT

Coussan
Total - 1

Leaves of Absence

The following leaves of absence were asked for and granted:

Coussan 1 Day

Announcements

The following committee meetings for March 26, 2024, were announced:

Agriculture	1:00 P.M.	Room C
Environmental Quality	1:00 P.M.	Room A
Finance	10:00 A.M.	Room A
Judiciary A	9:00 A.M.	Hainkel Room
Judiciary B	1:00 P.M.	Room E
Judiciary C	10:30 A.M.	Room F

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Talbot, at 5:08 o'clock P.M. the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 2:30 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