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Senate Chamber
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Monday, April 29, 2024

The Senate was called to order at 2:42 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	Pressly
Bass	Harris	Price
Boudreaux	Hodges	Seabaugh
Bouie	Jenkins	Stine
Carter	Kleinpeter	Talbot
Cloud	Luneau	Wheat
Coussan	McMath	Womack
Total - 27		

ABSENT

Barrow	Foil	Mizell
Cathey	Hensgens	Morris
Connick	Jackson-Andrews	Owen
Duplessis	Lambert	Reese
Total - 12		

The President of the Senate announced there were 27 Senators present and a quorum.

Prayer

The prayer was offered by Pastor Charles Johnson, 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 Pressly, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal of April 24, 2024, was adopted.

**Privileged Report of the
Legislative Bureau**

April 29, 2024

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

The following instruments are approved as to construction and duplication. We advise and suggest the following amendments:

HOUSE BILL NO. 74—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 404(J), relative to jury commissions; to provide for the functions of the jury commission in the parishes of Ascension, Assumption, and St. James; to transfer the functions of the jury commission to the clerks of court of Ascension Parish, Assumption Parish, and St. James Parish; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 92—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 15:563.4, relative to Act No. 460 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana; to provide for the naming of a previous Act of the legislature; to provide for the naming of a certain Act relative to a statewide database of individuals convicted of child abuse; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 97—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:97.1(A) and to enact R.S. 14:97.1(C), relative to solicitation on certain highways and streets; to provide relative to the elements of the offense; to provide for a definition; to provide for a statement of legislative intent; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 102—
BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMENT
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:5554.13, relative to the payment of group insurance premiums for retired sheriffs and deputy sheriffs in LaSalle Parish; to create a permanent fund; to require the depositing of certain monies into the fund; to provide for investment of monies in the fund; to authorize the withdrawal of earnings; to provide for limitations on appropriations from the fund; to provide for audits of the fund; to provide for the membership and election on the investment advisory board; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 138—
BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHLEGEL
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:283.2(A)(1) and (4) and (B)(3) and to enact R.S. 14:283.2(C)(5), relative to the nonconsensual disclosure of a private image; to provide relative to the offense of nonconsensual disclosure of a private image; to provide relative to the elements of the offense of nonconsensual disclosure of a private image; to provide for exceptions; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 163—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIQUE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:5554.9(D) and (F), relative to the employee insurance fund for retired sheriffs and deputy sheriffs in Cameron Parish; to provide relative to the membership of the investment advisory board; to provide for the terms of members; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 202—
BY REPRESENTATIVES CARVER, ADAMS, BOYER, COX, KNOX,
LAFLEUR, MOORE, WALTERS, AND WILEY
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:67.6 and 67.7, relative to offenses against property; to create the crime of mail theft; to create the crime of theft or

unauthorized reproduction of a mail receptacle key or lock; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 205—
BY REPRESENTATIVES GLORIOSO, BACALA, BOYER, COX, FONTENOT, HORTON, THOMPSON, VILLIO, AND WILEY
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 15:1352(A)(71) through (80), relative to the crime of racketeering; to provide for additional crimes that are elements of racketeering activity; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 206—
BY REPRESENTATIVE VILLIO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 657 and to enact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 657.3, relative to the continued commitment of certain committed persons; to provide for an exception; to provide for continued custody of certain committed persons based on criteria; to provide for the duration of active supervised release; to provide for a definition; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 212—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:1844(Y), relative to victim notification in certain circumstances; to require the Louisiana Department of Health to provide notice to certain parties when a person committed to their custody is transferred or released from custody; to require the office of the district attorney to provide notice to certain parties; to provide with respect to electronic notice when a defendant escapes or absconds; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 214—
BY REPRESENTATIVE VILLIO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:72.2, relative to offenses against property; to provide relative to the offense of monetary instrument abuse; to provide relative to elements of the offense; to provide relative to definitions; to provide for a penalty; to provide for restitution; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 226—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MANDIE LANDRY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:118(C)(1), relative to offenses against organized government; to provide relative to the penalties for public bribery; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 328—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 16:11(A)(2), relative to the annual salary of assistant district attorneys payable by the state; to provide relative to reallocation by all judicial districts; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 369—
BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS
AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 13:621.24.1, relative to the Twenty-Fourth Judicial District Court; to repeal authorization for a separate environmental docket.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 385—
BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 29:288(A)(1) and (B)(1), relative to survivor's education benefits; to provide for education benefits for survivors of qualified veterans; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 450—
BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHAMERHORN
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:191(2)(b) and to repeal R.S. 49:191(12)(d), relative to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, including provisions to provide for the re-creation of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections 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; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 451—
BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHLEGEL
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:67(B)(4), (C) and (D) and to enact R.S. 14:67(E), relative to the crime of theft; provides for theft of a package delivered to an inhabited dwelling; provides for assault on a store employee during the commission or attempted commission of theft; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 463—
BY REPRESENTATIVE EGAN
AN ACT

To amend R.S. 49:191(3) and to repeal R.S. 49:191(12)(a), relative to the Department of Justice, including provisions to provide for the re-creation of the Department of Justice and the statutory entities made a part of the department by law; to provide for the effective termination date for all statutory authority for the existence of such statutory entities; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 505—
BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT
AN ACT

To enact Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 311(11) and 328(C), relative to electronic bonds; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 519—
BY REPRESENTATIVE FARNUM
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:1881(B), 1883(A)(introductory paragraph), (B), and (C), and 1889(A) and (B), relative to certain marshals and constables of city courts; to provide relative to elections and designations of marshals and constables; to provide for the compensation of certain marshals and constables; to provide for the designation of the marshal of the city of Sulphur; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 527—
BY REPRESENTATIVE EGAN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 29:295(C), relative to veterans cemeteries; to provide for burial fees; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

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.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 576—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BRAUD
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:2582(G) and 2622, relative to justices of the peace; to provide relative to qualifications; to provide relative to elections and designations of justices of the peace; to provide for the territorial jurisdiction of certain justice of the peace courts in Plaquemines Parish; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 580—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:5175(A), (B), and (C)(1), (2)(a), (f), and (g), and (3) and to enact R.S. 9:5175(C)(2)(h) and 5175.1, relative to bankruptcy; to provide procedures for bankruptcy orders and discharges; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 720—
BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHLEGEL
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:967.1, relative to controlled dangerous substances; to provide for the unlawful distribution of fentanyl under certain circumstances; to provide for a penalty; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 723—
BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHLEGEL
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:572(A), 572.4(B)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (a) and (3) and (C) through (E), and 572.5(B) and to enact R.S. 15:572.4(F) and (G) and 574.6.2, relative to clemency; to provide relative to notification procedures; to provide relative to the approval or rejection of a favorable recommendation for commutation or pardon; to provide relative to application procedures; to provide relative to clemency hearings; to provide relative to clemency investigations; to provide relative to the supervised release of certain offenders; to provide for evaluations; to provide for duties of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 734—
BY REPRESENTATIVE VILLIO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:130.1(B)(1) and (3) and to enact R.S. 14:130.1(A)(5), (B)(5), and (C) and R.S. 46:1844(Y), relative to victim notification; to provide relative to the elements of the crime of obstruction of justice; to provide relative to the penalties for the crime of obstruction of justice; to provide for a definition; to provide relative to the contacting of a victim's family in a case where the death penalty has been imposed; to provide for notification procedures; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 752—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CARRIER
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 11:2174(B)(1)(b)(v), relative to the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund; to provide relative to membership in the fund; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 770—
BY REPRESENTATIVES CARPENTER AND TAYLOR
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:315.1(B) and (C), 315.11(A)(2) and (C)(1), 315.13, and 315.22(C) and (D) and Code of Civil Procedure Article 10(A)(9), to enact R.S. 9:315.14 and 315.22.1, and to repeal R.S. 9:315.21(F) and 315.22(E), relative to child support guidelines; to provide relative to income used when calculating child support; to provide for deviations from the child support guidelines; to provide for support for adult disabled children; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

LEGISLATIVE BUREAU AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Legislative Bureau to Reengrossed House Bill No. 770 by Representative Carpenter

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 5, line 9, change "*" * *" to:

"(1) Shall use its discretion in setting the amount of the basic child support obligation in accordance with the best interest of the child and the circumstances of each parent as provided in Civil Code Article 141, but in no event shall it be less than the highest amount set forth in the schedule; and

(2) May order that a portion of the amount awarded be placed in a spendthrift trust for the educational or medical needs of the child. The trust shall be administered, managed, and invested in accordance with the Louisiana Trust Code. The trust instrument shall name the child as sole beneficiary of the trust, shall name a trustee, shall impose maximum spendthrift restraints, and shall terminate when the child attains twenty-four years of age, unless the parties agree to a later date. The trustee shall furnish security unless the court, in written findings of fact, dispenses with security."

HOUSE BILL NO. 773—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:315.19, relative to child support; to provide for the schedule of basic child support obligations; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported without amendments.

Respectfully submitted,
GREGORY A. MILLER
Chairman

Adoption of Legislative Bureau Report

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

Introduction of Senate Resolutions

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 68—

BY SENATOR BARROW

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Lucy Victoria Pittman Virdure, also known as "Miss Lucy", on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 69—

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

A RESOLUTION

To recognize May 1, 2024, as Nurses Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and May 6 through May 12, 2024 as National Nurses Week in Louisiana.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 70—

BY SENATOR WHEAT

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family and friends of Lieutenant Carl Malcolm Bennet Jr. upon the occasion of his passing.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 71—

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

A RESOLUTION

To recognize the centennial year celebration of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana and to designate May 1, 2024, as the Police Jury Association's Legislative Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

Senator Boudreaux asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to read Senate Resolution No. 71 a first and second time.

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

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 72—

BY SENATOR MIZELL

A RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, May 1, 2024, as Literacy Day at the Louisiana 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. 37—

BY SENATORS STINE, ABRAHAM AND REESE AND REPRESENTATIVES BOURRIAQUE, CARRIER, WILFORD CARTER, FARNUM, GEYMAN, ROMERO AND TARVER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Richard "Dick" Gremillion Sr., director of Calcasieu Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, on the occasion of his retirement.

Senator Stine asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to read Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 37 a first and second time.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Table with 3 columns: Mr. President, Edmonds, Miller, Abraham, Fesi, Mizell, Allain, Fields, Morris, Bass, Foil, Owen, Boudreaux, Harris, Price, Bouie, Hodges, Reese, Carter, Jenkins, Seabaugh, Cathey, Kleinpeter, Stine, Cloud, Lambert, Talbot, Connick, Luneau, Wheat, Coussan, McMath, Womack, Duplessis, Miguez, Total - 35

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Table with 2 columns: Barrow, Jackson-Andrews, Hensgens, Pressly, Total - 4

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 38—

BY SENATOR BASS AND REPRESENTATIVE BAMBURG

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family and friends of Henry "Richey" Jackson upon the occasion of his passing.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 39—

BY SENATOR CATHEY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create the Commission on the Equitable Distribution of Certain Ad Valorem Taxes, to study and make recommendations on changes to the state's tax laws in an effort to more equitably distribute assessed value of certain property for purposes of ad valorem taxes.

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

Senate Concurrent Resolutions on Second Reading

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 36—

BY SENATOR STINE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to apply any means necessary to reverse the liquified natural gas (LNG) export pause implemented by the Biden Administration and to allow Louisiana LNG to serve global markets and avoid a disastrous energy shortage worldwide.

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

Message from the House

ASKING CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

April 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. 1 HB No. 2 HB No. 782
HB No. 786 HB No. 3 HB No. 291
HB No. 314 HB No. 781 HB No. 843

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

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on First Reading

HOUSE BILL NO. 1— BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND AN ACT

Making annual appropriations for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for the ordinary expenses of the executive branch of state government, pensions, public schools, public roads, public charities, and state institutions and providing with respect to the expenditure of said appropriations.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 2— BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 3— BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON AN ACT

To enact the Omnibus Bond Authorization Act of 2024, relative to the implementation of a five-year capital improvement program; to provide for the repeal of certain prior bond authorizations; to provide for new bond authorizations; to provide for authorization and sale of such bonds by the State Bond Commission; to provide relative to the submission of capital outlay applications; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 291— BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND AN ACT

To provide with respect to the Revenue Sharing Fund and the allocation and distribution thereof for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 314— BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND AN ACT

To provide for the establishment and reestablishment of agency ancillary funds, to be specifically known as internal service funds, auxiliary accounts, or enterprise funds for certain state institutions, officials, and agencies; to provide for appropriation of funds for Fiscal Year 2024-2025; to provide for an effective date; and to regulate the administration of said funds.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 781— BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 782— BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND AN ACT

To appropriate funds and to make certain reductions from certain sources to be allocated to designated agencies and purposes in specific amounts for the making of supplemental appropriations and reductions for said agencies and purposes for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; 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. 786— BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:407.30(D)(1)(a), (E), (F), and (G), to enact R.S. 17:407.30(H), R.S. 39:100.211(D)(3), and R.S. 40:1046.5, and to repeal R.S. 24:586, relative to certain treasury funds; to provide for the transfer, deposit, and use, as specified, of monies in certain treasury funds and accounts; to provide for an effective date; to provide for uses of the monies in the Louisiana Early Childhood Education Fund; to provide for uses of the monies in the Court Modernization and Technology Fund; to create the Therapeutic Marijuana Fund; to repeal the Louisiana Transparency Fund; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 843— BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND AN ACT

To appropriate funds for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 to defray the expenses of the Louisiana Legislature, including the expenses of the House of Representatives and the Senate, of legislative service agencies, and of the Louisiana State Law Institute; to provide for the salary, expenses, and allowances of members, officers, staff, and agencies of the Legislature; to provide with respect to the appropriations and allocations herein made; and to provide for related matters.

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

Message from the House

ASKING CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

April 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 Concurrent Resolutions:

HCR No. 3 HCR No. 21

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

House Concurrent Resolutions on First Reading

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3— BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21— BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHLEGEL A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To provide for legislative approval of the formula developed by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education pursuant to Article VIII, Section 13(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana to determine the cost of a minimum foundation program of education in all public elementary and secondary schools as well as to equitably allocate the funds to parish and city school systems, and adopted by the board on March 6, 2024.

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. 119— BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 23:1595 and to enact R.S. 23:1606, relative to unemployment compensation; to provide for the duration of benefits; to provide definitions; to provide for extended benefits; to provide for the termination of extended benefits; to provide for the promulgation of rules; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations.

HOUSE BILL NO. 142— BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:130.766(A)(2)(c), relative to the Iberia Economic Development Authority; to provide for an increase to the term of certain lease agreements entered into by the authority; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 145— BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY AN ACT

To enact R.S. 16:205 and 266, relative to the parishes of Sabine and Winn; to provide with respect to the district attorney's office; to require relative to group health insurance coverage for eligible retired employees; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 156— BY REPRESENTATIVE WILDER AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 23:213, relative to employment of minors; to repeal the provision of law relative to recreation or meal periods for minors.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations.

HOUSE BILL NO. 169— BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBBY CARTER AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:1109(B), relative to liability; to provide relative to owners and operators of carbon sequestration; to provide relative to limitations on the recovery of noneconomic damages; 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. 200— BY REPRESENTATIVE MELERINE AN ACT

To enact R.S. 23:1172.3, relative to workers' compensation; to prohibit the recovery of past payments of workers' compensation premiums under certain circumstances; to require notification; to provide exceptions; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations.

HOUSE BILL NO. 252— BY REPRESENTATIVES MIKE JOHNSON, BRASS, CARPENTER, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, FREIBERG, MELERINE, SELDERS, TAYLOR, AND YOUNG AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:440.3, relative to school employees; to require communication to parents of student athletes relative to cardiac health; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 255— BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:2554(C)(4), relative to the city of Leesville, to provide relative to the classified police service; to provide relative to the certification and appointment of eligible persons in the police department; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 313— BY REPRESENTATIVE MANDIE LANDRY AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 49:1016(A) and (C), relative to employment discrimination; to provide relative to an employee of a city, parish, or municipality who uses medical marijuana; to prohibit certain employment actions against such employees

and potential employees; to provide exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations.

HOUSE BILL NO. 323—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREIBERG
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:1233(B), relative to East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide relative to the members of the parish governing authority; to provide relative to a travel allowance authorized for such members; to provide for an increase in the maximum amount of the travel allowance; 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 Local and Municipal Affairs.

HOUSE BILL NO. 353—

BY REPRESENTATIVE GEYMAN
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 32:127.4, relative to highway right-of-way crossings; to authorize golf carts to cross Louisiana Highway 378 at McKinley Street and at Louisiana Highway 379 at Hilma Street and Gray Street in the city of Westlake; to require the Department of Transportation and Development to post crossing signs; to provide for consultation between the department and the governing authority of the city of Westlake regarding guidelines for placement of crossing signs; to restrict the application of certain provisions of law; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 400—

BY REPRESENTATIVES RISER, BRYANT, CARRIER, ROBBY CARTER, CHASSION, FISHER, FREEMAN, GLORIOSO, GREEN, JACKSON, LAFLEUR, OWEN, SELDERS, VENTRELLA, AND WALTERS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:649.7 and 3005, relative to lifetime combination hunting and fishing licenses; to establish resident and nonresident infant lifetime licenses; to establish fees for infant lifetime licenses; 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. 529—

BY REPRESENTATIVES CREWS, MCFARLAND, AND MIKE JOHNSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 23:1021(13) and to repeal R.S. 23:1021(11), relative to workers' compensation; to define the term "wages"; to provide for the determination of the average weekly wage; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations.

HOUSE BILL NO. 629—

BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:233(B)(1)(b), relative to truancy; to provide for parental and school responsibilities with respect to truant students; to provide for criminal penalties; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 643—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUGHES
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:531(B)(2)(a), relative to the Housing Authority of New Orleans; to provide relative to the appointment of commissioners to the authority; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 704—

BY REPRESENTATIVES CHASSION, ADAMS, BAYHAM, CARPENTER, DOMANGUE, FISHER, GREEN, KNOX, MARCELLE, MENA, NEWELL, OWEN, STAGNI, WALTERS, AND YOUNG
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1860.2(A)(introductory paragraph) and to enact R.S. 22:1657.2, relative to pharmacy benefit manager quality incentive pilot programs; to provide for a quality incentive pilot program to be established by licensed pharmacy benefit managers; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for utilization of the expertise of the colleges of pharmacy; to provide for minimum requirements of a program; to provide for reporting to the commissioner of insurance; to provide for voluntary participation by pharmacies; to provide for program parameters; to provide for a prohibition on certain fees; to provide for definitions; to provide relative to certain pharmacy claims fees; to provide for an effective date; to provide for a termination date; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 795—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 56:3000.1, relative to recreational hunting and fishing licenses; to provide for revenue reductions from free and discounted recreational hunting and fishing licenses; to provide for reimbursement of revenue reductions as a result of free and discounted recreational hunting and fishing licenses; to provide relative to the authority of the legislative auditor; 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 Natural Resources.

HOUSE BILL NO. 806—

BY REPRESENTATIVE GEYMAN
AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 49:214.5.1(B)(5) through (9) and (12), relative to Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board membership; to remove certain members of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board; to direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to make technical changes; 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 Natural Resources.

HOUSE BILL NO. 810—

BY REPRESENTATIVES GEYMAN AND JACOB LANDRY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 36:351(B) and (C), 354(A)(15) and (B)(2) and (6), 356(B), 357(B) and (C), 358(C) and (D)(2), 359(B)(1) and (2), 401(C)(1)(b)(i), and 405(A)(1)(b), to enact R.S. 36:354(A)(19), 356.1, 358(E) through (G), and 359(B)(4), and to repeal R.S. 36:408(I) and 409(C)(8), relative to the organization, powers, duties, and functions of the Department of Energy and Natural Resources; to create and provide for the office of enforcement, the office of energy, and the office of land and water; to provide for the duties and functions of the secretary and assistant secretaries of the Department of Energy and Natural Resources; to provide relative to the office of conservation; to create and provide for the Louisiana Natural

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Resources Trust Authority; to provide for the Louisiana oil spill coordinator; to provide for the remediation of oil spills; to provide for the management of state lands and water bottoms; to provide for certain rights of way and leasing on state lands and water bottoms; 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 Natural Resources.

HOUSE BILL NO. 813—
BY REPRESENTATIVES EDMONSTON, AMEDEE, BAYHAM, CREWS, DICKERSON, EGAN, HORTON, OWEN, SCHAMERHORN, WILDER, AND MCCORMICK

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 37:1704, relative to prescribing, administering, and dispensing of drugs by certain licensed healthcare professionals; to provide for prescription, administration, and dispensing of certain drugs for off-label use by healthcare professionals with prescriptive authority; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 819—
BY REPRESENTATIVE VENTRELLA

AN ACT

To enact Code of Evidence Article 1105 and Code of Criminal Procedure Article 389, relative to the burden of proof in certain proceedings; to provide for the burden of proof when a claim of self-defense is raised in criminal or civil proceedings; to provide relative to notice; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 823—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:95(A)(5), relative to unlawful carrying of firearms; to provide relative to the unlawful carrying of weapons; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 828—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1360.55, 1360.56(A), (B), and (C), 1360.57(introductory paragraph), (1), (2), and (5), and 1360.62 and to enact R.S. 37:1360.52(12) through (15), relative to medical psychologists; to provide for qualifications of an applicant for licensure as a medical psychologist; to provide the interaction of a medical psychologist and a collaborating healthcare provider; to provide for qualifications of an applicant for a certificate of advanced practice; to provide for the standards of practice for a medical psychologist with an advanced practice certificate; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 836—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 39:1410.60(B)(3) and (4), relative to local government finance; to provide relative to incurring of indebtedness by political subdivisions; to provide relative to the meaning of the terms "debt" and "evidence of debt" for purposes of such indebtedness; to exclude certain agreements and obligations from the meaning of such terms; to specify circumstances in which State Bond Commission approval of certain financing transactions is required; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 839—
BY REPRESENTATIVES HEBERT, BAGLEY, BRAUD, ILLG, AND WILDER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1053(A)(1) and (L) and to enact R.S. 22:1053(M), relative to step therapy or fail first protocols; to require coverage for prescribed ventilators when certain criteria apply; to provide for technical changes; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 849—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ILLG

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 28:53.1 and R.S. 40:1165.1(A)(5), relative to care for patients with behavioral health issues; to provide for discharge procedures; to provide for communication between healthcare professionals, patients, and patient's family, caregivers, and loved ones; to require the provision of educational documents; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 851—
BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:71.3.1, relative to misappropriation without violence; to create the crime of tax sale property fraud; to provide for elements; to provide for penalties; to provide for definitions; to provide for legislative intent; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 856—
BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1366(4); relative to voting systems; to provide additional requirements for voting systems; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 862—
BY REPRESENTATIVES HUGHES, CARPENTER, FREIBERG, AND ST. BLANC

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3351(A)(5)(a), relative to tuition and mandatory fee amounts for public postsecondary education institutions; to authorize each public postsecondary management board to impose and adjust certain tuition and fee amounts; to provide for limitations; to provide for reporting; 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 Education.

HOUSE BILL NO. 869—
BY REPRESENTATIVES PHELPS, FISHER, AND JACKSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1270(A)(8), relative to continuing education requirements for certain physicians and physician assistants; to provide for the treatment of sickle cell disease; to provide for the duties of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners; to require continuing education for the treatment of sickle cell disease; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 871—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HENRY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1998(A)(1)(b)(ii) and (2), (B)(3), (D), and (F), 2121, 2122, 2126, 2127, 2130, 2131, 2132(A)(1) and (C), 2133, 2134, 2151 through 2156, 2158, 2158.1, 2159, 2160 through 2163, 2241 through 2245, 2266, 2286, 2287, 2289, 2290, and 2291, to enact R.S. 47:2266.1, and to repeal R.S. 47:2128 and 2157 and Subpart B of Part VI of Chapter 5 of Subtitle III of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 47:2271 through 2280, relative to ad valorem taxes; to provide for procedures for the collection of delinquent ad valorem taxes and statutory impositions; to require certain notices for delinquent taxes, tax sales, and tax auctions; to provide for adjudicated property; to provide for the preparation and filing of tax rolls by assessors; to provide for the duties of assessors; to provide for delinquency penalties under certain circumstances; to provide for certain purposes and principles of property rights; to provide for the time and payment of ad valorem taxes and statutory impositions; to provide for the form and content of certain notices; to provide for the publication of certain notices; to provide for the postponement of ad valorem taxes under certain circumstances; to provide with respect to taxes erroneously paid; to provide for the process and deadline to refund taxes erroneously paid; to provide for the payment of certain taxes under protest; to provide for the process and procedure to recover certain taxes paid under protest; to provide with respect to tax auctions and tax auction certificates; to provide for the process and procedures for conducting tax auctions; to provide requirements for the issuance of tax auction certificates; to provide for definitions; to provide for the payment of statutory impositions; to provide for the rights and responsibilities of tax auction purchasers; to provide for the reimbursement of certain costs to certain parties; to provide for the content of certain forms, notices, publications, and affidavits; to provide for certain requirements and limitations; to provide with respect to redemption of certain property; to provide for redemption payments and persons entitled to redeem property; to provide for issuance of redemption certificates; to provide for certain payments to political subdivisions and other parties; to provide for procedures, requirements, and limitations to foreclose on certain property; to provide for the execution of certain judgments; to provide for the seizure and sale of property under certain circumstances; to provide for the annulment of certain actions and property transactions; to provide for the responsibilities of tax collectors, tax debtors, and tax auction purchasers; to provide for the interruption of prescription on certain claims; to provide for the payment of costs, interest, and penalties under certain circumstances; to repeal certain provisions related to notices and affidavits associated with a tax sale; to repeal provisions with respect to motions, motion petitions, and motion proceedings; to repeal certain provisions related to lis pendens; to repeal certain notice requirements, forms, and affidavits related to motions; to repeal provisions related to the costs associated with the issuance and filing of a judgment in a motion proceeding; 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. 874—

BY REPRESENTATIVE KERNER

AN ACT

To enact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 320.1, relative to global positioning monitoring systems; to provide for registration; to provide relative to eligibility; to provide for submission of reports; to provide for penalties; to provide for a prohibition; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 883—

BY REPRESENTATIVES PHELPS, FISHER, AND JACKSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1125.13, relative to sickle cell disease; to provide for the sickle cell disease registry; to provide for individuals diagnosed with sickle cell disease; to provide for the exchange of data by a healthcare provider with certain associations; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 888—

BY REPRESENTATIVES STAGNI AND FISHER

AN ACT

To enact Chapter 35-A of Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 37:2731 through 2746, relative to the Social Work Licensure Compact; to establish the purpose of the Compact; to identify certain objectives; to provide for definitions; to provide eligibility requirements for state and social worker participation; to establish provisions for the issuance of a multistate license; to authorize the Interstate Compact Commission; to provide for member licensing authority; to establish certain provisions for military families; to establish authority for certain entities to take adverse action; to establish the Social Work Licensure Compact Commission; to require usage of a coordinated data system; to require the promulgation of certain rules; to provide for oversight, dispute resolution, and enforcement of certain provisions; to provide for construction and severability; to require consistency and conflict resolution between states; to establish provisions for a criminal background check for the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 891—

BY REPRESENTATIVES CHENEVERT, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BOYD, BRASS, BUTLER, CARLSON, CHASSION, COATES, COX, CREWS, DAVIS, DEWITT, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, ECHOLS, EDMONSTON, EGAN, EMERSON, FIRMENT, FISHER, FREIBERG, GLORIOSO, GREEN, HEBERT, HILFERTY, HORTON, MIKE JOHNSON, JORDAN, KNOX, LAFLEUR, LYONS, MACK, MCFARLAND, MCMAHON, MCMAKIN, MELERINE, MOORE, MYERS, NEWELL, OWEN, SELDERS, STAGNI, THOMPSON, TURNER, VENTRELLA, WYBLE, AND ZERINGUE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Children's Code Article 502(4)(introductory paragraph), 1150(2)(a), 1151(A)(1), (B) and (C) and 1152(A)(1) and (2)(f), (C)(3) and (G), 1153(B)(3), 1154(A), and 1157(A)(1) and to repeal Children's Code Articles 1150(2)(e) and 1152(A)(3), relative to the Safe Haven Law; to provide for definitions; to require twenty-four hour medical services; to establish certain provisions for first responders upon dispatch; to remove requirements for a designee; to establish requirements for the production of safe haven informational materials; to amend the requirement for an instructional video; to require certain determinations by a physician; to include contacting the Missing and Exploited Children Information Clearinghouse for information on missing children and endangered adults; to provide that certain actions constitute a crime against a child; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 917—

BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS

AN ACT

To provide that Act No. 84 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Legislature shall be known and may be cited as "Armani's Law".

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

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HOUSE BILL NO. 952—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 3:1481(4) and (13), 1482(A) and (B), 1483(C), (E)(1)(a), and (F)(introductory paragraph), 1484(A), (B), and (H), and 1493(B)(9), to enact R.S. 3:1482(D)(4), 1483(B)(8) and (G)(6), and 1485, and to repeal R.S. 3:1481(1) and (11), 1482(E), and 1483(B)(6) and (7), (D), (E)(3), and (F)(1) and (2), relative to consumable hemp products; to provide for the regulation of consumable hemp products; to provide for definitions; to provide for product requirements; to provide for limits on servings; to prohibit the sale of products to minors; to repeal certain definitions; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title and referred by the President to the Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development.

Reports of Committees

The following reports of committees were received and read:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

FINANCE

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

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To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 26—

BY SENATORS FIELDS AND BOUIE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:164.3, relative to school buses; to require all school buses used in transportation of students to and from school to be equipped with heating and air conditioning; to provide relative to rules and regulations of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; to provide relative to compliance; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 31—

BY SENATOR WHEAT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1665(C)(1) and 1665.2(C)(1), relative to survivor benefits; to provide for survivor benefits for dependent children of firemen and law enforcement officers; to provide for terms and conditions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 64—

BY SENATOR REESE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:100.52(A) and 100.56(D)(1) and (G) and to enact R.S. 39:100.56(K)(2)(c), relative to the Water Sector Program; to provide relative to the Water Sector Fund; to remove an outdated reference to a previous transfer of funds; to provide relative to Water Sector Program guidance requirements; to require rate studies for grant recipients; to provide relative to adjustments of grant awards; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 164—

BY SENATOR ABRAHAM

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 42:851(V), relative to the Office of Group Benefits; to provide relative to eligibility; to provide relative to health coverage programs for certain employees; to provide relative to employer premium contributions; to provide for limitations; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 190—

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:460.76.1, relative to Medicaid reimbursement rate increases; to provide for a plan for physicians to be reimbursed at one hundred percent of Medicare rates; to provide for approval and appropriation prior to implementation; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 205—

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

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 with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 234—

BY SENATOR MIGUEZ

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 38:2216.1 and R.S. 39:1602.2, relative to public contracts; to prohibit certain discriminatory practices with respect to firearm associations, retailers, and manufacturers; to provide for definitions; to provide restrictions on applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 235—

BY SENATOR HENSGENS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 27:601(B) and 625(G)(7) and to enact R.S. 27:625(G)(8), relative to sports wagering; to provide regarding definitions, enforcement, licenses and permits, and wagering; to provide for requirements and regulations; to provide for revenue allocation; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 280—

BY SENATOR PRICE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1666.1(A)(7), relative to supplemental pay; to provide for eligibility for certain fire protection officers; to provide certain requirements and limitations for eligibility; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 300—

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1059.4 and 1059.5, relative to health insurance coverage for pregnancy-related and postpartum healthcare services; to provide for coverage of nutrition counseling

services; to provide for coverage of qualified lactation care provider services; to prohibit discriminatory language; to provide for definitions; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 328—
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 a training program regarding certain practices and procedures; to provide relative to forest fire and wildfire suppression; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

SENATE BILL NO. 417—
BY SENATOR PRESSLY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 48:751 and to enact R.S. 48:752.1, 752.2, 753.1 and 756.1, to create the Oil and Gas Severance subfund within the Parish Transportation Fund, to provide for composition of the fund; to provide for statutory dedications to the subfund; to provide for use of the subfund; and to provide for the distribution of monies in the subfund; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 431—
BY SENATOR CLOUD

AN ACT

To enact Subpart CC of Part II-A of Chapter 1 of Subtitle I of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 39:100.241 and 100.242, relative to juvenile detention facility funding; to create the Juvenile Detention Commission; to provide for membership of the commission; to provide for the implementation and administration of the Juvenile Detention Commission Program; to provide relative to a grant application process for construction of juvenile detention centers; to create the Juvenile Detention Fund; to provide for oversight and approval of use of funds by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget; to provide for audits; to provide relative to terms, conditions, requirements, and procedures; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 440—
BY SENATOR PRESSLY

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:392.14, relative to special funds in the state treasury; to create the Dyslexia Fund as a special fund in the state treasury; to provide for the transfer, dedication, deposit, and use, as specified of the Dyslexia Fund; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,
GLEN WOMACK
Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

RETIREMENT

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

April 29, 2024

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MIKE JOHNSON, BACALA, BOYD, CARLSON, CARRIER, EGAN, FONTENOT, ILLG, KERNER, RISER, TAYLOR, AND THOMAS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to support H.R. 82 and S. 597 of the 118th Congress, the Social Security Fairness Act, and all similar legislation and to take such actions as are necessary to review and eliminate all provisions of federal law which reduce Social Security benefits for those receiving pension benefits from federal, state, or local government retirement or pension systems, plans, or funds.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 15—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:2220(A)(2)(a) and to enact R.S. 11:2213(11)(i) and (j), 2214.1, 2220(A)(4), and 2241.4(A)(4), relative to the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System; to provide for eligibility for retirement; to provide relative to benefits of certain retirees; to provide for termination of membership of certain elected officials; to provide for definitions; to authorize certain reemployment of retirees without benefit suspension; to provide for payment of contributions; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 31—

BY REPRESENTATIVES FREIBERG, BACALA, BAYHAM, BOYD, BRASS, CHASSION, COX, FISHER, HUGHES, JACKSON, LARVADAIN, MCMAKIN, MILLER, MYERS, NEWELL, SELDERS, STAGNI, WALTERS, WILLARD, WYBLE, AND YOUNG

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:927(A) and to enact R.S. 11:927(B)(4) and (F), 929(B)(2)(d), and 932, relative to the optional retirement plan of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana; to provide for election to join the defined benefit plan; to provide for membership; to provide relative to administrative fees charged by the system; to provide relative to certain single-sum cash payments from the optional retirement plan; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 39—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCCORMICK

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:1006(D) and 1007(A)(1) and to repeal R.S. 11:1007(C)(3), relative to the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System; to provide for reemployment of retired bus drivers; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

HOUSE BILL NO. 963— (Substitute for House Bill No. 14 by Representative DeWitt)

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEWITT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:2220(J)(1) and to repeal R.S. 11:2220(J)(4), relative to the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System; to provide relative to reemployment of retirees in the system; to provide for the payment of retirement benefits during reemployment; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 967— (Substitute for House Bill No. 35 by Representative Riser)

BY REPRESENTATIVES RISER, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOURRIAQUE, BOYD, BRAUD, BRYANT, CARRIER, WILFORD CARTER, CARVER, CHASSION, CHENEVERT, COX, DEWITT, FIRMENT, FISHER, FREIBERG, GADBERRY, GREEN, HORTON, HUGHES, JORDAN, KNOX, LAFLEUR, JACOB LANDRY, LARVADAIN, MARCELLE, MCCORMICK, MELERINE, MILLER, MOORE, NEWELL, OWEN, PHELPS, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, SELDERS, STAGNI, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, AND WILLARD

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:710(A)(4)(b) and to enact R.S. 11:710.1(G), relative to the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana; to provide relative to the reemployment of certain retired teachers without a suspension or reduction of benefits; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted, EDWARD J. "ED" PRICE Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS

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

April 29, 2024

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 480— BY REPRESENTATIVE MYERS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:164(D)(3), (E), and (F), relative to income tax withholding; to provide requirements for income tax withholdings on certain winnings; to provide for procedures of the Department of Revenue with respect to certain income tax withholdings; to require reporting in connection with such withholdings; to require promulgation of administrative rules; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 659— BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:2158.1(B) and 2231.1(B), relative to tax sale property; to provide for the rights of owners of certain tax sale property; to provide for penalties for certain violations; to increase the penalties for certain violations; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 837— BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1483(A) and (B)(1), relative to the Board of Tax Appeals; to provide relative to claims approved by the board; to provide for payment of such claims; to raise the limit on the individual value of such claims that may be paid from current tax collections; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

HOUSE BILL NO. 921— BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:1989(D)(5), relative to ad valorem taxes; to limit the determination of fair market value of real property by an assessor under certain circumstances; to provide for certain exceptions; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

Respectfully submitted, FRANKLIN J. FOIL Chairman

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SENATE BILL NO. 13— BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:586, relative to vacancies in an elected office; to provide relative to the removal from office of an elected official; to provide relative to appointments and elections to fill such a vacancy; to provide for a prohibition; 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. 13 by Senator Seabaugh

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 11, after "removed" and before the period insert "2 unless the removal was due to a defect that is capable of being legally cured prior to qualifying for the election to fill the vacancy"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 15, after "official" and before the period insert "2 unless the removal was due to a defect that is capable of being legally cured prior to qualifying for the election to fill the vacancy"

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. 14— BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1505.2(Q)(1), relative to campaign contributions; to provide for receipt of campaign contributions during an election year regular session by a legislator; to provide for reporting requirements; 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. 14 by Senator Seabaugh

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 1, change "forty-eight hours" to "thirty days"

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. 138—
BY SENATOR OWEN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:753(C)(2)(b) and (I), 761(C), 786(A)(1) and (C), and 793(H)(2) and to enact R.S. 37:753(K), relative to dentistry; to provide relative to the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry; to provide for board membership and terms of office; to provide for board domicile; to provide for requirements of applications for dental licenses; to provide for judicial review of adjudication; to provide relative to anesthesia and sedation; 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. 138 by Senator Owen

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "reenact" delete the remainder of the line and insert "R.S. 37:753(C)(2)(b), 761(C), and"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 5, after "office;" delete "to provide for board domicile;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 6, after "licenses;" delete "to provide for judicial review of adjudication;"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 10, after "Section 1," delete the remainder of the line and insert "R.S. 37:753(C)(2)(b), 761(C), and 793(H)(2)"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, delete lines 12 through 14

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 3, delete lines 10 through 25

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 4, line 17, after "Except for" delete "oral and maxillofacial surgeons," and insert "**a Louisiana licensed dentist with an appropriate sedation permit.**"

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. 158—
BY SENATOR OWEN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1046(G)(3)(e), relative to marijuana for therapeutic use; to provide for the dispensing of marijuana for therapeutic use; to provide for patient count reviews; 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 passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 213—
BY SENATOR JENKINS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:1206.1(B), relative to sick leave for certain school employees that are disabled; to provide for a period of time to be on sick leave; to provide for continuous pay

and accrual of sick leave; to provide for proof of the disability; 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. 213 by Senator Jenkins

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 11, after "disabled" and before "while" insert "**, as defined in R.S. 17:1200(C),**"

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

SENATE BILL NO. 224—
BY SENATOR OWEN

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:153.3.2, relative to opioid alternatives; to provide relative to coverage for nonopioid and opioid prescription drugs by Medicaid managed care organizations; to provide for duties of the Louisiana Department of Health; to require the department to support certain programs that promote opioid alternatives; 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. 224 by Senator Owen

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 5, delete "support certain programs that promote" and insert "perform certain functions relative to"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete lines 15 through 17 and on page 2, delete lines 1 through 5

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 6, change "**(3)**" to "**B.**"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 14, after "**Collaborate**" insert "**with political subdivisions, nonprofit organizations, and other state agencies**"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, delete lines 20 through 29, delete page 3, and on page 4, delete lines 1 through 23

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

SENATE BILL NO. 261—
BY SENATOR HODGES

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:435(A)(4) and (B)(2) and to enact R.S. 18:435(A)(1)(c) and (5) and (B)(1)(c) and 1309(N), relative to elections; to provide for the appointment of poll watchers; 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. 312—
BY SENATOR EDMONDS

AN ACT

To enact Chapter 14-E of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 46:1445.1 through 1445.13, relative to assistance programs of the Department of Children and Family Services; to establish within the department an assistance program for certain pregnant women and parents; to provide for services to be delivered through the program; to require reporting to certain legislative committees concerning the program; to require administrative rulemaking; 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. 312 by Senator Edmonds

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, change "1445.13," to "1445.2,"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 4, after "Services;" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 5 through 7 and insert "to require the Department of Children and Family Services to include certain information on its website; and to"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 11, change "1445.13," to "1445.2,"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, delete lines 15 through 17, delete pages 2 through 6, and on page 7, delete lines 1 through 6 and insert the following:

"§1445.2. Adoption awareness; Department of Children and Family Services

A link to the AdoptionOption.La.Gov website as provided for in R.S. 40:1061.17, or any successor state agency administered website that promotes adoption awareness and makes adoption resource information available to the public, shall be made available and placed in a prominent location on the websites administered by the Louisiana Department of Health and the Department of Children and Family Services. Any other state agency that administers a website may also provide a link to the AdoptionOption.La.Gov website."

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

SENATE BILL NO. 347—
BY SENATOR HARRIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 44:4.1(B)(11) and enact R.S. 22:976.2 and 1657.2, relative to health insurance; to prohibit certain health insurance issuer cost-sharing practices; to prohibit certain pharmacy benefit manager cost-sharing practices; to provide definitions; 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. 347 by Senator Harris

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, change "enact" to "to enact"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 5, after "definitions;" insert "to provide for penalties; to provide an effective date;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 8, after "cost-sharing" insert "definitions; penalties"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 10, delete "cost sharing" and insert "cost-sharing"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, delete lines 13 and 14 and insert the following:

"(2) "Health insurance issuer" means any entity that offers health insurance coverage through a plan, policy, or certificate of insurance subject to state law that regulates the business of insurance. "Health insurance issuer" shall also include a health maintenance organization, as defined and licensed pursuant to Subpart I of Part I of Chapter 2 of this Title, and a pharmacy benefit manager or any person acting on behalf of a pharmacy benefit manager. "Health insurance issuer" shall not include the Office of Group Benefits or a self-funded health benefit plan that complies with the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, 29 U.S.C. 1001 et seq."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 3, line 3, after "cost-sharing" insert "definitions; penalties"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 3, line 6, delete "cost sharing" and insert "cost-sharing"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

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

"(2) "Insurer" means any entity that offers health insurance coverage through a plan, policy, or certificate of insurance subject to state law that regulates the business of insurance. "Insurer" shall also include a health maintenance organization, as defined and licensed pursuant to Subpart I of Part I of Chapter 2 of this Title, and a pharmacy benefit manager or any person acting on behalf of a pharmacy benefit manager. "Insurer" shall not include the Office of Group Benefits or a self-funded health benefit plan that complies with the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, 29 U.S.C. 1001 et seq."

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 4, line 2, delete "cost sharing" and insert "cost-sharing"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 4, line 5, "cost sharing" and insert "cost-sharing"

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. 357—
BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 29:724(B)(2) and 768(B), relative to emergency declarations; to authorize the legislature to terminate all or part of an emergency declaration; to provide for the procedure by which the petition is signed and transmitted to the governor; to provide for the effectiveness of the petition to terminate; to provide for an effective date; to provide for retroactive application; 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. 407—
BY SENATOR PRESSLY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1483(9)(a) and (b) and (12)(b), relative to election campaign finance; to provide for definitions; 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. 423—

BY SENATOR MORRIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 44:5(A) and (C), 31(B)(1) and (2), 31.1, 31.2, 32(A)(1), (C)(1)(a), (c), and (d), (2), (3), and (D), 33(B)(1), 34, and 35(A) and (D), relative to public records; to provide for public records request requirements; 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. 423 by Senator Morris

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "31(B)" and before the comma delete "(1) and (2)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 7, "31(B)" and before the comma delete "(1) and (2)"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, delete line 16 and insert:

"(2) Except as otherwise provided in this Chapter or as otherwise specifically provided by law, and in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter, no provision of this Chapter shall be construed to limit access to readily available public records, including but not limited to mortgage and conveyance records,

~~(3)~~ **(4) The burden of proving that a public record is not subject to inspection, copying, or reproduction shall rest with the custodian."**

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. 433—

BY SENATOR EDMONDS

AN ACT

To enact Part X-G of Chapter 1 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 17:407.111, relative to early childhood education; to require the department to collect and display certain data on its website; to provide an implementation date; 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. 435—

BY SENATOR MCMATH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:444(B)(1), (C)(1), and (D) and to enact R.S. 18:444(G)(2)(e), relative to parish executive committees; to provide relative to the parish executive committee of the Republican Party in St. Tammany Parish; to provide relative to membership and appointment on the committee; to provide relative to organization of the committee and election of officers; to provide for terms of office; 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. 435 by Senator McMath

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, delete lines 4 and 5 and insert "**the legislature.**"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, delete line 29, and on page 3, deletes lines 1 through 9 and insert: "**fourteen members appointed by members of the legislative delegation representing St. Tammany Parish who are registered members of the Republican Party.**"

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. 444—

BY SENATOR JACKSON-ANDREWS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1865(E) and to enact R.S. 22:1860.3(E), relative to pharmaceutical reimbursements; to provide relative to reimbursement by pharmacy benefit managers; to provide relative to appeals; to provide for information provided to the commissioner of insurance; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 449—

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:2(16), relative to the Louisiana Election Code; to provide for definitions; 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. 458—

BY SENATOR BASS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:218(A), relative to attorney-client contracts; to provide relative to contingency fee contracts; 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. 458 by Senator Bass

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, delete "R.S. 37:218(A)," and insert "R.S. 37:218 and to enact R.S. 22:1276,"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 3, after "contracts;" insert the following: "to provide for a short title; to provide that certain contracts are null, void, and unenforceable; to provide for definitions; to prohibit certain coverage by legal malpractice insurance; to provide for an effective date; to provide for applicability;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, between lines 4 and 5, insert the following: "Section 1. R.S. 22:1276 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1276. Legal malpractice insurance

A. On and after August 1, 2024, any insurance policy issued or renewed in this state that provides legal malpractice coverage shall exclude coverage for any contingency fee contract between

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the attorney and his client that does not comply with the provisions of R.S. 37:218.

B. In the event of a claim on a policy issued or renewed in accordance with Subsection A of this Section, any liability resulting from any action or inaction by the attorney in a suit, proposed suit, or claim on behalf of a client shall not be compensable under the policy if the contract between the attorney and the client provides for an interest in the subject matter of the suit, proposed suit, or claim as the attorney's fee and the contract does not comply with the provisions of R.S. 37:218.

C. Any legal malpractice insurance policy issued or renewed on and after August 1, 2024, which contains a condition or provision not in compliance with this Section but is otherwise valid, shall not be rendered invalid, but shall be construed and applied in accordance with the conditions and provisions which would have applied had the policy been in full compliance with this Section."

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, at the beginning of line 5, delete "Section 1. R.S. 37:218(A)" and insert "Section 2. R.S. 37:218"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, at the end of line 7, insert "**; client protections**"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

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

"A. This Section shall be known and may be cited as the "Plaintiff Protection from Predatory Practices Law"."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 1, at the beginning of line 8, change "A." to "**B.**"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 1, line 11, after "property." change "Such" to "~~Such~~ **The**"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 1, line 13, after "In" change "such" to "~~such~~ **the**"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 2, line 1, after "After" change "such" to "~~such~~ **the**"

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 2, line 4, after "as if" delete "such"

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 2, delete line 6 and insert the following:

"C.(1) Any contract authorized by Subsection B of this Section shall be absolutely null, void, and unenforceable in the state of Louisiana as contrary to public policy if the contract includes any of the following:

(a) A contingency fee in excess of twenty-five percent of the total amount of compensation received in the suit, proposed suit, or claim, reduced by amounts specified in Subparagraphs (b) and (c) of this Paragraph, as applicable.

(b) A contingency fee on that portion of the total amount of compensation received in the suit, proposed suit, or claim that is equivalent to the amount of a written settlement offer received by the client from an opposing party prior to the date of execution of the initial contract between the client and an attorney for representation in the matter.

(c) A contingency fee on that portion of the amount of compensation received for property damage to a motor vehicle.

(d) A contingency fee in a medical liability claim that exceeds twenty-five percent of the first two hundred fifty thousand dollars of compensation received and exceeds ten percent of the total amount of compensation received in excess of two hundred fifty thousand dollars.

(2) The protections for clients required in contingency fee contracts as provided in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall apply exclusive of reasonable and customary costs, whether recovery is received by judgment, settlement, or otherwise, and regardless of the number of opposing parties.

(3) Any contract authorized by Subsection B of this Section between the attorney and his client that provides an interest in the subject matter of the suit, proposed suit, or claim as the attorney's fee shall require that the client's net recovery exceed the attorney's fee.

B. D.(1) The term "fee", as used in this Section, means the agreed upon fee, whether fixed or contingent, and any and all other amounts advanced by the attorney to or on behalf of the client, as permitted by the Rules of Professional Conduct of the Louisiana State Bar Association.

(2) The term "reasonable and customary costs", as used in this Section, shall be as permitted by the Rules of Professional Conduct of the Louisiana State Bar Association.

E. The provisions of this Section shall be considered an exercise of the police powers of the state to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the people of the state from predatory practices.

Section 3.(A) This Act shall become effective on August 1, 2024.

(B) The provisions of this Act shall apply to any contract executed on and after August 1, 2024, between an attorney and his client that provides for an interest in the subject matter of the suit, proposed suit, or claim as the attorney's fee."

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

On motion of Senator Harris the bill was read by title and recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary A.

SENATE BILL NO. 462—

BY SENATOR HODGES

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 42:4(C), relative to gubernatorial appointments; to provide for appointments of certain members to certain boards and commissions; to provide for appointee qualifications and terms; to provide for notice requirements; to provide for Senate confirmation of appointees; 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. 462 by Senator Hodges

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 14, after "Within" and before "days" change "twenty" to "one hundred eighty"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 17, after "within" and before the end of the line change "twenty" to "one hundred eighty"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, delete lines 4 through 6

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 7, change "(4)" to "(3)"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 9, change "(5)" to "(4)"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, line 11, change "(6)" to "(5)"

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. 475—
BY SENATOR OWEN

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:17.8, relative to curricula requirements; to provide relative to high school graduation requirements; to provide for virtual teaching under certain circumstances; to provide relative to a virtual Health Education course; 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. 484—
BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1483.1(A), (E), and (F) and to enact R.S. 22:1483.1(G), relative to the Louisiana Fortify Homes Program; to provide for rulemaking; to require the department to apply for grants or other funding, if available; to provide the program may offer grants and other funding to nonprofit entities; to require insurers submit rates, rate plans, and actuarial justifications to the department; to provide for mitigation requirements; to require insurers to provide premium discounts or rate reductions under certain building requirements; to repeal the termination date; to provide for 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. 484 by Senator Duplessis

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete line 2, and insert the following: "To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1483.1(A) and (C) and R.S. 44:1(B)(11), to enact R.S. 22:1483.1(B)(5) and (E)(3), and to repeal R.S. 22:1483.1(F),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 3, after "Program;" delete the remainder of the line, and delete lines 4 through 8, and insert the following: "to provide the commissioner of insurance may apply for grants or other funding, if available; to provide the commissioner of insurance may enter into certain agreements with public agencies and private entities; to require the grantee to submit to random reinspections; to provide certain information and records are confidential; to repeal the"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 11, after "Section 1." delete the remainder of the line, and delete line 12, and insert the following: "R.S. 22:1483.1(A) and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 22:1483.1(B)(5) and (E)(3) are hereby enacted to read as follows:"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, delete lines 3 through 29, delete page 3, and on page 4, delete lines 1 through 7, and insert the following: "**and regulations governing to govern the** eligibility requirements for grants and the administration of the program.

(2) The commissioner may apply for grants or funds from the federal government or other funding sources to supplement the funds appropriated by the legislature. The commissioner may use grant funds to pay for inspections for grant applicants subject to the terms of the grant.

(3) The commissioner may enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with public agencies and private entities for projects pursuant to this Section. A cooperative endeavor partner may administer grants or funds in the manner required by the cooperative endeavor agreement.

B. In order to receive a grant pursuant to this Section, the grantee shall do all of the following:

* * *

(5) Submit to random reinspection of the retrofitted insurable property.

C. (1) The name of a recipient of a grant received pursuant to this Section, the amount of the grant, and the municipal address of the retrofitted insurable property shall be a public record.

(2) All information and records received pursuant to this Section other than those listed in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall be deemed confidential and exempt from disclosure pursuant to the Public Records Law, R.S. 44:1 et seq. Nothing in this Subsection shall prevent the use of such information or records for the compilation of statistical data wherein the identity of the applicant, grantee, evaluator, or contractor is not disclosed.

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E. This Section does not create any of the following:

* * *

(3) A guarantee, warranty, or surety on the part of the state for the performance of any obligation undertaken by an applicant, evaluator, or contractor.

Section 2. R.S. 44:4.1(B)(11) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§4.1. Exceptions

* * *

B. The legislature further recognizes that there exist exceptions, exemptions, and limitations to the laws pertaining to public records throughout the revised statutes and codes of this state. Therefore, the following exceptions, exemptions, and limitations are hereby continued in effect by incorporation into this Chapter by citation:

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(11) R.S. 22:2, 14, 31, 42.1, 88, 244, 263, 265, 461, 550.7, 571, 572, 572.1, 572.2, 574, 601.3, 618, 639, 691.4, 691.5, 691.6, 691.7, 691.8, 691.9, 691.9.1, 691.10, 691.38, 691.56, 732, 752, 753, 771, 834, 972(D), 976, 1008, 1019.2, 1203, 1460, 1464, 1466, **1483.1**, 1488, 1546, 1559, 1566(D), 1644, 1656, 1657.1, 1660.7, 1723, 1796, 1801, 1808.3, 1927, 1929, 1983, 1984, 2036, 2045, 2056, 2085, 2091, 2293, 2303, 2508

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Section 3. R.S. 22:1483.1(F) is hereby repealed in its entirety."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 4, line 8, change "Section 2." to "Section 4."

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. 487—
BY SENATOR CATHEY

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:978.2.2, relative to drug screening; to require fentanyl testing in certain circumstances; to provide for reporting; to provide for exemptions; to provide relative to limitation of liability; 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. 487 by Senator Cathey

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, after "reporting;" delete the remainder of the line and on line 4, delete "relative to limitation of liability;"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 7, after "**fentanyl**" insert "**; minors**"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, delete line 8 and insert "**A. If a minor is**"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 9, after "**a hospital**" insert "**for a suspected opioid overdose**"

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AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, line 10, change "individual's" to "minor's"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 1, line 11, change "individual's" to "minor's"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, delete lines 2 through 8

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. 489— BY SENATOR CATHEY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:407.62(7), 407.66 (A)(1), R.S. 40:1563, 1563.2(A), 1566.1, 1575(A) and (B), 1613, 1664.3(9), 1730.23(H) and (I), 1730.28(A)(1), and 1730.39, to enact R.S. 40:1730.28(A)(9), and to repeal R.S. 40:1573.1, 1574, 1574.1, 1577, 1578, 1578.1, 1578.2, 1578.3, 1578.4, 1578.5, 1578.6, 1578.7, 1579, 1580, 1580.1, 1581, 1582, 1583, 1591, 1592, 1597.2, Subpart D-1 of Chapter 7 of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 40:1641 through 1645, Subpart D-2 of Chapter 7 of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 40:1646 through 1646.3, 1664.17, 1730.23(J), and R.S. 40:1731, relative to the state fire marshal, to provide for powers, duties, and functions of the state fire marshal; to provide relative to fire prevention bureaus and its powers, duties, and functions; to provide for inspections and plan reviews; to provide relative to and the enforcement of the Louisiana Uniform Construction Code; to provide relative to terms, conditions, and procedures; 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. 489 by Senator Cathey

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "reenact" delete "R.S. 17:407.62(7), 407.66(A)(1)," and insert "R.S. 17:407.62(7) and 407.66(A)(1) and"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 24, change "supervise the" to "supervise the"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 25, delete "enforcement of" and insert "enforce"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, at the end of line 27, insert the following: "Unless contracted by a local government authority, the fire marshal shall not review construction plans for compliance with the International Building Code."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, delete lines 8 through 29, and on page 4, delete 1 through 6, and insert the following:

"C.(1) The fire marshal shall not conduct or supervise inspections pursuant to the provisions of Paragraphs (B)(1), and (2); (3); and (4) of this Section within the jurisdiction of any local governing authority in which a fire prevention bureau has been properly established by special ordinance and accompanying resolution as provided in this Section, except as provided in Paragraph (5) of this Subsection.

(2) The local governing authority may properly establish a fire prevention bureau by special ordinance and accompanying resolution as provided in this Section and a fire prevention bureau thus established may apply for certification by the fire marshal to perform inspections on behalf of the fire marshal solely through adoption of the special ordinance which conforms to the following requirements which are applicable to existing fire prevention bureaus. A fire

prevention bureau established pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall:

(a) The fire prevention bureau must be headed by a chief of a fire department or a person designated by the chief of a fire department.

(b) The fire prevention bureau shall be staffed with qualified individuals whose credentials have been reviewed by the fire marshal and who have successfully completed, according to criteria established by the fire marshal, special training in fire inspection and fire codes in a course approved by the fire marshal at the office of state fire marshal Fire and Emergency Training Academy or a course deemed equivalent or superseding by the fire marshal.

(c) Enforce the fire protection provisions of the State Uniform Construction Code as adopted by the State Uniform Construction Code Council when requested by a local governing authority.

(d) Requiring adoption as a minimum standard those codes as adopted and enforced by the state fire marshal."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 4, line 23, change "herein" to "herein in this Section"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 4, line 25, delete "herein" and insert "in this Section"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 4, delete lines 28 and 29, and delete on page 5, lines 1 through 15, and insert the following:

(4) The fire marshal shall not conduct or supervise inspections in all remaining matters where a fire prevention bureau is properly certified exists unless specifically requested by the fire prevention bureau or the local governing body of that jurisdiction or upon complaint of any citizen. The fire marshal may, at his discretion, report any complaint received from a citizen to the appropriate fire prevention bureau and the fire marshal may conduct a joint inspection with the fire prevention bureau.

(5) The state fire marshal, at his discretion, may audit a fire prevention bureau's administration of R.S. 40:1730.28 (9). The audit shall review the fire prevention bureau's performance of building inspections and plan review of structures other than one- and two-family dwellings. When the audit includes the reinspection of a building, the inspection shall not deconstruct any building element of the structure.

(6) The monitoring function conferred upon the fire marshal by this Section is solely intended to achieve the equal, effective enforcement of the state's adopted fire protection, life safety, and accessibility laws, codes, rules, and regulations. It is not intended that the fire marshal shall retain or assume responsibility or liability for inspections performed by fire prevention bureaus. The local governing authority shall, by specific resolution accompanying the ordinance creating the fire protection bureau, assume the responsibility for and release the fire marshal and any other state entity from responsibility or liability for those inspections performed by the fire prevention bureau, or the consequences thereof, within the jurisdiction of the governing authority."

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 5, line 19, delete "R.S. 40:1730.22(C)" and insert "R.S. 40:1730.22"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 5, line 23, delete "R.S. 40:1730.28(A)(9)" and insert "R.S. 40:1730.28"

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 6, line 18, change "herein" to "herein in this Section"

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 8, line 8, change "herein" to "herein in this Section"

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 13, line 4, change "A.(1)" to "A.(1)"

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 13, between lines 20 and 21, insert the following:

"The fire marshal shall enforce the fire protection provisions of the State Uniform Construction Code as provided in R.S. 40:1730.28 as adopted by the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council in assembly occupancies with an occupant load greater than or equal to ten thousand occupants."

AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 13, delete line 29, and insert the following: "1578.5, 1578.6, 1578.7, 1579, 1580.1, 1583, 1591, 1592, 1597.2, Subpart"

AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 14, at the end of line 3, delete "and 1731" and insert ", 1733, 1734, 1735, 1736, 1737, 1738, 1740, 1741, 1742, 1742.1, 1742.2, 1743, and 1744"

AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 14, after line 4, add the following:

"Section 4.(A) The Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council shall review, adopt, and amend the International Fire Code on or prior to July 1, 2025.

(B) Enforcement and administration of the International Fire Code shall become effective January 1, 2026."

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. 490—
BY SENATOR CATHEY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1749.21(B), relative to permits for excavation or demolition; to provide for information from regional notification centers to be distributed; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs to Original Senate Bill No. 490 by Senator Cathey

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "R.S. 40:1749.21(B)" insert "and to enact R.S. 40:1749.19(C)" and after "relative to" delete the remainder of the line and insert "regional notification centers;"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete line 3, and insert " to provide for distribution of information from regional notification centers; to authorize certain municipal or parish governments which own or operate a drainage system, sewer system, or water or water system to become a member of, participate in, or share the cost of a regional notification center; and"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 6, after "reenacted" insert "and R.S. 40:1749.19(C) is hereby enacted"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following:

"§1749.19. Voluntary participation by incorporated municipalities and parish governments

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C. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, each municipality or parish government which owns or operates in its own right, or through a special district or districts created pursuant to law, a drainage system, a sewer system, water, or a water system within its local jurisdiction and has any location of its underground utilities or facilities or equipment identified or mapped in connection with the deployment of the

broadband projects throughout the state utilizing the funding pursuant to R.S. 51:2370.1, et seq., the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund, the Enhanced Alternative Connect America Model, the Rural Development Broadband ReConnect Program, or any other similar program included in the Broadband Equity Access and Deployment program shall become a member of, participate in, and share the cost of a regional notification center pursuant to R.S. 40:1749.14.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 497—
BY SENATOR MIGUEZ

AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 42:1132(B)(2), relative to the Board of Ethics; to provide for appointment by the governor and the legislature; 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. 497 by Senator Miguez

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "To" and before "repeal" insert "amend and reenact R.S. 42:1132(B)(1) and to"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, between lines 4 and 5 insert:

"Section 1. R.S. 42:1132(B)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

B. Membership; terms; vacancies; qualifications. (1) The Board of Ethics shall consist of eleven members to be selected as follows:

(a) The governor shall appoint seven members, who shall be representative of the state's population as near as practicable and who shall be subject to Senate confirmation. At least one member shall be appointed from each congressional district **and the governor shall give due consideration to the demographics of the population of the state, including without limitation geography, gender, and race.** Of those seven, the governor shall appoint at least three members, each of whom shall have been licensed to practice law in this state for at least eight years at the time of his appointment.

(b) Two members shall be elected by the House of Representatives, **who shall give due consideration to the demographics of the population of the state, including without limitation geography, gender, and race.**

(c) Two members shall be elected by the Senate, **who shall give due consideration to the demographics of the population of the state, including without limitation geography, gender, and race.**

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AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 5, change "Section 1." to "Section 2."

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.

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Second Reading Reported by Committees

HOUSE BILL NO. 4— BY REPRESENTATIVES ZERINGUE AND DOMANGUE AND SENATOR ALLAIN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9109(C)(2), relative to charges for 911 emergency services; to authorize the Terrebonne Parish Communications District to increase its service charge on wireless phone service; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 20— BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 25:215(B)(19), relative to the duties and powers of boards of control for public libraries; to provide for the powers and duties of the Catahoula Parish Library Board of Control; to transfer the administration of and accounting functions for funds of the library from the parish police jury to the library board of control; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 50— BY REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:385.1(B), relative to municipal officers; to provide relative to the office of chief of police of the village of Pine Prairie; to provide relative to qualifications; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 78— BY REPRESENTATIVE CARVER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3983(A)(2)(a)(i) and 3991.1(C)(introductory paragraph) and to enact R.S. 17:3983(A)(2)(a)(iv) and 3991.1(A)(5), relative to charter schools; to authorize the initial proposal for a charter school with a corporate partner to be made to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education as a Type 2 charter school proposal; to provide relative to the definition of corporate partner; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 83— BY REPRESENTATIVE MOORE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:2833(A)(6) and (B), relative to commercial body art facilities; to provide for regulations to be promulgated by the state health officer; to provide for the disclosure of health risks of body art; to provide for the disclosure of tattoo ink regulation by the state and federal government; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 93— BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLARD AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:38 and 41(C)(2)(a), relative to vital records in the custody of the state registry; to provide access for certain persons to vital records; to require the state registrar to issue records under certain circumstances; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 143— BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:22.1, relative to the state superintendent of education; to authorize the superintendent to provide for a chief operating officer to research and make recommendations relative to the financial practices of school boards that fail to meet certain expenditure requirements as provided in the Minimum Foundation Program formula; to require the school boards to make plans for compliance; to subject the plans to the approval of the superintendent; to require the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to adopt rules; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 144— BY REPRESENTATIVE GLORIOSO AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1339, relative to insurers; to provide relative to insurance on immovable property; to provide for prohibitions; to prohibit the value of unimproved land within policy coverage limits; to prohibit excess coverage limits relative to replacement costs of improvements; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Insurance.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Insurance to Engrossed House Bill No. 144 by Representative Glorioso

AMENDMENT NO. 1 On page 1, line 4, after "limits;" delete the remainder of the line, and on line 5, delete "cost of improvements;"

AMENDMENT NO. 2 On page 1, line 8, after "land" delete "; prohibited" and delete line 9

AMENDMENT NO. 3 On page 1, line 10, after "any" insert "homeowner's insurance"

AMENDMENT NO. 4 On page 1, line 12, delete "limits," and insert "limits," and delete the remainder of the line, and delete lines 13 through 15

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 148— BY REPRESENTATIVE GLORIOSO AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 48:720, relative to the disposal of immovable property by the governing authority of Slidell; to remove certain restrictions on the disposal of immovable property by the governing authority of Slidell; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 153—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:53(A)(3), 1944.1(D), and 1946(B) and to enact R.S. 17:173(D), 1944.1(E), 1946(E), and 1948(G), relative to special education; to require the inclusion of special education policy in school board member training requirements; to require the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to adopt rules relative to behavioral health services and provide for a dispute resolution process regarding such services; to require public school governing authorities to report annually to their special education advisory councils; to require the state board to adopt rules relative to such reports; to extend the prescriptive period for special education due process hearings; to authorize the state board to adopt rules for a special education early resolution process; to provide that certain written agreements developed through this process are enforceable in court; to require that cameras be installed in special education classrooms within a specified time frame upon parental request; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 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.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 182—

BY REPRESENTATIVE TRAVIS JOHNSON
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:2740.70.6, relative to the town of Ferriday; to create the Ferriday Downtown Entertainment District; to provide relative to the boundaries, purpose, governance, and powers and duties of the district; to provide relative to district funding; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 183—

BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:539(C)(8)(q), relative to the civil service status of employees of the New Roads Public 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 and referred to the Legislative Bureau.

HOUSE BILL NO. 184—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:381(C)(36), relative to the village of Calvin and Winn Parish; to authorize the abolition of the office of police chief and the police department in the village of Calvin; to authorize making the police chief an appointed position; to authorize the town to contract with other law enforcement entities in the parish for law enforcement services; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 197—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARVER
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:191(2)(b) and to repeal R.S. 49:191(12)(b), relative to the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, including provisions for the re-creation of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism and the statutory entities made a part of the department by law; to provide for the effective termination date for all statutory authority for the existence of such statutory entities; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 218—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1501.9, relative to Caddo Parish Fire District No. 4; to authorize the district to levy a sales and use tax, subject to voter approval; 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 Engrossed House Bill No. 218 by Representative Bagley

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, after line 10, insert the following:

"Section 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 40:1501.9(A) as enacted by this Act, in 2025 only, the governing authority of Caddo Parish Fire District No. 4 may call the election provided for in R.S. 40:1501.9(A) on a date that corresponds with an election date provided by R.S. 18:402(F)."

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 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.

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

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to Reengrossed House Bill No. 281 by Representative Crews

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 5, after "associated exceptions;" and before "and to provide" insert "to provide for applicability;"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, after line 2, insert the following:

"Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall be applicable to any new lease agreement entered into on or after July 1, 2024."

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 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.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 296—
BY REPRESENTATIVE GEYMAN
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:191(2)(b) and to repeal R.S. 49:191(12)(g), relative to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, including provisions to provide for the re-creation of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries 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; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 301—
BY REPRESENTATIVE AMEDEE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:582(A)(2) and 594.1(1), relative to qualification for cosmetologist, esthetician, or manicurist certificate; to provide for education qualifications; to provide for postsecondary school requirements; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 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.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 335—
BY REPRESENTATIVE CARVER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Children's Code Articles 603(17) (d) and (e) and 610(A), relative to mandatory reporting of child abuse or neglect; to provide for definitions; to provide for mandatory reporters who are teaching or child care providers and police officers or law enforcement officials; to provide for mandatory reporting procedures and training requirements; to prohibit employers from preventing mandatory reporters from complying with the law; to provide for penalties for employers who prevent mandatory reporters from complying with the law; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 337—
BY REPRESENTATIVES MCFARLAND, AMEDEE, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BUTLER, CARRIER, CARVER, COX, DAVIS, DEWITT, DICKERSON, EGAN, EMERSON, FIRMINT, MELERINE, OWEN, SCHAMERHORN, WILDER, AND WYBLE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1269(B)(1) and (D) and to enact R.S. 22:1269(B)(3) and (4), relative to direct actions against an insurer; to provide for direct action against the insured; to provide for direct action against the insurer in limited circumstances; to provide relative to case captions and disclosures to jurors; to provide for intent; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Insurance.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Insurance to Reengrossed House Bill No. 337 by Representative McFarland

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 1, line 2, change "(D) and" to "(D)," and after "(4)," insert "and to repeal Code of Evidence Art. 411(D)."

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 1, delete lines 13 through 19, and on page 2, delete lines 1 through 5, and insert the following:

"B.(1) The injured person or, if deceased, the persons identified in Civil Code Arts. 2315.1 and 2315.2, his survivors or heirs mentioned in Subsection A of this Section, at their option, shall have a no right of direct action against the insurer unless at least one of the following applies: within the terms and limits of the policy; and, such action may be brought against the insurer alone, or against both the insured and insurer jointly and in solido, in the parish in which the accident or injury occurred or in the parish in which an action could be brought against either the insured or the insurer under the general rules of venue prescribed by Code of Civil Procedure Art. 42 only; however, such action may be brought against the insurer alone only when at least one of the following applies:"

AMENDMENT NO. 3
On page 3, after line 10, insert the following:

"Section 2. Code of Evidence Art. 411(D) is hereby repealed.
Section 3. The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby authorized and directed to change the reference in Code of Evidence Art. 411(B) from R.S. 22:1269(B)(1)(a) through (f) to R.S. 22:1269(B)(1)(a) through (g)."

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 339—
BY REPRESENTATIVES OWEN, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BAYHAM, CREWS, EDMONSTON, EGAN, GLORIOSO, MANDIE LANDRY, SCHAMERHORN, STAGNI, AND WALTERS
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 2:135.4, relative to acceptable forms of payment at air carrier airports; to authorize air carrier airports and their agents to receive certain types of payment for transactions; to prohibit air carrier airports and their agents from refusing to accept certain payments for transactions; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to Reengrossed House Bill No. 339 by Representative Owen

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 3, after "transactions" insert ", and transactions"

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 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.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 375—

BY REPRESENTATIVES MANDIE LANDRY AND CHASSION
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:881.1, relative to insurers; to require insurers to disclose discounts with respect to homeowners' and motor vehicle insurance policies; to require means of disclosure; to provide for 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 Reengrossed House Bill No. 375 by Representative Mandie Landry

AMENDMENT NO. 1

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

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 14, change "22:2461(1)(b)" to "22:2461"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 16, change "offered" to "advertised"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 17, delete "established" and insert "defined"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following:
"B. This Section shall not apply to excess and surplus lines."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 1, line 19, change "January" to "May"

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 376—

BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1046(L), relative to the production of therapeutic marijuana; to extend the termination date; 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 Engrossed House Bill No. 376 by Representative Riser

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "reenact" delete "R.S. 40:1046(L)," and insert "R.S. 28:826(B)(1) and (2)(c) and (C)(1)(b) and R.S. 40:1046(G)(3)(e),(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 1046.2(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)."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete lines 6 through 12 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.~~

(e) ~~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(G)(3)(e), (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 1046.2(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:

§1046. Recommendation and dispensing of marijuana for therapeutic use; rules and regulations of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy; production facility licensing; permitting by the Louisiana Department of Health

- G. * * *
- (3) * * *

(e) For the purposes of this Paragraph, the active, qualified patient count shall be conducted and reviewed on a quarterly basis using the preceding ~~three-month~~ twenty-four month period.

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)(a) 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.~~

~~(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 department 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)(a)(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 The Department of Revenue shall transfer any monies collected in accordance with this Item monthly to the state treasury on a monthly basis for allocation in accordance with this Part. deposit into the Disability Services Fund, as established in R.S. 28:826, the amount of revenues collected in accordance with this Item. 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.~~

L. The provisions of this Section shall terminate on ~~January 1, 2025~~ July 1, 2030.

§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:

(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.

(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~~.

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.

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

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:

(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.

(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.

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

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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.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 13, change "Section 2." to "Section 3."

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 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.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 407—

BY REPRESENTATIVE STAGNI AN ACT

To enact Chapter 24 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 46:1971 through 1979, relative to support animals and service dogs; to provide for its purposes and definitions; to provide documentation requirements for healthcare providers in recommending support animals; to provide notice requirements in the sale of support animals; to prohibit certain misrepresentations; to provide for penalties; to

provide for immunities; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 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.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 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.

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

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to Reengrossed House Bill No. 494 by Representative Willard

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 2, after "age of" delete "21" and insert "twenty-one"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 3, after "age of" delete "21" and insert "twenty-one" and after "works for" insert "a"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 4, after "age of" delete "18" and insert "eighteen"

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 508—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1077.3, relative to health insurance coverage; to require coverage for a patient's choice of medical and surgical treatments following a diagnosis of cancer; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 510—

BY REPRESENTATIVE GLORIOSO AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1892.2, relative to property insurance; to provide for mandatory binding arbitration under certain circumstances; to provide for endorsements; to provide for requirements of arbitration and selected arbitrators; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 515—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HORTON
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 39:364.1, relative to combustion engine vehicles; to provide for freedom of choice for private individuals in the selection of vehicles; to specify that air quality challenges cannot restrict a citizen's ability to purchase a vehicle; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 525—

BY REPRESENTATIVES WILLARD, BAYHAM, BILLINGS, CARVER, DOMANGUE, FREIBERG, GADBERRY, HILFERTY, JACKSON, KNOX, MOORE, NEWELL, AND STAGNI AND SENATOR BOUIE AND REPRESENTATIVES BOYD, FISHER, FREEMAN, HUGHES, LAFLEUR, MANDIE LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARCELLE, MENA, ORGERON, AND TAYLOR
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:4159.3, relative to billing for water and sewer services by the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans; to prohibit certain billing practices; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 537—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIQUE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:266(D)(1), relative to appropriations; to provide for reallocation of money received from fur trapping licenses into the Louisiana Fur Public Education and Marketing Fund; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 540—

BY REPRESENTATIVES GEYMAN AND AMEDEE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:101.9(D)(5), relative to the Fishermen's Gear Compensation and Underwater Obstruction Removal Dedicated Fund Account; to provide for disbursement and expenditure of monies in the account; to provide for eligible claimants; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 543—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Section 6 of Act No. 356 of the 2021 Regular Session of the Legislature and R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(f), 302.9(B), (C)(3)(c), and (G), and 3001(A)(4) and (5) and (B)(5) and (6), to enact R.S. 56:302.1 and 3001(A)(6) and (B)(7), and to repeal R.S. 56:3007(C), relative to fishing; to require saltwater fishing licenses; to provide for terms and conditions of the saltwater fishing license; to provide for charter fishing licenses; to provide for the charter promotion fee, and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 551—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BRASS, CARVER, AND MELERINE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:2922.1(B)(1)(introductory paragraph), (D)(1), and (E)(5)(a), (d), (e), and (f) and to enact R.S. 17:2922.1(B)(1)(n) and (E)(5)(g) and (h), relative to the Dual Enrollment Framework Task Force; to provide for an increase to the membership of the task force; to provide for the duties of the task force; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 559—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:3007(E), relative to waterfowl hunting licenses; to allocate revenues collected from waterfowl hunting licenses to the Louisiana Duck License, Stamp, and Print Fund; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 588—

BY REPRESENTATIVE CREWS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 23:2043(A)(10), (11)(a), and (13), and 2046, to enact R.S. 23:2043(A)(9), and to repeal R.S. 23:2043(A)(11)(b) and (14), relative to workforce development; to add and remove members from the Workforce Investment Council; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations to Engrossed House Bill No. 588 by Representative Crews

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 21, change "an" to "a registered"

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 607—

BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1664.3(59), 1664.9(B)(1) and (3) and (C)(1) and (3) and to enact R.S. 40:1664.3(73) through (81) and 1664.9(C)(12), relative to locksmith licensing; to provide for definitions; to provide for limited locksmiths; to provide for automotive locksmiths; to provide for limited security; to provide for limited conveyance device mechanics; to provide for licensing and renewal fees; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 617—

BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 51:2370.17, relative to broadband; to provide for Granting Unserved Municipalities Broadband Opportunities 1.0; to provide for unobligated funds; to authorize the promulgation of rules; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 620—

BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:711.13(A), (B), and (D) and 711.20(A), to enact R.S. 37:711.13(E) and (F), and to repeal R.S. 37:711.20(C), relative to geoscientist license fees; to provide for applications for licensure; to provide for fees for professional geoscientists; to provide for fees for geoscientists-in-training; to provide for the expiration and renewal of licensure; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 623—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:2151(B)(5), relative to the State Licensing Board for Contractors; to provide for board membership; to provide for nominations; to provide for appointments; to provide for qualifications of member; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 641—

BY REPRESENTATIVES KNOX, BAYHAM, BOYD, BRAUD, BRYANT, CHASSION, COX, DEWITT, GREEN, JACKSON, LAFLEUR, LYONS, MUSCARELLO, NEWELL, SELDERS, THOMPSON, AND WALTERS
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:463.230 through 463.236, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to provide for the establishment of the "3" for Cyclists", the "Support our Wildlife Rehabilitators", "St. Thomas Aquinas", "Evangel Christian Academy", "United States Submarine Veterans", "Leesville High School Alumni", and "Humane Society of Louisiana" specialty license plates; to provide for the creation, issuance, design, fees, implementation, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to such license plates; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to Reengrossed House Bill No. 641 by Representative Knox

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, after "Cyclists", delete the remainder of the line and on line 4 delete "Wildlife Rehabilitators" and insert ""Support Wildlife Rehabilitation""

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 4, after "Wildlife" delete "Rehabilitators" and insert "Rehabilitation"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 14, delete ""Support Our Wildlife Rehabilitators"" and insert ""Support Wildlife Rehabilitation""

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 17, delete "Our Wildlife Rehabilitators"" and insert "Wildlife Rehabilitation""

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 20, delete "Wildlife Rehabilitators" and on line 21, delete "Support Council, otherwise known as the council," and insert "NOLA Wildlife Center"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, line 23, delete ""Support Our Wildlife Rehabilitators"" and insert ""Support Wildlife Rehabilitation""

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 3, line 5, delete "Council" and insert "NOLA Wildlife Center"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 3, line 6, after "rehabilitation" insert "and may be distributed by the NOLA Wildlife Center in the form of grants to licensed wildlife rehabilitators or licensed wildlife rehabilitation centers"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 3, line 12, after "one" delete "thousand" and insert "hundred"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 4, line 6, after "one" delete "thousand" and insert "hundred"

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 5, line 23, after "known as" insert "the"

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 5, line 24, after "School" insert "Alumni"

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 6, line 18, after "known as" insert "the"

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 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.

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

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to Reengrossed House Bill No. 646 by Representative Thompson

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 7, after "year." insert "The provisions of this Paragraph shall remain effective until December 31, 2029."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following:
"(a) Contracts for projects with an aggregate estimated cost less than the contract limit, but in excess of fifty thousand dollars, shall be publicly bid by the department.
(b)The department shall create, adopt, and publish a public bidding procedure to utilize when the provisions of this Subsection apply."

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 651—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRAUD
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1923(introductory paragraph) and (2)(introductory paragraph), 1964(13), and 2198(A) and to enact R.S. 22:1923(2)(p), relative to insurance fraud and unfair trade practices; to modify definitions; to provide relative to subpoena powers of the commissioner of insurance; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 655—

BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLER
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:446.2 (E) and (F), relative to third-party liability for prior authorizations and state claim inquires; to provide for third-party prior authorizations; to provide for third-party claim processing; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 661—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRYANT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:302.9(A)(1) and (2) and (J)(1), relative to charter boat fishing guides; to require commercial marine insurance for charter boat fishing guides; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Natural Resources.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Natural Resources to Engrossed House Bill No. 661 by Representative Bryant

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "(J)(1)" insert "and to enact R.S. 56:301.10(B)(10) and (11)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 4, after "penalties;" insert "to provide for the membership of the Louisiana Finfish Task Force;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, at the beginning of line 7, insert "and R.S. 56:301.10(B)(10) and (11) are hereby enacted"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, between lines 7 and 8, insert:
"§301.10. Louisiana Finfish Task Force

- A. * * *
- B. The task force shall be composed as follows:
* * *

(10) One member appointed by the governor to be selected from a list of two nominees submitted by the Louisiana Charter Boat Association.

(11) One member appointed by the governor to be selected from a list of two nominees submitted by the Women's Southern Fisheries Alliance.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 694—

BY REPRESENTATIVES BOYD, BAYHAM, BILLINGS, CARVER, COX, KNOX, MOORE, NEWELL, STAGNI, AND WILLARD
AN ACT

To enact Chapter 4-A of Title 25 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 25:315 through 317, and R.S. 36:209(A)(11) relative to the Louisiana Music Commission; to establish the commission within the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, to provide relative to operating funds and appropriations by the legislature; to provide relative to donations to the commission; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 695—

BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 32:387.21, relative to trucks transporting earthen materials; to authorize the issuance of per project special permits for trucks transporting earthen materials under certain circumstances; to establish a fee for the special permit; to provide for a weight limitation; to establish certain requirements for permit holders; to provide for a penalty; to provide for rule promulgation; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to Reengrossed House Bill No. 695 by Representative Fontenot

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "R.S. 32:387.21," insert "387.22, and 387.23," and after "transporting" delete "earthen"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 3, delete "earthen materials under" and on line 4, delete "certain circumstances" and insert "materials"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 12, after "permit" delete "to persons who operate trucks that" and on line 4, delete "transport" and insert "for each truck transporting"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 4 after "vehicle" delete "combination" and insert "or straight truck"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 6, after "group" and before "." insert "while operating on any state-maintained highway except on the Interstate system"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, line 9, after "secretary" delete the remainder of line 9, and line 10, and insert "shall impose a penalty for each violation of the weight limit pursuant to R.S. 32:388."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, after line 15, insert the following:
"§387.22. Special permit; ten percent weight variance for trucks, trucks and trailers hauling raw input materials for concrete and finished concrete products

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, relating only to the hauling of raw input materials for concrete and finished concrete products, the secretary shall issue annual special permits for a fee of four hundred dollars per unit that prohibit both gross weight and axle weight penalties for the operation of trucks or truck-and-trailers on roads of the state when the total excess weight is ten percent or less of the truck or truck and trailer's maximum permissible gross weight as provided by law. The permit shall not authorize any truck or truck-trailer combination described in this Part to exceed load posted weight limits on any bridge.

§387.23. Special permit; twelve percent weight variance for single unit dump trucks.

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, relating only to single unit dump-trucks and with no limitation as to the material being hauled, the secretary shall issue annual special permits for a fee of eight hundred dollars per truck that prohibit both gross weight and axle weight penalties for the operation of dump trucks on state-maintained highways when the total excess weight is twelve percent or less of the truck's maximum permissible gross weight as provided by law. The permit shall not authorize any truck described in this Part to exceed load posted weight limits on any bridge."

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 698—
BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHAMERHORN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:414(N), relative to the suspension of driving and motor vehicle registration privileges; to provide for penalties for payments and fees made with an insufficient funds check or any form of payment that is the subject of a chargeback; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 753—
BY REPRESENTATIVES DESHOTEL AND CHASSION
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1361(B) and (E), 1366(A)(1) and (L), 1367(A)(1), 1368(A)(1)(introductory paragraph), 1371(A)(1), 1373(A), 1377(B), and 1378(A)(3), (6), and (8), relative to licensure of plumbers; to provide for the State Plumbing Board; to provide for residential plumbers; to provide for board appointments; to provide for duties of the board; to provide for licensure requirements; to provide for the issuance of licenses; to provide relative to fees; to provide for injunctions; to provide for definitions; to provide for disciplinary actions; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs to Reengrossed House Bill No. 753 by Representative Deshotel

AMENDMENT NO. 1
On page 2, line 1, change "residential plumber" to "residential plumber limited"

AMENDMENT NO. 2
On page 2, line 7, change "Louisiana Department of Health" to "Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council"

AMENDMENT NO. 3
On page 2, line 13, change "residential plumber" to "residential plumber limited"

AMENDMENT NO. 4
On page 2, at the beginning of line 26, after "plumber" and before "shall" insert "limited"

AMENDMENT NO. 5
On page 3, at the beginning of line 9, after "residential plumber" and before "unless insert "limited"

AMENDMENT NO. 6
On page 3, line 11, change "residential plumber" to "residential plumber limited"

AMENDMENT NO. 7
On page 4, line 8, change "residential plumber" to "residential plumber limited"

AMENDMENT NO. 8
On page 4, line 21, change "~~Tradesman Residential plumber~~" to "~~Tradesman Residential plumber limited~~" and change ""~~tradesman residential plumber~~"" to ""~~tradesman residential plumber limited~~""

AMENDMENT NO. 9
On page 5, at the beginning of line 5, after "plumber" and before ", journey plumber" insert "limited"

AMENDMENT NO. 10
On page 5, line 11, change "residential plumber" to "residential plumber limited"

AMENDMENT NO. 11
On page 5, line 18, change ""residential plumber" to "residential plumber limited"

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 791— (Substitute for House Bill No. 304 by Representative Braud)

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRAUD
AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 22:1931.13, relative to the Sledge Jeansonne Louisiana Insurance Fraud Prevention Act; to repeal the termination provision of the Act; and to provide for an effective date.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 798—
BY REPRESENTATIVE DOMANGUE
AN ACT

To redesignate the "Robinson Canal Bridge" in Chauvin, Louisiana, as the "Lapeyrouse Bridge"; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 885—
BY REPRESENTATIVES ILLG, BAYHAM, BRAUD, CARRIER, COX, DAVIS, FISHER, FONTENOT, HILFERTY, KERNER, RISER, SCHLEGEL, ST. BLANC, STAGNI, THOMAS, THOMPSON, VILLIO, AND WILDER
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:463.230, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to provide for the establishment of the "Jefferson Parish Bicentennial" specialty license plate; to provide for the creation, issuance, design, fees, implementation, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to such license plate; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 922—
BY REPRESENTATIVES OWEN, BOURRIQUE, BOYER, CHASSION, MOORE, TARVER, AND WALTERS
AN ACT

To designate the portion of Louisiana Highway 171, in Leesville, Louisiana as the "Claude 'Buddy' Leach Memorial Highway" and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 938—
BY REPRESENTATIVE ADAMS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:463.73(G), relative to special prestige license plates; to provide for the "Baker High School" and the "East Feliciana High School" special prestige license plates; to provide for creation and application of existing issuance, design, fees, distributions, and rule promulgation applicable to license plates; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 943—

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILEY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:463.73(G), relative to special prestige license plates; to provide for the "St. Edmund Catholic School" special prestige license plate; to provide for creation and application of existing issuance, design, fees, distributions, and rule promulgation applicable to license plates; and to provide for related matters.

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

**Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
Returned from the House of Representatives
with Amendments**

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.

The bill was read by title. Returned from the House of Representatives with amendments:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Insurance to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 295 by Senator Cloud

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 6, after "filings;" insert "to provide for effectiveness;"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 21, delete "shall be" and insert "are"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 26, delete "be required to"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, line 27, after "changes for" insert "such"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 29, delete "enables" and insert "enable"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 3, line 1, delete "under" and insert "pursuant to"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 3, line 5, after "R.S. 22:1453" insert a period "." and delete the comma "," and the remainder of the line and on line 6, delete "a public hearing prior to determining a market to be noncompetitive."

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 4, line 7, delete "under" and insert "pursuant to"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 4. delete lines 18 through 20 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following: "rate filing, specifying wherein he finds such specify the reasons why the rate filing fails to meet is not in compliance with the requirements of this Subpart, and stating that such state that the rate filing shall not become effective. become ineffective as of"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 4, at the beginning of line 29, after "or" insert "is"

Senator Cloud moved to concur in the amendments proposed by the House.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

Total - 35

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow	Duplessis
Cathey	Harris

Total - 4

The Chair declared the Senate concurred in the amendments proposed by the House.

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 good faith duty; to provide for breach of good faith duty; to provide for certain notices; to provide for penalties; to provide for causes of action; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Returned from the House of Representatives with amendments:

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Insurance to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 323 by Senator Talbot

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 4, change "definitions" to "for definitions"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 8, after "action;" insert "to provide for an effective date;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 16, after "suspension" insert a semicolon ";" and "definitions"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, line 8, after "due" insert a comma ","

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AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, line 9, after "result of the" delete the remainder of the line and insert in lieu thereof "breach, as well as, in either instance,"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 4, line 3, delete "be applicable" and insert "apply"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 4, line 13, change "R.S. 47:2322." to "R.S. 47:2322."

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 5, line 8, after "due" insert "to"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 6, line 26, delete "shall" and insert "does"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 6, line 29, delete "shall not be applicable" and insert "do not apply"

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 8, line 5, change "cure period notice." to "'cure period notice'."

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 8, line 6, delete "through either a form provided" and insert in lieu thereof "provided through either a form transmitted"

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 8, line 9, after "receives" insert "a"

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 9, line 27, delete "shall not be applicable" and insert "do not apply"

AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 9, line 29, after "Chapter 10 of" delete the remainder of the line and insert in lieu thereof "this Title."

AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 10, line 12, change "references to" to "references from"

Senator Talbot moved to concur in the amendments proposed by the House.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow Cathey Duplessis
Total - 3

The Chair declared the Senate concurred in the amendments proposed by the House.

Senate Resolutions on Second Reading Reported by Committees

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 47—

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

A RESOLUTION

To create and provide for the Louisiana Opportunity Youth Task Force.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations to Original Senate Resolution No. 47 by Senator Duplessis

AMENDMENT NO. 1

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

"(9) The commissioner of higher education, or her designee."

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

The resolution was read by title. Senator Duplessis moved to adopt the amended resolution.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Edmonds Luneau
Abraham Fesi McMath
Allain Fields Miguez
Bass Foil Miller
Boudreaux Harris Mizell
Bouie Hensgens Price
Carter Hodges Reese
Cloud Jackson-Andrews Stine
Connick Jenkins Talbot
Coussan Kleinpeter Wheat
Duplessis Lambert Womack
Total - 33

NAYS

Morris
Total - 1

ABSENT

Barrow Owen Seabaugh
Cathey Pressly
Total - 5

The chair declared the amended resolution was adopted.

Senate Concurrent Resolutions on Second Reading Reported by Committees

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20—

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Education and Louisiana Workforce Commission, along with regional economic development organizations and local school boards and chambers of commerce, to aggressively develop and promote high quality, youth-serving apprenticeship programs and work-based experiences for high school students, develop recommendations for improvement, and provide for submission

of a written report of findings and recommendations by January 16, 2025.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Fesi Miguez
Abraham Fields Mizell
Allain Foil Owen
Bass Harris Pressly
Boudreaux Hensgens Price
Bouie Hodges Reese
Carter Jackson-Andrews Stine
Cloud Jenkins Talbot
Connick Kleinpeter Wheat
Coussan Lambert Womack
Duplessis Luneau
Edmonds McMath
Total - 34

NAYS

Morris
Total - 1

ABSENT

Barrow Miller
Cathey Seabaugh
Total - 4

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25—

BY SENATOR HODGES

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create the Comite River Diversion Canal/Amite River Basin Task Force and to authorize the task force to study and make recommendations on actions necessary to complete construction of the Comite River Diversion Project and mitigate flooding caused by the Comite and Amite rivers.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Natural Resources.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Fesi Mizell
Abraham Fields Morris
Allain Foil Owen
Bass Hensgens Pressly
Boudreaux Hodges Price
Bouie Jackson-Andrews Reese
Carter Jenkins Seabaugh
Cloud Kleinpeter Stine
Connick McMath Talbot
Duplessis Miguez
Edmonds Miller
Total - 31

NAYS

Lambert
Total - 1

ABSENT

Barrow Harris Womack
Cathey Luneau
Coussan Wheat
Total - 7

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

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on Third Reading and Final Passage

SENATE BILL NO. 124—

BY SENATOR MIZELL AND REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, BILLINGS, CHENEVERT, COATES, DAVIS, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, FREEMAN, LAFLEUR, MARCELLE, MOORE, PHELPS, TAYLOR AND WALTERS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1216.1 and R.S. 46:1845, relative to victims of sexual assaults; to provide regarding the maintenance of evidence; to provide regarding the billing of services provided to the sexual assault survivor; to create a sexual assault survivor bill of rights; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow Cathey
Total - 2

The Chair declared the bill was passed and ordered it 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. 432—

BY SENATOR EDMONDS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:3073(3) and R.S. 38:3074(A)(2) and (3), to enact R.S. 38:3076(F), and to repeal R.S. 38:3076(A)(22), relative to the capital area groundwater conservation district; to provide for definitions; to provide for appointment of commissioners; to provide for powers of the board; and to provide for related matters.

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Floor Amendments

Senator Lambertl proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Lambert to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 432 by Senator Edmonds

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, delete lines 20 through 29, and on page 3, delete lines 1 through 10, and insert:

"F.(1) The board shall not require users to undertake the installation of additional metering devices or prescribe new requirements thereof if the user's installation of metering devices meets all the following criteria:

(a) Demonstrates compliance with the user's obligation to meter.

(b) Measures flow data at least hourly for each well, for each stratum from which the well draws, and reports the data to the board monthly.

(c) Ensures proper operation of the metering device through installation, calibration, validation, and maintenance practices that are consistent with the accepted capability of that type of metering device. Calibration of each metering device shall be performed at least once a year by a qualified source, which is a person or entity that has received formal training or has practical field experience in the calibration of that type of metering device.

(d) Adheres to accepted scientific practices to safeguard the accuracy and reliability of measurements of the volume of monitored withdrawals.

(e) Measures flows with a maximum deviation of less than ten percent from true withdrawal rates throughout the range of expected withdrawal volumes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, at the beginning of line 11, change "(4)" to "(2)"

On motion of Senator Lambert, the amendments were adopted.

Floor Amendments

Senator Fields proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Fields to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 432 by Senator Edmonds

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, delete lines 20 through 29 and on page 3, delete lines 1 through 16 and insert:

"F. (1) The district shall require the metering and monitoring of every well under the jurisdiction of the board. The district may allow for well owners to directly connect their meters to the district's on-site monitoring system provided that the owner's meter meets the same technical specifications for accuracy as the meters provided by the district within a maximum deviation of less than two percent.

(2) The owner's meter shall allow for real-time monitoring by the district's monitoring equipment. The district shall prescribe and conduct any audits and quality assurance or quality control programs as determined necessary by the district to assure the validity and accuracy of the collected data.

(3)(a) Well owners who use their own meters shall provide calibration certificates for each meter from an independent certified laboratory according to the frequency prescribed by the meter manufacturer, but in no case less than every two years.

(b) The district may install a second meter on an owner's well to verify the accuracy of the owner's meter. If the owner's meter is determined by the district to be inaccurate, the owner shall be required to recalibrate the meter at his expense and the district shall continue to use the district's meter until the owner's meter is capable of meeting the district's accuracy specification

standard. If the owner's meter fails, the district may install its own meter at the district's expense as a temporary or permanent replacement."

On motion of Senator Fields the amendments were withdrawn.

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

House Concurrent Resolutions on Second Reading Reported by Committees

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1—

BY REPRESENTATIVE VILLIO

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Supreme Court and the Louisiana Judicial College to conduct training to all members of the judiciary with respect to changes in diminution of sentence and release dates of offenders which originated from legislation in the 2024 Second Extraordinary Session of the Legislature and to further urge and request the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to develop a training curriculum relative to changes in parole eligibility of offenders.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary C.

The resolution was read by title. Senator Connick moved to concur in the House 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, Bass, Boudreaux, Bouie, Carter, Cathey, Cloud, Connick, Coussan, Duplessis, Edmonds, Fesi, Foil, Harris, Hensgens, Hodges, Jackson-Andrews, Jenkins, Kleinpeter, Lambert, Luneau, McMath, Miguez, Miller, Mizell, Morris, Owen, Pressly, Reese, Seabaugh, Stine, Talbot, Wheat. Total - 35.

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Table with 2 columns: Name, Absent. Lists Barrow, Fields, Price, Womack. Total - 4.

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 28—

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana State Law Institute to study and recommend legislation for implementation of procedures establishing child support and paternity for minor parents and to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the legislature no later than February 1, 2025.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary A.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

Total - 36

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow	Duplessis	Owen
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Total - 3

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 38—
 BY REPRESENTATIVES KERNER, WILFORD CARTER, MIKE JOHNSON, LARVADAIN, MELERINE, TAYLOR, AND TURNER
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana State Bar Association to raise awareness about all legal options including but not limited to supported decision-making, power of attorney, continuing and permanent tutorship, and limited and full interdiction, and to assist parents and guardians of children with disabilities to obtain the best legal option that best suits their families.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary A.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

Total - 37

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow	Duplessis
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Total - 2

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE MOORE
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

Reported favorably by the Committee on Health and Welfare.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

Total - 37

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow	Duplessis
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Total - 2

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14—
 BY REPRESENTATIVE MELERINE
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the state Department of Education to study the potential effects of alternative school calendar options on student academic achievement and to submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education not later than March 1, 2025.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Education.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President	Fesi	Miller
Abraham	Fields	Mizell
Allain	Foil	Morris
Bass	Harris	Owen
Boudreaux	Hensgens	Pressly

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

Total - 38

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow
Total - 1

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17—
BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHLEGEL, CARLSON, ECHOLS, FREIBERG, MELERINE, OWEN, ST. BLANC, AND TAYLOR
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the state Department of Education, the Department of Children and Family Services, and the Louisiana Department of Health to collaborate to increase mental health counseling in public schools.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Education.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

Total - 37

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow
Total - 2

Fields

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

Bagneris Rule

Senator Henry moved to invoke the rule to temporarily pass over controversial House Bills on Third Reading and Final Passage with the intention of taking them up later, in their regular order.

Without objection, so ordered.

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on Third Reading and Final Passage

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. Senator Foil 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
Bass	Harris	Pressly
Boudreaux	Hensgens	Price
Bouie	Hodges	Reese
Carter	Jenkins	Seabaugh
Cathey	Kleinpeter	Stine
Cloud	Lambert	Talbot
Connick	Luneau	Wheat
Coussan	McMath	Womack
Duplessis	Miguez	
Edmonds	Miller	

Total - 37

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow
Total - 2

Jackson-Andrews

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 167—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:337(A) and (E), relative to the unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft system; to provide relative to the forfeiture of an unmanned aircraft system; 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
Bass	Harris	Pressly
Boudreaux	Hensgens	Price
Bouie	Hodges	Reese
Carter	Jenkins	Seabaugh
Cathey	Kleinpeter	Stine

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow	Jackson-Andrews
Total - 2	

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 29—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:1503(9) and 1524(A)(1), relative to the Clerks' of Court Retirement and Relief Fund; to provide relative to survivors; to provide for optional survivor benefit payments; and to provide for related matters.

The bill was read by title. Senator Price 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
Bass	Harris	Owen
Boudreaux	Hensgens	Pressly
Bouie	Hodges	Price
Carter	Jackson-Andrews	Reese
Cathey	Jenkins	Seabaugh
Cloud	Kleinpeter	Stine
Connick	Lambert	Talbot
Coussan	Luneau	Wheat
Duplessis	McMath	Womack
Edmonds	Miguez	
Total - 38		

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barrow
Total - 1

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

Rules Suspended

Senator Edmonds asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to revert to:

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

Called from the Calendar

Senator Edmonds asked that Senate Bill No. 432 be called from the Calendar.

SENATE BILL NO. 432—
BY SENATOR EDMONDS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:3073(3) and R.S. 38:3074(A)(2) and (3), to enact R.S. 38:3076(F), and to repeal R.S. 38:3076(A)(22), relative to the capital area groundwater conservation district; to provide for definitions; to provide for appointment of commissioners; to provide for powers of the board; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Womack proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Womack to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 432 by Senator Edmonds

AMENDMENT NO. 1

In the set of Senate Floor Amendments, proposed by Senator Lambert and adopted by the Senate on April 29, 2024, designated as SFASB432 WILSONJ 2665, in Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 on page 1, line 17, change "**ten**" to "**five**"

On motion of Senator Womack, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Boudreaux	Duplessis	Jackson-Andrews
Bouie	Fields	Jenkins
Carter	Harris	Luneau
Connick	Hodges	
Total - 11		

ABSENT

Barrow
Total - 1

The Chair declared the amended bill was passed, ordered reengrossed and sent to the House. Senator Edmonds 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.

Message from the House

CONCURRING IN SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

April 29, 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 concurred in the following Senate Concurrent Resolutions:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 37— BY SENATORS STINE, ABRAHAM AND REESE AND REPRESENTATIVES BOURRIAQUE, CARRIER, WILFORD CARTER, FARNUM, GEYMAN, ROMERO AND TARVER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Richard "Dick" Gremillion Sr., director of Calcasieu Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, on the occasion of his retirement.

Reported without amendments.

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

Message from the House

ASKING CONCURRENCE IN HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

April 29, 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:

Table with 3 columns: HB No. 635, HB No. 690, HB No. 754; HB No. 757, HB No. 807, HB No. 881; HB No. 903, HB No. 835, HB No. 926

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

House Bills and Joint Resolutions on First Reading

HOUSE BILL NO. 635— BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1501.9, relative to Caddo Parish Fire District No. 6; to authorize the district to levy a sales and use tax, subject to voter approval; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 690— BY REPRESENTATIVE MARCELLE AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9097.7(B), (C), and (F), relative to East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide relative to the Melrose East Crime Prevention District; to provide relative to the boundaries, purpose, and powers and duties of the district; to provide relative to the imposition of a parcel fee within the district; to provide relative to the expiration and renewal of the fee; 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. 754— BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFLEUR AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:842.4, relative to the establishment of the Complex Litigation Section Pilot Program in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court; to provide for definitions; to authorize the clerk of court of East Baton Rouge Parish to establish the Complex Litigation Section Pilot Program; to provide for additional filing fees in certain civil suits; to establish the Complex Litigation Section Fund; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 757— BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFLEUR AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:991(A), relative to court costs; to provide relative to judicial expense funds of district courts; to provide relative to the judicial expense fund for the Nineteenth Judicial District Court; to increase filing fees and court costs in civil suits; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 807— BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1510(A)(3), relative to fire protection districts and fire departments; to allow expenditure of public funds for awards and recognition; to establish service award eligibility for firefighters; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 835— BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 45:1622(3)(b), relative to electric vehicle charging technology and equipment networks; to provide for legislative intent; to urge certain actions of the Public Service Commission; to provide for certain definition exclusions; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 881— BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 25:652(A), relative to the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana; to provide relative to the membership of the council; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 903—
BY REPRESENTATIVE NEWELL
AN ACT

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

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 926—
BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:312(5)(b)(i) and 312.1(E)(2), relative to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal; to provide for the election of judges from the first district of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal; to provide for the redistricting of judges; to provide for election sections; to provide for the filling of vacancies; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

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

Message from the House

**ASKING CONCURRENCE IN
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

April 29, 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. 90

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

**House Concurrent Resolutions
on First Reading**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 90—
BY REPRESENTATIVE WYBLE
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Don Spiers on a lifetime of public and community service to Bogalusa, Washington Parish, and the state of Louisiana.

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

Message from the House

SIGNED HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

April 29, 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. 77—
BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIQUE
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Louisiana 4-H Shooting Sports team on winning the 2023-2024 National Championship.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 82—
BY REPRESENTATIVES WILEY, BACALA, BRASS, AND EDMONSTON
AND SENATORS LAMBERT AND PRICE
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To posthumously commend Joseph U. "Mr. Joe" Pierre, Sr., for his contributions to Ascension Parish.

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

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

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

**Privileged Report of the Committee on
Senate and Governmental Affairs**

ENROLLMENTS

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

April 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 Bill has been properly enrolled:

SENATE BILL NO. 255—
BY SENATORS FIELDS AND PRICE AND REPRESENTATIVES ADAMS,
BOYD, BRASS, BRYANT, CARPENTER, CARRIER, ROBBY CARTER,
WILFORD CARTER, CHASSION, EGAN, FISHER, GADBERRY, HUGHES,
JACKSON, JORDAN, KNOX, LAFLEUR, LARVADAIN, LYONS,
MARCELLE, MENA, MOORE, NEWELL, SELDERS, STAGNI, TAYLOR,
VENTRELLA, WALTERS, WILLARD, WYBLE AND YOUNG
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:101.2 and 101.3 and to repeal R.S. 13:101, 101.1, and 312.4, relative to the supreme court; to implement a settlement in the matter entitled Louisiana State Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, et al. v. State of Louisiana, et al., in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana; to provide for the redistricting of supreme court districts in accordance with the settlement; to provide for the filling of vacancies; to restructure the supreme court by eliminating provisions for a temporary additional judgeship for the Court of Appeal for the Fourth Circuit and such judge's appointment to the supreme court; and to provide for related matters.

Respectfully submitted,
CLEO FIELDS
Chairman

The foregoing Senate Bill was signed by the President of the Senate.

April 29, 2024

Message to the Governor

SIGNED SENATE BILLS

April 25, 2024

To the Honorable Governor of the State of Louisiana:

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

SENATE BILL NO. 255—

BY SENATORS FIELDS AND PRICE AND REPRESENTATIVES ADAMS, BOYD, BRASS, BRYANT, CARPENTER, CARRIER, ROBBY CARTER, WILFORD CARTER, CHASSION, EGAN, FISHER, GADBERRY, HUGHES, JACKSON, JORDAN, KNOX, LAFLEUR, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARCELLE, MENA, MOORE, NEWELL, SELDERS, STAGNI, TAYLOR, VENTRELLA, WALTERS, WILLARD, WYBLE AND YOUNG

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:101.2 and 101.3 and to repeal R.S. 13:101, 101.1, and 312.4, relative to the supreme court; to implement a settlement in the matter entitled Louisiana State Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, et al. v. State of Louisiana, et al., in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana; to provide for the redistricting of supreme court districts in accordance with the settlement; to provide for the filling of vacancies; to restructure the supreme court by eliminating provisions for a temporary additional judgeship for the Court of Appeal for the Fourth Circuit and such judge's appointment to the supreme court; and to provide for related matters.

and it is hereby presented for executive approval.

Respectfully submitted, YOLANDA J. DIXON Secretary of the Senate

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Barrow Total - 1

Leaves of Absence

The following leaves of absence were asked for and granted:

Barrow 1 Day

Announcements

The following committee meetings for April 30, 2024, were announced:

Table with 3 columns listing committee meetings: Agriculture 9:00 A.M. Room C, Judiciary A 9:00 A.M. Hainkel Room, Judiciary B 9:30 A.M. Room E.

Judiciary C

10:00 A.M.

Room F

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Talbot, at 4:30 o'clock P.M. the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at 2:00 o'clock P.M.

The President of the Senate declared the Senate adjourned.

YOLANDA J. DIXON Secretary of the Senate

FRANCINE K. OGNIBENE Journal Clerk