

**DAILY PROOF OF THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL  
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SENATE  
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STATE OF LOUISIANA  
TENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS**

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

Senate Chamber  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Monday, March 30, 2026

The Senate was called to order at 3:48 o'clock P.M. by Hon. J. Cameron Henry, Jr., President of the Senate.

**Morning Hour**

**CONVENING ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

Kleinpeter  
Total - 2

The President of the Senate announced there were 37 Senators present and a quorum.

**Prayer**

The prayer was offered by Dr. Eddie Wren, 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 Barrow, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal of March 25, 2026, was adopted.

**Introduction of Senate Resolutions**

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 47—  
BY SENATOR BOUDREAU**

**A RESOLUTION**

To designate Wednesday, April 8, 2026, as Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

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

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 48—  
BY SENATOR MIZELL**

**A RESOLUTION**

To designate Monday, March 30, 2026, as Ellevate Louisiana Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and to commend its mission to empower women.

Senator Mizell asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to read Senate Resolution No. 48 a first and second time.

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

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 49—  
BY SENATOR CONNICK**

**A RESOLUTION**

To commend and congratulate Melissa Adams on the occasion of her retirement from Ochsner Medical Center - West Bank and to recognize her many accomplishments throughout her career.

Senator Connick asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to read Senate Resolution No. 49 a first and second time.

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

**Introduction of  
Senate Concurrent Resolutions**

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21—  
BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS**

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To commend the Geaux Far Louisiana Coalition and its collaborative of fatherhood-focused partners and to designate Tuesday, April 7, 2026, as Dad's Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

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

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22—  
BY SENATOR MYERS AND REPRESENTATIVE SPELL**

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To request the legislative auditor to submit a report to the Senate and House health and welfare committees regarding opioid settlement fund expenditures.

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

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 423—  
BY SENATOR FOIL**

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:332.2(B), relative to the use of monies in certain treasury funds; to provide for the use of monies in the East Baton Rouge Parish Riverside Centroplex Fund; to provide for the state sales tax on hotel occupancy collected in certain political subdivisions within East Baton Rouge Parish; to revise the dedication of a portion of such monies; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 424—  
BY SENATOR FOIL**

**AN ACT**

To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Art. 1313(A)(4), relative to service of pleadings; to provide relative to service of certain pleadings by electronic means; to provide relative to certain pleadings which are filed in the record; and to provide for related matters.

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

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SENATE BILL NO. 425—  
BY SENATOR MORRIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1411(A), (B), (C), and 1412(A) and to enact R.S. 42:1412(E), relative to removal of certain public officials; to provide for grounds for removal; to provide for procedure to remove an official by suit; and to provide for related matters.

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

Senate Concurrent Resolutions on  
Second Reading

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19—

BY SENATOR MILLER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana State Law Institute to study the use of trusts with extended durations and to report its findings and any recommendations for revisions to the Louisiana Trust Code and applicable Louisiana laws to the Legislature of Louisiana.

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20—

BY SENATOR WHEAT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress and to urge the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to authorize states to implement a presumption of Medicaid eligibility during redetermination for elderly and disabled beneficiaries and to allow exemption from annual redetermination requirements consistent with reforms enacted by the state of Florida.

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

Message from the House

ASKING CONCURRENCE IN  
HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

March 26, 2026

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. 8	HB No. 10	HB No. 15
HB No. 16	HB No. 17	HB No. 18
HB No. 22	HB No. 33	HB No. 34
HB No. 44	HB No. 47	HB No. 101
HB No. 135	HB No. 215	HB No. 242
HB No. 292	HB No. 334	HB No. 548
HB No. 571	HB No. 593	HB No. 594
HB No. 609	HB No. 845	HB No. 999
HB No. 234	HB No. 260	HB No. 268
HB No. 271	HB No. 551	HB No. 552

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

House Bills and Joint Resolutions  
on First Reading

HOUSE BILL NO. 8—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:186(B), relative to legislative staff attendance at executive sessions of meetings of any state or statewide retirement system board or committee; to provide relative to authorization to attend executive sessions; to provide for restrictions; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 10—

BY REPRESENTATIVE HENRY

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 1:55(E)(1)(j), relative to legal holidays; to establish the Friday of the International Rice Festival as a legal holiday in the parish of Acadia; to authorize the clerk of court in the parish of Acadia to close the office in observance of the legal holiday; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 15—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BERAULT

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 11:1473, relative to the Assessors' Retirement Fund; to provide relative to correction of administrative errors; to provide for calculation of interest; 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. 16—

BY REPRESENTATIVE ST. BLANC

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:2488.1(A)(2)(c), relative to the City Court of the town of Franklin; to provide relative to the territorial jurisdiction of the court; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 17—

BY REPRESENTATIVES ILLG AND TAYLOR

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:1581(11), 1631(F)(1) and (2)(introductory paragraph) and to enact R.S. 11:1631(F)(2)(d), relative to the District Attorneys' Retirement System; to provide relative to benefits of reemployed retirees; to require certain information to be reported to the retirement system; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 18—

BY REPRESENTATIVES ILLG AND TAYLOR

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:1651(C) and (D) and to enact R.S. 11:1651(E), relative to the District Attorneys' Retirement System; to provide relative to the board of trustees; to provide for the election of trustees; to provide for terms of office; to provide for vacancies; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 22—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:1549, to enact R.S. 11:1550, and to repeal R.S. 11:105(A)(2), 106(A)(2), 107(A)(2), 107.1(A)(2), 242(B)(2), 243(A)(2), and 246(A)(2), relative to the Clerks' of Court Retirement and Relief Fund; to provide relative to cost-of-living adjustments; to provide for calculation of the amount of the adjustment; to provide relative to the authority of the board of trustees to grant an adjustment; to provide for the funding deposit account; to provide for employer contributions; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 33—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES WILEY, BRASS, AND TAYLOR  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:2178.1(B), relative to the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund; to provide relative to the Back-Deferred Retirement Option Plan; to allow for a five-year participation period in certain circumstances; to provide for limitations and requirements; 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. 34—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES WILEY, BRASS, AND TAYLOR  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 11:2178(C)(3)(c), relative to the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund; to provide relative to eligibility for an actuarially reduced retirement benefit; 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. 44—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:2586(C)(9), relative to justice of the peace courts in St. Bernard Parish; to provide relative to jurisdiction and procedures; to provide for jurisdiction over property standards and nuisance violations; to provide relative to summons and subpoenas by constables; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 47—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BERAULT  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:1404(A), 1461, and 1481(1)(b), to enact R.S. 11:1485, and to repeal R.S. 11:105(A)(1), 106(A)(1), 107(A)(1), 107.1(A)(1), 242(B)(1), 243(A)(1), and 246(A)(1), relative to the Assessors' Retirement Fund; to provide relative to cost-of-living increases; to provide relative to the authority of the board of trustees to grant an increase; to provide for the calculation of the amount of any increase; to provide for the funding deposit account; to provide for employer contributions; 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. 101—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:170.26, relative to state symbols; to designate the mottled duck (*Anas fulvigula maculosa*) as the official state waterfowl; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 135—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES MANDIE LANDRY AND TAYLOR  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:3881(A)(introductory paragraph), (7), and (8) and (D)(1) and (3), relative to exemptions from seizure; to provide relative to the exemption for motor vehicles; to provide an exemption for health savings accounts; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 215—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES ROBBY CARTER AND TAYLOR  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Article 3421(1), relative to small successions; to increase the threshold for property values relative to small successions; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 234—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMENT  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:191(3)(b) and repeal R.S. 49:191(1)(e), relative to the Department of Insurance, including provisions to provide for the re-creation of the Department of Insurance and the statutory entities made a part of the department by law; to provide for the effective termination date for all statutory authority for the existence of such statutory entities; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 242—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARVER  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:2583.8, relative to constables in St. Tammany Parish; to authorize a constable of a justice of the peace in St. Tammany Parish to appoint a deputy; to require certain training; to provide for the filing of certain oaths of office; to provide for compensation; to provide for qualifications of office; to provide for residency requirements; to provide for prohibitions; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 260—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE TRAVIS JOHNSON  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 42:1102(20)(b)(iv), relative to reasonable transportation; to provide for the acceptance of complimentary reasonable transportation by legislators; to provide for travel to a foreign country under certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

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

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**HOUSE BILL NO. 268—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES CARVER, BAMBURG, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOURRIAQUE, BOYD, BOYER, BRASS, BRAUD, BRYANT, COX, DEWITT, EGAN, FREEMAN, GLORIOSO, TRAVIS JOHNSON, KNOX, LAFLEUR, MANDIE LANDRY, TERRY LANDRY, LYONS, MACK, MARCELLE, MARTINEZ, NEWELL, SAWYER, THOMPSON, AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:183.2(A), 2925(B)(1), and 3005(C)(8) and to enact R.S. 17:2926(A)(5) and 3996(B)(24), (30), (44), and (51), relative to public school students; to provide relative to career-related activities for certain students; to provide relative to Individualized Graduation Plans; to require Louisiana Works to provide information about workforce priorities annually to public school governing authorities; to provide for alignment of student activities with these priorities; to provide for the advisement policy developed by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; to provide relative to elementary school counselors; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 271—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE WYBLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 36:651(F)(8), to enact Part XIV of Chapter 1 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 17:410.21, and to repeal Part XIII of Chapter 1 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 17:410.11, relative to education; to create and provide for the Louisiana Commission on Foundational Education; to provide for the commission's purpose, membership, and powers and duties; to provide with respect to commission meetings; to require staff support by the state Department of Education; to abolish the Louisiana Literacy Advisory Commission and to provide for the transfer of its records to the newly created commission; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 292—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES BOYD AND TAYLOR

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:3251(A), relative to advances or deposits for a residential or dwelling premises; to permit the extension of a return of advance or deposits to a tenant or lessee; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 334—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE CREWS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 23:1553(G), to enact R.S. 49:191(3)(b), and to repeal R.S. 49:191(1)(f), relative to Louisiana Works, including provisions to provide for the re-creation of Louisiana Works 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 the re-authorization of the Incumbent Worker Training Program within Louisiana Works; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 548—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:74(B)(1), (H)(2), and (J)(7), 75(G), 76(A)(1), (C)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (2), (G)(introductory paragraph) and (3), and 94(A)(1) and (2) and

to repeal R.S. 37:73(19) and 74.1(3), relative to certified public accountants; to provide for definitions; to provide for membership of the State Board of Certified Public Accountants; to change fees; to provide for educational requirements; to provide for licensing standards; to provide for mobility practice privileges; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 551—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES BILLINGS AND CHASSION

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1309(J)(1), relative to use of commissioners by the registrar of voters to assist the registrar during the early voting period; to provide for assistance in conducting the nursing home early voting program; to provide for the duties of the registrar of voters relative to the use of commissioners; to provide for an oath of office to be taken by a commissioner; to provide for an affidavit to be completed by a commissioner; to provide for compensation; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 552—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRYANT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:1894.1(A) and (B) and 1894.2(A)(introductory paragraph), R.S. 32:662.1, and Code of Criminal Procedure Article 814(A)(9) and (10), relative to driving while intoxicated or impaired; to add "impaired" to certain provisions of law regarding intoxication; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 571—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFLEUR

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:842.4(Section heading) and to repeal R.S. 13:842.4(D), relative to the establishment of the Complex Litigation Section Program in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court; to provide for the permanent creation of the program; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 593—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE HENRY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:429(A), relative to office of motor vehicles field offices; to provide relative to service and transaction fees local governments may levy to fund office of motor vehicles field offices, not fully funded by the state; to increase the maximum fee allowed per service or transaction statewide; to remove specific authority granted to certain parishes regarding maximum service and transaction fees; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 594—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES LACOMBE, CHENEVERT, DICKERSON, GALLE, HEBERT, JORDAN, LAFLEUR, MANDIE LANDRY, MACK, NEWELL, ORGERON, OWEN, VENTRELLA, WILEY, AND ZERINGUE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 1:58.10, relative to days of remembrance; to provide for SCN2A day in the state; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 609—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES CHASSON AND TAYLOR  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1165.1(D), relative to healthcare information records; to provide for the exemption of fees for medical records when requested for disability benefits administered by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 845—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:414(I)(1), relative to reinstatement fees for certain suspended licenses; to provide for an increase in reinstatement fees applicable to a person whose license was suspended for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcoholic beverages, narcotic drugs, or certain stimulants; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 999— (Substitute for House Bill No. 174 by Representative Firmont)**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMONT  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:863.1(C)(1)(a) and (I)(1), relative to motor vehicle liability security; to provide for proof-of-insurance requirements applicable to vehicles registered in jurisdictions outside of the state; to provide for enforcement and impoundment procedures; to provide for uniform due process protections; 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.

**Message from the House**

**ASKING CONCURRENCE IN  
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

March 26, 2026

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. 33                      HCR No. 34

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

**House Concurrent Resolutions  
on First Reading**

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 33—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE TAYLOR  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the women of the Legislature of Louisiana on the occasion of Women's History Month.

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL AND SENATOR CLOUD  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commemorate the two hundred nineteenth anniversary of Avoyelles Parish.

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. 203—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTERS  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1104(B)(3), relative to the Uterine Fibroids Commission; to provide for the membership of the commission; 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. 285—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES BACALA, BROUSSARD, CARLSON,  
CARPENTER, CARVER, EDMONSTON, FREIBERG, TERRY LANDRY,  
MARTINEZ, AND TAYLOR  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:81(B), relative to the use of school buildings; to provide relative to the powers of local public school boards; to authorize a school board to engage in a cooperative endeavor with a credit union or bank to operate a branch at a high school; to provide for the integration of the operation of the branch into a required financial literacy course; 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. 351—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT  
AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 15:827.1(E), relative to reentry programs; to repeal the entrepreneurial educational curriculum relative to the reentry preparation program.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 413—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE CARVER  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1454(B)(5) and to enact R.S. 22:1454(B)(6), relative to property and casualty insurance rate making; to prohibit certain rating factors; to provide for exceptions; 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 Insurance.

**HOUSE BILL NO. 469—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE JORDAN  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1207(A)(2)(a)(i) and (b) and 1230(A)(2)(a)(i) and (b), relative to the pharmacy education support fee; to provide relative to licenses and permits issued by the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy; to provide for the allocation of the fee; to remove requirements to receive the fee; and to provide for related matters.

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

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**HOUSE BILL NO. 534—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYER  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:402(F), relative to the dates of bond and tax elections; to provide for bond and tax elections to be held only during a primary election; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 574—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE SPELL  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 28:64(A)(3), relative to the Mental Health Advocacy Service board of trustees; to provide for the name change of the state's mental health organizations that are members of the Mental Health Advocacy Service board; 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. 576—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE GADBERRY  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 49:141 and to enact Chapter 5-S of Title 25 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 25:380.161 through 380.166, relative to the Old Governor's Mansion; to transfer the Old Governor's Mansion to the Department of State; to provide for the powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the secretary of state and the department; to provide relative to operations and funding; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 634—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYER  
AN ACT

To authorize and provide for the transfer of certain state property; to authorize the transfer of certain state property in St. Martin Parish; to provide for the property descriptions; to provide for the reservation of mineral rights; to provide terms and conditions; 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. 649—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:2943, relative to dual enrollment; to provide for the responsibilities of the Board of Regents, public postsecondary education institutions, and public postsecondary education management boards; to require a uniform, statewide application process for all high school students; 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. 677—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 41:909, relative to the disposition of school lands; to provide for the sale or exchange of certain state property in Tensas Parish; to provide for the authority of the Tensas Parish School Board; to require appraisal; to provide for the reservation of mineral rights; 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. 779—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1121.6(A), (B), and (C)(introductory paragraph) and to enact R.S. 40:1121.6(F) and (G), relative to expedited partner therapy; to provide for eligible medical conditions for expedited partner therapy; to provide for liability; to provide for the duties of the Louisiana Department of Health; 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. 784—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:541(24)(a), (25)(b) through (o), 542(C)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (2), 542.1(A)(introductory paragraph) and (2)(a) and (c) and (d), and 543.1, to enact R.S. 15:541(25)(p) and (q), 542.1(A)(2)(e), and 542.1.2(A)(5), and to repeal R.S. 15:542.1(A)(1)(e), relative to sex offender registration and notification requirements; to provide relative to criminal offenses that constitute a sex offense and sexual offenses against a victim who is a minor; to provide relative to sex offender registration and notification requirements and procedures; provides relative to duties of offenders; provides for corresponding changes to the form that the courts use for written notification; 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. 850—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMENT  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1311(F)(2), relative to the cancellation of residential property insurance policies; to provide for notice requirements in the Standard Fire Policy; and to provide for related matters.

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

**Reports of Committees**

The following reports of committees were received and read:

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON  
FINANCE**

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

March 30, 2026

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 11—**

BY SENATOR PRICE AND REPRESENTATIVE BACALA  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:102(F)(4)(b), relative to the Louisiana State Police Retirement System and to the funding mechanism for payment of benefit increases to persons receiving benefits from the Louisiana State Police Retirement System; to provide for the determination of required employer contributions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**SENATE BILL NO. 14—**  
BY SENATOR PRICE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 11:710.3 and to repeal R.S. 11:710, 710.1, and 710.2, relative to the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana; to provide for reemployment of retired teachers; to allow for a retirement benefit while working, subject to conditions; to provide for earning limits; to provide for supplemental benefits; to provide for critical shortages; to provide for reporting and notification requirements; to provide for employee and employer contributions; to provide for service credits; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**SENATE BILL NO. 17—**  
BY SENATOR TALBOT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:2073, to enact R.S. 11:2145, and to repeal R.S. 11:105(A)(6), 106(A)(4), 107(A)(5), 107.1(A)(5), 242(B)(6), 243(A)(6), and 246(A)(6), relative to the Registrars of Voters Employees' Retirement System; to provide relative to cost-of-living increases; to provide for calculation of the amount of any increase; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**SENATE BILL NO. 300—**  
BY SENATOR MIZELL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:197(13) and (19) through (21), 198(E)(2), (H)(1)(c), 198(J), (J)(1)(d), 199(D)(4), 200(K), 1556(31) and (62), 1594(C)(3), 1597, 1600.2(C)(4), the introductory paragraph of 1602.1(C)(2), the introductory paragraph of 1606(B), 1619(A)(1)(i), 1630, 1691(A), to enact R.S. 39:1600.2(G), 1619(A)(2)(k), (3)(h), (4)(f), and (5)(d), 1685(F), 1692(D) through (G), and to repeal R.S. 39:197(22), relative to the Louisiana Procurement Code; to provide for definitions; to provide for requirements of information technology contractual review procedures; to provide for applicability; to provide for negotiation and award of contracts; to provide for bidding on contracts; to provide for advertisement and notice requirements for procurement; to provide for certain prohibitions; to provide for contract types; to provide for legal and contractual remedies; to provide relative to administrative appeals; to provide relative to commencement of actions relative to procurement; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments.

**SENATE BILL NO. 315—**  
BY SENATOR REESE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2316, relative to professional service contract exemptions; to provide for thresholds; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**SENATE BILL NO. 324—**  
BY SENATOR REESE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:100.56(C), (O)(1)(b), (2), (3), (7), and (8) and to enact R.S. 39:100.56(K)(4) and (O)(12), (13), and (14), relative to the Water Sector Program; to provide relative to the administration of the program; to provide relative to Phase II Subfund and Emergency Subfund grant awards; to provide relative to guidance and application period requirements; to provide relative to the authority of the Water Sector Commission; to provide relative to rate study requirements; to remove outdated deadlines; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

**SENATE BILL NO. 411—**  
BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:1798.6(A)(2)(b), relative to leases of certain property by the Office Facilities Corporation; to provide for certain contracts between the Office Facilities Corporation and various state agencies to effectuate leases or subleases of certain properties in Orleans Parish; to provide for limitations on lease and sublease terms; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported favorably.

Respectfully submitted,  
GLEN WOMACK  
Chair

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 1—**  
BY SENATOR JENKINS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:14(C), relative to the Open Meetings Law; to provide for viva voce voting; to provide for electronic voting; 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. 1 by Senator Jenkins

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 10, after "document." delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 11 through 13 and insert the following: "**Any vote by an individual member of a public body that is displayed and recorded using electronic machines shall satisfy the concept of viva voce voting requirements of the Open Meetings Law.**"

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 43—**

BY SENATORS MCMATH, BOUDREAUX, CLOUD, HENSGENS,  
JACKSON-ANDREWS, LUNEAU AND OWEN

AN ACT

To enact Part IX of Chapter 1 of Title 28 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 28:211, relative to psychedelic-assisted therapy; to establish the Psychedelic-Assisted Therapy Program within the Louisiana Department of Health; to provide for clinical studies; to provide for patient eligibility; to provide for funding; to provide for reporting; 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. 43 by Senator McMath

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, after "R.S. 28:211" insert "and 212"

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AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 5, after "studies;" insert "to provide for drug development clinical trials;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 9, change "R.S. 28:211, is" to "R.S. 28:211 and 212, are"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 12, change "Section" to "Part"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following:

"(2) "Drug developer" means a pharmaceutical company, biotechnology company, or contract development and manufacturing organization engaged in drug development and manufacturing.

"(3) "Ibogaine" means ibogaine and ibogaine-based therapeutics, including ibogaine analogs."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 1, line 16, change "(2)" to "(4)"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, line 2, change "(3)" to "(5)"

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 2, line 10, delete "assist" and insert "identify" and after "centers" delete "in"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

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

"C. The Louisiana Department of Health shall maintain a record of all academic health centers participating in the program.

D. Each participating academic health center shall maintain documentation"

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 2, line 22, after "application" insert ", expanded access program, or other federally authorized pathway"

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 3, delete lines 8 through 10

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 3, line 11, change "(c)" to "(b)"

AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 3, line 13, change "(d)" to "(c)"

AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 3, line 15, change "(e)" to "(d)"

AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 4, line 4, change "D." to "E."

AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 4, line 9, change "E." to "F."

AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 4, line 16, change "F." to "G."

AMENDMENT NO. 18

On page 4, line 22, change "G." to "H."

AMENDMENT NO. 19

On page 4, after line 24, insert the following:

"§212. Drug development of ibogaine treatment  
A. An academic health center may enter into an agreement with a drug developer to establish a consortium for purpose of conducting drug development clinical trials with ibogaine and securing the United States Food and Drug Administration's

approval of ibogaine as a medication for the treatment of opioid use disorder, co-occurring substance use disorder, and any other neurological or mental health condition for which ibogaine demonstrates efficacy.

B. A consortium seeking to conduct an ibogaine drug development clinical trial shall:

(1) Submit an investigational new drug application to the FDA in accordance with 21 CFR Part 312.

(2) Seek a breakthrough therapy designation for ibogaine from the FDA under 21 U.S.C. 356.

(3) Enter into an agreement with a consortium established by the government of another state, whether acting through an agent or joint venture, that has taken both of the following actions:

(a) Has submitted an investigational new drug application to the FDA in accordance with 21 CFR Part 312.

(b) Has requested a breakthrough therapy designation for ibogaine from the FDA under 21 U.S.C. 356.

(4) Work with the FDA to coordinate the drug development trial in Louisiana with ibogaine drug development trials that are being conducted in other states.

C.(1) Any revenue attributable to all intellectual property rights and other commercial rights arising from drug development clinical trials conducted by a consortium pursuant to this Section, during the period for which the trials are funded, and any following period of commercialization shall be allocated as follows:

(a) Not less than twenty percent to the state.

(b) The remainder to the members of the consortium in the amounts specified by written agreement of the members.

(2) Intellectual property rights and other commercial rights arising from the drug development clinical trials conducted pursuant to this Section shall include any of the following as related to the trials:

(a) Intellectual property, technology, and inventions.

(b) Patents, trademarks, and licenses.

(c) Proprietary and confidential information.

(d) Trade secrets, data, and databases.

(e) Tools, methods, and processes.

(f) Treatment models or techniques.

(g) Administration protocols.

(h) Works of authorship."

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. 52—

BY SENATOR CATHEY

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:109, relative to public assistance benefits; to provide for the duties of the Department of Children and Family Services and the Louisiana Department of Health; to provide for reporting; to provide for the adjustment of benefits under certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 54—

BY SENATOR CATHEY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:563(8), relative to esthetics; to provide for the practice of esthetics; to provide for definitions; 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. 72—**  
BY SENATOR HODGES

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 32:714, relative to electronic signatures and the office of motor vehicles; to provide for the acceptance of digital signatures; to provide for the acceptance of electronic signatures; and to provide for related matters.

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 78—**  
BY SENATOR JENKINS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2740.38(C)(2), (3), and (4) and to enact R.S. 33:2740.38(C)(5), relative to the Shreveport Downtown Development District; to provide relative to the board of commissioners; to provide relative to residency requirements; to provide for prospective application; and to provide for related matters.

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 82—**BY SENATORS MIZELL AND HODGES  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:154.1(D), relative to the length of a school week; to provide for a five-day mandatory school week for public schools; to provide for exceptions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 104—**BY SENATORS KLEINPETER, ABRAHAM, CARTER, CONNICK, PRICE AND WHEAT  
AN ACT

To provide relative to state highways; to designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 1 in Pointe Coupee Parish as the "Ernest J. Gaines Memorial Highway"; to provide for location and placement of signage; to provide for restrictions on costs of materials to the department; and to provide for related matters.

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

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

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

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. 113—**BY SENATOR ABRAHAM  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1248.3(C), relative to the Local Healthcare Provider Participation Program; to provide for the authorization of assessment payments in Calcasieu Parish; to provide for applicability of parish compliance provisions; 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. 114—**  
BY SENATOR HODGES

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:463.243, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plate; to provide for the establishment of the "Foundation for Moral Law" special prestige license plate; to provide for creation, issuance, design, fees, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to such 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, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

**SENATE BILL NO. 129—**BY SENATOR FOIL  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:463.243, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to establish the "Master Combat Infantryman" special prestige license plate; to provide for creation, issuance, design, fees, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to the license plate; and to provide for related matters.

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

**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to Original Senate Bill No. 129 by Senator Foil

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

On page 2, line 7, after "**person**" delete the remainder of the line

**AMENDMENT NO. 2**

On page 2, line 8, at the beginning of the line delete "**Army Regulation 600-8-22,**"

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 132—**BY SENATOR KLEINPETER  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:416.16.1(A)(1), (2), and (4), and (E) and to enact R.S. 17:416.16.1(F), relative to public school safety; to require exterior master key boxes to be installed in public schools under certain circumstances; to provide for installation locations; to require that certain contents be placed in the exterior master key boxes; to provide for definitions; to provide for standards; 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. 132 by Senator Kleinpeter

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

On page 2, line 21, after "**January 1,**" change "**2027**" to "**2028**"

**AMENDMENT NO. 2**

On page 2, at the end of line 22, delete "**State Board of**" and insert "**Louisiana Center for Safe Schools**"

**AMENDMENT NO. 3**

On page 2, at the beginning of line 23, delete "**Elementary and Secondary Education**"

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

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SENATE BILL NO. 142—  
BY SENATOR REESE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3351(A)(2), relative to postsecondary education management boards; to provide the use of and conditions on all amounts received by public postsecondary education institutions from the Board of Regents Support Fund; to require public postsecondary education management boards to continue to comply with the initial conditions on the receipt of such amounts; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 151—  
BY SENATOR MIZELL

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 15:609(K), relative to drawing or taking of DNA samples; to provide for rules to flag a driver's license for certain persons under certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 155—  
BY SENATOR TALBOT

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1077.5, relative to dental care and cancer treatment; to provide for healthcare coverage for certain medically necessary dental procedures as a result of cancer treatment; to clarify healthcare insurers are not required to provide coverage for routine preventative dental care; to provide for applicability; 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. 155 by Senator Talbot

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete lines 14 through 17 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

**"(1)(a) Evaluation, imaging, clinical examination, and dental procedures that are medically necessary to reduce the risk of infection, eliminate infection, or treat tooth loss or decay as part of a pre-cancer treatment screening.**

**"(b) The dental services shall be covered when performed as part of a pre-treatment medical clearance protocol for insureds scheduled to undergo cancer treatment, including but not limited to chemotherapy, radiation therapy of the head and neck, stem cell or bone marrow transplant, or treatment with bone-modifying agents."**

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

SENATE BILL NO. 161—  
BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 42:31, relative to unclassified state employment; to repeal certain employment eligibility requirements regarding motor vehicle registration and driver's licenses; 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. 168—  
BY SENATOR STINE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:3386.1, 3386.2(A), the introductory paragraph of 3386.2(B), 3388.3, and 3390.6(B)(6) through (8) and R.S. 40:1203.3(E)(3)(b), to enact R.S. 37:3386.2(B)(7), 3387.15, 3387.16, 3387.17, 3388.4, 3388.5, and 3390.6(B)(9), and to repeal R.S. 40:1203.3(E)(5), relative to the Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority; to provide for the board's authority; to provide for board membership; to provide for definitions; to provide for scope of practice; to provide for peer support specialist associates; to provide for peer support specialist supervisors; to provide for renewals; to provide for fees; and to provide for related matters.

Reported by substitute by the Committee on Health and Welfare. The bill was read by title; the committee substitute bill was read.

SENATE BILL NO. — (Substitute of Senate Bill No. 168 by Senator Stine)

BY SENATOR STINE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:3386.1, 3386.2(A), the introductory paragraph of 3386.2(B), and 3386.2(B)(5) and (6) and (G), 3387.1(A)(2)(b) through (d), 3387.2(A)(2)(b) through (d), 3387.3(B)(4), 3387.6(E)(1) and (3) and (I), 3388.3, 3390.3(A)(11) and (B)(4) and 3390.6(A) and (B)(6) through (8) and R.S. 40:1203.3(E), to enact R.S. 37:3386.2(B)(7) through (10), 3387.15, 3387.16, 3387.17, 3388.4, and 3390.6(B)(9), relative to the Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority; to provide for the board's authority; to provide for board membership; to provide for definitions; to provide for scope of practice; to provide for peer support specialists; to provide for peer support specialist associates; to provide for peer support specialist supervisors; to provide for criminal background checks; to provide for renewals; to provide for fees; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 37:3386.1, 3386.2(A), the introductory paragraph of 3386.2(B), and 3386.2(B)(5) and (6) and (G), 3387.1(A)(2)(b) through (d), 3387.2(A)(2)(b) through (d), 3387.3(B)(4), 3387.6(E)(1) and (3) and (I), 3388.3, 3390.3(A)(11) and (B)(4) and 3390.6(A) and (B)(6) through (8) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 37:3386.2(B)(7) through (10), 3387.15, 3387.16, 3387.17, 3388.4, and 3390.6(B)(9) are hereby enacted to read as follows: §3386.1. Definitions

As used in this Chapter, the following terms have the meaning ascribed to them in this Section:

(1) "Addiction counselor" means any person who is licensed, certified, or registered in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter and procedures established by the board and who, by means of his special knowledge acquired through formal education or practical experience, is qualified to provide addiction counseling services to those individuals afflicted with or suffering from an addictive disorder or certain co-occurring disorders. The counseling services provided shall be those which utilize KSA or core functions, as determined by the board to be appropriate for the addictive disorder or disorders presented.

(2) "Addictive disorder" means the repeated pathological use of substances including but not limited to alcohol, drugs, or tobacco, or repeated pathological compulsive behaviors including but not limited to gambling, which cause physical, psychological, emotional, economic, legal, social, or other harms to the individual afflicted with the addiction or to others affected by the individual's affliction. As used in this Chapter, "addictive disorder" shall include not only those instances where withdrawal from or tolerance to the substance or behaviors are present but also those instances involving use and abuse of substances.

(3) "Behavioral health condition" means a condition that affects an individual's emotional, psychological, cognitive, behavioral, or social functioning and may impact their ability to pursue health, wellness, recovery, and quality of life, and includes substance use-related conditions, mental health conditions, co-occurring conditions, trauma-related impacts, and patterns of

**behavior that create functional impairment, distress, or increased risk of harm to the individual or others.**

~~(3)~~(4) "Board" means the governing body of the Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority.

~~(4)~~(5) "Certified clinical supervisor" means any person holding the necessary credential of licensed, certified, or registered addiction counselor or any person who holds a specialty substance abuse credential in another professional discipline in a human services field at the master's level or higher; and who has satisfied the requirements established by the board to provide clinical supervision.

~~(5)~~(6) "Client" means the individual, couple, family, group, organization, or community that seeks or receives addiction counseling services from the addiction professional or an addiction facility until discharged.

~~(6)~~(7) "Clinical supervision" means the interpersonal tutorial relationship between a certified clinical supervisor and other licensed, certified, or registered addiction counseling professionals centered on the goals of skill development and professional growth through learning and practicing. Through observation, evaluation, and feedback, clinical supervision enables the supervisee to acquire the competence needed to deliver effective patient care while fulfilling professional responsibility. Clinical supervision is understood to emphasize improvement of the counseling skills and effectiveness of the supervisee and is to be distinguished from administrative supervision.

~~(7)~~(8) "Compulsive gambling counselor" means any person holding a necessary credential as a licensed, certified, or registered addiction counselor, or a necessary credential as a qualified mental health professional, who is certified by the board, in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter, as possessing special knowledge acquired through formal education and clinical experience and thus is qualified to provide gambling addiction counseling to persons who have a gambling addiction disorder or who exhibit gambling addictive behaviors.

~~(8)~~(9) "Co-occurring disorder" means a disorder in which an individual has at least one psychiatric disorder as well as an addictive disorder. While these disorders may interact differently in any one person, at least one disorder of each type can be diagnosed independently of the other.

~~(9)~~(10) "Core functions" means the screening, intake, orientation, assessment, treatment planning, counseling, case management, crisis intervention, client education, referral, reports, and record-keeping activities associated with counseling and consultation with other credentialed professionals.

~~(10)~~(11) "Counselor-in-training" means any person who has not yet met the qualification to become a licensed, certified, or registered counselor, but who has made application to the board in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter and procedures established by the board.

**(12) "Credentialing" means licensing, certification, registration, or recognition of status of an individual to provide mental health services in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter.**

~~(11)~~(13) "Custodial environment" means a setting created by a court system in which a person has been deprived of freedom of action in any significant way.

~~(12)~~(14) "KSA" means the knowledge, skills, and attitudes designated by the board as being necessary for effective addiction counseling and required by the board to be utilized by addictive disorders counselors in providing addiction counseling services.

**(15) "Licensed mental health professional" means an individual who is currently licensed and in good standing in the state of Louisiana to practice within the scope of all applicable state laws, practice acts, and the individual's professional license, as one of the following:**

- (a) Medical psychologist.**
- (b) Licensed psychologist.**
- (c) Licensed clinical social worker.**
- (d) Licensed professional counselor.**
- (e) Licensed marriage and family therapist.**
- (f) Licensed addiction counselor.**
- (g) Advanced practice registered nurse.**
- (h) Licensed rehabilitation counselor.**

**(16) "Peer support" means nonclinical, strengths-based activities and services provided by an individual in recovery from a behavioral health condition to a person experiencing a behavioral health condition. Such services are grounded in lived experience and include mentoring, guiding, and supporting individuals in the identification and implementation of recovery strategies through relationship-based support. Peer support utilizes shared experience to provide empathy, practical guidance, encouragement, and hope, and may include assistance with self-advocacy, goal setting, and engagement with treatment and community-based recovery supports. Peer support services complement but do not replace clinical treatment and shall not include diagnosis, clinical assessment, psychotherapy, or any service requiring professional licensure.**

**(17) "Peer support specialist" means any person who is credentialed in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter and procedures established by the board and who, by means of his special knowledge acquired through formal education and lived experience, is qualified to provide behavioral health services to those individuals afflicted with or suffering from a behavioral health condition. The services provided shall be those which utilize support services or core functions, as determined by the board.**

**(18) "Peer support specialist associate" is a status meaning any person who has not yet met the qualifications to become a peer support specialist, but who has made application to the board in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter and procedures established by the board.**

**(19) "Peer support specialist supervisor" means any person holding the necessary credential of peer support specialist, licensed mental health professional, certified, or registered addiction counselor and who has satisfied the requirements established by the board to provide peer supervision.**

~~(13)~~(20) "Prevention" means those activities and services that prevent, reduce, or stabilize the incidence of addictive disorders and thereby prevent, reduce, or stabilize the prevalence of addictive disorders. The activities contemplated by this definition include services to those at risk of developing an addictive disorder as well as those individuals who, though not necessarily at risk of developing an addictive disorder, are nonetheless appropriate for services. In addition, prevention shall be understood to include educational programs and activities that are designed to raise the awareness of and encourage healthy behaviors.

~~(14)~~(21) "Prevention specialist-in-training" means any person who has not yet met the qualifications to become a licensed, certified, or registered prevention professional, but who has made application to the board in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter and procedures established by the board.

~~(15)~~ "Qualified mental health professional" means:

- ~~(a)~~ A psychiatrist licensed pursuant to R.S. 37:1261 et seq.
- ~~(b)~~ A psychologist licensed pursuant to R.S. 37:2351 et seq., or a medical psychologist licensed pursuant to R.S. 37:1360.51 et seq.
- ~~(c)~~ A licensed clinical social worker licensed pursuant to R.S. 37:2701 et seq.
- ~~(d)~~ A mental health counselor licensed pursuant to R.S. 37:1101 et seq.

~~(16)~~(22) "Substance abuse use disorder" means the repeated pathological use of drugs, including alcohol, which causes physical, psychological, economic, legal, or social harm to the individual user or to others affected by the user's behavior.

§3386.2. Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority

A. The legislature hereby finds it appropriate that the responsibility and authority to regulate the practice of addictive disorder treatment, and prevention, and peer support shall be exercised by a licensing board created for that purpose. **It is the intent of the legislature that a single authority issue and recognize credentials for addictive disorder counseling, prevention, and peer support professionals in Louisiana, and that such authority shall be the Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority.**

B. The Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority (ADRA) is hereby created within the Louisiana Department of Health. The ADRA shall be governed by a board of directors, referred to hereafter in this Chapter as the "board", consisting of ~~eight~~ **eleven** voting members, **composed of one member appointed by the secretary of**

the Louisiana Department of Health to represent the office of behavioral health and ten members all of whom shall be appointed by the governor, subject to Senate confirmation, as follows:

(5) Three members from a list of nine names divided into three groups of three names each submitted by the Louisiana Association of Substance Abuse Counselors and Trainers, Inc. One member with a master's degree in addiction counseling, counseling, psychology, social work, or another human services field submitted by the president of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

(6) One member with a master's degree in addiction counseling, counseling, psychology, social work, or another human services field submitted by the president of Louisiana State University.

(7) One member with a master's degree in addiction counseling, counseling, psychology, social work, or another human services field submitted by the president of Southern University New Orleans.

(8) One member with a master's degree in addiction counseling, counseling, psychology, social work, or another human services field submitted by the president of Northwestern State University.

(9) One member who is a trained and recognized peer support specialist with a minimum of three years of experience as a peer support specialist providing peer support services to persons with addictive disorders.

(10) One member who is a consumer selected from the state at large.

G. It is the intent of the legislature that the board exercise all regulatory jurisdiction over the credentialing and practice of addiction counselors, peer support specialists, prevention professionals, persons holding specialty certifications issued by the board, paraprofessionals authorized by this Chapter, and those in training to become addiction counselors and prevention professionals.

§3387.1. Certified addiction counselor; scope of practice

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(b) The certified addiction counselor shall work only under the supervision of a licensed addiction counselor or qualified licensed mental health professional.

(c) The certified addiction counselor shall register his supervisory licensed addiction counselor or qualified licensed mental health professional with the board.

(d) Supervisory contact between the certified addiction counselor and the supervisory licensed addiction counselor or qualified licensed mental health professional shall be regular and documented, and shall be provided to the board upon request.

§3387.2. Registered addiction counselor; scope of practice

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(b) The registered addiction counselor shall work only under the supervision of a licensed addiction counselor or other qualified licensed mental health professional.

(c) The registered addiction counselor shall register his supervisory licensed addiction counselor or other qualified licensed mental health professional with the Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority.

(d) Supervisory contact between the registered addiction counselor and the supervisory licensed addiction counselor or qualified licensed mental health professional shall be regular and documented, and shall be provided to the board.

§3387.3. Counselor-in-training

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(4) The counselor-in-training may work only under the direct supervision of a licensed addiction counselor, certified addiction counselor, or registered addiction counselor; or in the absence of a licensed, certified, or registered addiction counselor, under the direction of a qualified licensed mental health professional.

§3387.6. Certified compulsive gambling counselor

E. The board shall recognize as a certified compulsive gambling counselor each candidate who:

(1) Is a licensed, certified, or registered addiction counselor, or who is a qualified licensed mental health professional.

(3) Does not have any pending disciplinary action with the board, or, in the case of a qualified licensed mental health professional, with the appropriate regulatory board.

I. The board shall revoke the certification for gambling counseling of any person who does not maintain the valid and current necessary credential of licensed, certified, or registered addiction counselor or qualified licensed mental health professional.

§3387.15. Peer support specialist; scope of practice

A.(1) The practice of peer support within the meaning and intent of this Chapter shall consist of the supervised rendering of mentorship, guidance, and support services to individuals suffering from a behavioral health condition to assist them in gaining an understanding of the nature of their disorder and developing and maintaining a responsible lifestyle.

(2) A peer support specialist shall not practice autonomously. Supervision shall be rendered by a licensed mental health professional or peer support specialist supervisor. A peer support specialist shall not render clinical services.

(3) The scope of practice, in addition to any other applicable provision of this Chapter, shall include implementing strategic support, providing mentorship to family members, and as appropriate, to others affected by the individual's behavioral health condition.

B. The board shall adopt and promulgate rules which govern peer support specialists in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter.

C. Any person seeking to be certified by the board as a peer support specialist shall submit an application on a form and in a manner prescribed by the board. The initial application form shall be accompanied by an initial application fee as provided for in this Chapter.

D. Upon investigation of the application, the board shall, within forty-five days, notify each candidate that the application is satisfactory and accepted or unsatisfactory and rejected. If an application is rejected, the notice shall state the reason for such rejection.

E. The board shall recognize, as a peer support specialist, each candidate who:

(1) Is a legal resident of the United States and at least eighteen years of age on the date the application is received.

(2) Is not in violation of any ethical standards prescribed by the board.

(3) If the applicant has lived experience with a behavioral health condition, has attested to at least twelve months of stability and is not currently engaged in acute treatment at the time the application is received.

(4) Has not been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or a plea of nolo contendere to, a felony. However, the board may, in its discretion, waive this requirement upon review of the individual's circumstances. Each candidate shall sign a form prescribed by the board authorizing the board to obtain a criminal history or to conduct a criminal background check to be performed by the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information. The bureau shall, upon request and after receipt of fingerprints and other identifying information from the board, make available to the board information contained in the bureau's criminal history record and identification files, which pertains to the individual applying to be licensed by the board as a peer support specialist. In addition, in order to determine the applicant's suitability for licensing, the bureau shall then forward the applicant's fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history check. The results of the criminal history record check shall not be released to any

other individual or agency outside of the board. The bureau shall charge a processing fee as provided in R.S. 15:587(B)(1).

(5) Signs a form of professional and ethical accountability and responsibility as prescribed by the board.

(6) Demonstrates professional competence by passing a written examination.

(a) The board shall determine the scope and administration of the examination.

(b) The board may provide for circumstances under which a candidate who fails the examination, but who meets all other requirements, may retake the examination.

(c) The board shall make reasonable accommodations for those candidates who demonstrate a special need or disability.

(7) Documents the completion of education specific to the domains of peer support.

(8) Documents the completion of supervision specific to domains of peer support and core functions under conditions as shall be determined by the board. The board may require that such supervision be conducted by an organization's documented and qualified supervisory staff per job description.

F. The board may prescribe such other qualifications and requirements for peer support specialists as may be appropriate for the protection of the public or the enhancement of professional services provided pursuant to the authority of this Chapter.

#### §3387.16. Peer support specialist associate; scope of practice

A. The status of a peer support specialist associate within the meaning and intent of this Chapter shall consist of the supervised rendering of mentorship, guidance, and support services to individuals suffering from a behavioral health condition to assist them in gaining an understanding of the nature of their disorder and developing and maintaining a responsible lifestyle.

B.(1) The status of peer support specialist associate is intended to assist professional development by providing qualified individuals with supervised professional experience.

(2) The status of peer support specialist associate is, by its very nature, temporary and it is anticipated that the individual will progress through the experience to become a peer support specialist or supervisor.

(3) The peer support specialist associate may not practice independently and cannot render clinical services.

(4) The peer support specialist associate may work only under the direct supervision of a peer support specialist, peer support supervisor, licensed mental health provider, certified addiction counselor, or registered addiction counselor.

(5) The scope of practice, in addition to any other applicable provision of this Chapter, shall include implementing directly-supervised strategic support, providing directly-supervised mentorship to family members, and, as appropriate, to others affected by the individual's behavioral health condition.

C. The board shall adopt and promulgate rules which govern the status of peer support specialist associate in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter.

D. Any person seeking to be recognized by the board as a peer support specialist associate shall submit an application to the board on a form and in a manner as the board shall prescribe. The initial application form shall be accompanied by an initial application fee as provided for in this Chapter.

E. Upon investigation of the application, the board shall, within forty-five days, notify each candidate that the application is satisfactory and accepted or unsatisfactory and rejected. If an application is rejected, the notice shall state the reason for such rejection.

F. The board shall recognize, as a peer support specialist associate, each candidate who:

(1) Is a legal resident of the United States and at least eighteen years of age on the date the application is received.

(2) Is not in violation of any ethical standards prescribed by the board.

(3) If the applicant has lived experience with a behavioral health condition, has attested to at least twelve months of stability and is not currently engaged in acute treatment at the time the application is received.

(4) Has not been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or a plea of nolo contendere to, a felony. However, the board may, in its discretion, waive this requirement upon review of the individual's circumstances. Each candidate shall sign a form prescribed by the board authorizing the board to obtain a criminal history or to conduct a criminal background check to be performed by the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information. The bureau shall, upon request and after receipt of fingerprints and other identifying information from the board, make available to the board information contained in the bureau's criminal history record and identification files, which pertains to the individual applying to be licensed by the board as a peer support specialist. In addition, in order to determine the applicant's suitability for licensing, the bureau shall then forward the applicant's fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history check. The results of the criminal history record check shall not be released to any other individual or agency outside of the board. The bureau shall charge a processing fee as provided in R.S. 15:587(B)(1).

(5) Signs a form of professional and ethical accountability and responsibility as prescribed by the board.

G. The board may prescribe such other qualifications and requirements for peer support specialist associate as may be appropriate for the protection of the public or the enhancement of professional services provided pursuant to the authority of this Chapter.

#### §3387.17. Peer support specialist supervisor; scope of practice

A. The legislature finds that peer support is an effective and necessary component in the continuum of behavioral health treatment and services. In order to better provide for the health and welfare of the citizens of this state, the legislature desires to enhance the profession of peer support by providing for a qualified workforce in sufficient numbers to meet the needs of Louisiana and to contribute to the development of healthy communities within the state. The legislature finds peer support supervision to be essential for the ongoing development of a qualified workforce sufficient to meet the present and anticipated public health needs of the state.

B. The board shall adopt and promulgate rules which govern peer support specialist supervisors in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter.

C. Any person seeking to be recognized by the board as a peer support specialist supervisor shall submit an application to the board on a form and in a manner as the board shall prescribe. The initial application form shall be accompanied by an initial application fee as provided for in this Chapter.

D. Upon investigation of the application, the board shall, within forty-five days, notify each candidate that the application is satisfactory and accepted or unsatisfactory and rejected. If an application is rejected, the notice shall state the reason for such rejection.

E. The board shall recognize, as a peer support specialist supervisor, each candidate who:

(1) Is a legal resident of the United States and at least eighteen years of age on the date the application is received.

(2) Is not in violation of any ethical standards prescribed by the board.

(3) If the applicant has lived experience with a behavior health condition, has attested to at least twelve months of stability and is not currently engaged in acute treatment at the time the application is received.

(4) Has not been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or a plea of nolo contendere to, a felony. However, the board may, in its discretion, waive this requirement upon review of the individual's circumstances. Each candidate shall sign a form prescribed by the board authorizing the board to obtain a criminal history or to conduct a criminal background check to be performed by the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information. The bureau shall, upon request and after receipt of fingerprints and other identifying information from the board, make available to the board information contained in the bureau's criminal history record and identification files, which pertains to the individual applying to be licensed by the board as a peer support specialist. In addition, in order to determine the

applicant's suitability for licensing, the bureau shall then forward the applicant's fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history check. The results of the criminal history record check shall not be released to any other individual or agency outside of the board. The bureau shall charge a processing fee as provided in R.S. 15:587(B)(1).

(5) Signs a form of professional and ethical accountability and responsibility as prescribed by the board.

F.(1) Each applicant shall demonstrate professional competence in peer support supervision by passing a written examination.

(2) The board shall determine the scope and administration of the examination.

(3) The board may provide for circumstances under which a candidate who fails the examination, but meets all other requirements, may retake the examination.

(4) The board shall make reasonable accommodations for those candidates who demonstrate a special need or disability.

G. A peer support specialist supervisor may provide support for any other peer support specialist or any peer support specialist associate.

§3388.3. Applicability Peer support specialist renewal

A. It is the intent of the legislature that there be a single authority issuing credentials for addictive disorder counseling and prevention professionals in Louisiana. The authority for issuing and recognizing credentials for professionals engaged in the providing of counseling and prevention services for those who suffer from addictive disorders shall be the Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority.

Each peer support specialist shall renew his certification annually. Each peer support specialist associate shall renew his status annually. Each renewal shall be for a twelve-month period.

B. Within the twelve-month period provided for in Subsection A of this Section, each peer support specialist and peer support specialist associate shall provide to the board documentation of successfully completing a minimum of twenty board-approved continuing educational hours. Such hours shall be directly related to the area of certification, including six continuing educational hours in ethics.

C. After initial application, an individual may hold peer support specialist associate status for up to sixty consecutive months. Failure to renew his annual status shall disqualify an individual from reapplying for peer support specialist associate status.

D. Individuals who, prior to July 1, 2026, had maintained peer recovery support specialist certification, shall be allowed to renew or reapply for peer support specialist certification.

E. Individuals who, prior to July 1, 2026, had maintained peer recovery support specialist associate status, shall be allowed to renew or reapply for peer support specialist associate status.

§3388.4. Peer support specialist supervisor renewal

A. The certification for peer support specialist supervisor shall be renewed every twenty-four months.

B. Within the twenty-four-month period provided for in Subsection A of this Section, each peer support supervisor shall provide to the board documentation of successful completion of a minimum of twenty board-approved continuing educational hours. Such hours shall be directly related to the area of certification, including six continuing educational hours in ethics.

C. The documentation required by Subsection B of this Section shall be provided on a form and in a manner prescribed by the board.

D. The board may prescribe such other requirements for renewal as may be appropriate for the protection of the public or the enhancement of professional services as provided under the authority of this Chapter.

§3390.3. Disciplinary action; administrative fee; causes; hearing; appeal

A. The board shall have the power to deny, revoke, or suspend any credential, specialty certification, status, or other recognition authorized by this Chapter. In addition, the board is authorized to impose and collect an administrative fee not to exceed five hundred

dollars per violation or otherwise discipline any person holding a credential, specialty certification, status, or recognition authorized by this Chapter who:

(11) Has been grossly negligent in practice as a licensed, certified, or registered professional, professional in training, peer support specialist, or assistant, as provided for in this Chapter.

B. The board shall adopt rules and procedures establishing a disciplinary process which shall, at a minimum, comply with the following:

(4) If the board finds that public health, safety, and welfare requires emergency action and incorporates a finding to that effect in its order, a summary suspension of a license, certificate certification, or registration, or status may be ordered pending proceedings for disciplinary action. Such proceedings shall be promptly instituted and determined pursuant to rule.

§3390.6. Addictive disorders professionals; fees and penalties

A. The board shall, by rule, adopt a schedule of fees and penalties to be charged relative to the issuance of licenses, registrations, and certifications, and statuses provided for in this Chapter.

B. The board may impose and collect the following fees:

(6) Each application for a peer support specialist, associate, and supervisor shall be accompanied by a fee prescribed by the board. The fee for processing the application shall be in an amount at least sufficient to cover the cost of processing the application, but shall not be less than fifty dollars nor more than three hundred dollars. The fee for administering the written examination shall be in an amount at least sufficient to cover the cost of administering the written examination, but shall not be less than one hundred dollars nor more than three hundred dollars. The renewal fee for a peer support specialist, associate, or supervisor shall not be less than one hundred dollars nor more than three hundred dollars.

(7) The board may require that each application or request for a copy of any roster maintained pursuant to R.S. 37:3386.3(A)(9) be accompanied by a fee of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than three hundred dollars.

(8) Each training or educational institute, provider, or institution shall pay a fee of not less than two hundred nor more than two hundred fifty dollars to the board in order to be authorized to provide approved education, training, and courses. Such authorization shall be valid for a period of one year. For those education providers who elect not to seek annual approval, the board is authorized to impose and collect a fee of not less than one hundred nor more than one hundred fifty dollars for each course approved. In addition, all providers submitting course reports shall pay a fee of not less than one nor more than five dollars per participant.

(9) Any person seeking approval of continuing education credit when those credits were not approved pursuant to Paragraph (7)(8) of this Subsection, shall pay a fee of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than fifty dollars for each fifteen hours of continuing education credit.

Section 2. R.S. 40:1203.3(E) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1203.3. Refusal to hire or contract; termination of employment; exceptions to hiring prohibition; appeal procedure; waiver

E.(1) For purposes of this Subsection, "peer support specialist" means a behavioral health staff member who possesses lived experience with his own behavioral health condition and with navigating the behavioral health services network who seeks employment with a behavioral healthcare facility or program serving people with behavioral health conditions.

(2)(1) The provisions of this Subsection shall apply exclusively to certified addiction counselors, registered addiction counselors, counselors in training, peer support specialists, or peer support specialist associates employed or contracted with a behavioral health

services provider licensed by the department and shall not be construed to apply to any other person or any licensed personnel.

~~(2)~~ Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person shall not be prohibited or disqualified from employment as a ~~peer support specialist~~ **certified addiction counselor, registered addiction counselor, counselor in training, peer support specialist, or peer support specialist associate** with a licensed behavioral health services provider if the person's criminal background check reveals he has been convicted of an offense provided for in R.S. 14:38.1 or 67, or convicted of distribution or possession with the intent to distribute controlled dangerous substances listed in Schedules I through V of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law, R.S. 40:961 et seq., if that person meets all of the following requirements:

(a) No less than three years prior to being hired as a ~~peer support specialist~~, the person satisfactorily completed his sentence or was lawfully released from confinement, supervision, or probation imposed by a court for the person's most recent conviction for an offense listed in this Paragraph.

(b) After satisfactorily completing his sentence or after being lawfully released from confinement, supervision, or probation for his most recent conviction for an offense listed in this Paragraph, the person successfully completed all ~~training and~~ requirements established by the ~~office of behavioral health of the department for a peer support specialist as evidenced by a Notice of Completion of Training and Requirements issued by the office of behavioral health or its designee~~ **Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority**.

~~(3)~~ Nothing in this Subsection shall be construed as creating an obligation upon an employer to offer employment to a person.

~~(4)~~ The ~~department~~ **Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority** shall promulgate rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act relating to the ~~training and requirements of peer support specialists for purposes of implementing~~ this Subsection.

On motion of Senator McMath, the committee substitute bill was adopted and becomes Senate Bill No. 426 by Senator Stine, substitute for Senate Bill No. 168 by Senator McMath.

**SENATE BILL NO. 426— (Substitute of Senate Bill No. 168 by Senator Stine)**

BY SENATOR STINE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:3386.1, 3386.2(A), the introductory paragraph of 3386.2(B), and 3386.2(B)(5) and (6) and (G), 3387.1(A)(2)(b) through (d), 3387.2(A)(2)(b) through (d), 3387.3(B)(4), 3387.6(E)(1) and (3) and (I), 3388.3, 3390.3(A)(11) and (B)(4) and 3390.6(A) and (B)(6) through (8) and R.S. 40:1203.3(E), to enact R.S. 37:3386.2(B)(7) through (10), 3387.15, 3387.16, 3387.17, 3388.4, and 3390.6(B)(9), relative to the Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority; to provide for the board's authority; to provide for board membership; to provide for definitions; to provide for scope of practice; to provide for peer support specialists; to provide for peer support specialist associates; to provide for peer support specialist supervisors; to provide for criminal background checks; to provide for renewals; to provide for fees; and to provide for related matters.

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 170—**

BY SENATOR PRESSLY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 34:3158, relative to the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission; to provide for confirmation of commissioners by the Senate; to provide for requirements for commissioners; and to provide for related matters.

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 219—**

BY SENATOR MCMATH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 36:251(C)(1), 254(B)(1)(a)(i), 257(A), and 258(A) and (B) and R.S. 46:450.3(A) and to enact R.S. 36:253.1, 258(N), and 258.1, relative to the Louisiana Department of Health; to create the office of health and nutrition within the Louisiana Department of Health; to provide for purposes, duties, and functions of the office; to provide for an executive director of the office; to provide for offices under the direct supervision of the secretary; 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. 219 by Senator McMath

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

On page 2, line 22, change "**it's**" to "**its**"

**AMENDMENT NO. 2**

On page 3, delete lines 28 and 29 and insert "**intended to promote health and nutrition, health care access, preventative health care services, chronic disease prevention and management programs, physical fitness, and health outcomes, including supplemental nutrition assistance services and commodity programs for women, infants, and children.**"

**AMENDMENT NO. 3**

On page 4, delete lines 10 and 11 and insert the following:

"**(2) Developing and strengthening policy to increase access to and consumption of healthy foods among recipients of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).**"

**AMENDMENT NO. 4**

On page 4, line 13, after "**access,**" delete "**and**"

**AMENDMENT NO. 5**

On page 4, line 14, after "**services**" insert "**, and chronic disease prevention and management programs**"

**AMENDMENT NO. 6**

On page 4, between line 14 and 15, insert the following:

"**(4) Coordinating with the office of adult and aging service and the office of public health to provide public education on risk reduction strategies for Alzheimer's and related dementias, including the diseases' links to other chronic diseases.**"

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. 222—**

BY SENATOR PRESSLY

AN ACT

To enact Chapter 2 of Title 28 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 28:301 through 308, relative to Medicaid behavioral health services; to provide for administrative requirements; to provide for certain behavioral health telehealth services; 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. 222 by Senator Pressly

March 30, 2026

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 3, delete lines 24 through 29 and insert the following:

"A. A medical director for a Medical behavioral health provider may be any of the following:

- (1) A physician.
(2) An advanced practice registered nurse.
(3) A medical psychologist.
(4) A physician assistant.

B. Any healthcare provider serving as medical director pursuant to this Section shall:

- (1) Have a current, unrestricted license to practice in the state of Louisiana.
(2) Have a minimum of two years of qualifying experience in treating psychiatric disorders.
(3) Be practicing pursuant to a collaborative practice agreement or supervision arrangement as required by Louisiana law."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, line 1, change "B." to "C."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, line 2, after "eligibility" delete the remainder of the line and insert "provided for in this"

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. 224—

BY SENATOR FESI AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:56(A)(1) and (E), relative to notice required by school boards for changes in compensation; 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. 228—

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 14 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to water utility service lines; to provide for the use of public funds to remove or replace drinking water utility service lines located on property owned by utility customers; to provide relative to identifying, inventorying water utility service lines made of or affected by certain hazardous materials; to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 234—

BY SENATOR PRESSLY AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:3384, relative to postsecondary education institutions; to require a letter- based grading scale for medical doctorate degrees; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Education.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Education to Original Senate Bill No. 234 by Senator Pressly

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete lines 8 through 14, and insert the following:

"A. Beginning August 1, 2027, all public postsecondary education institutions offering medical doctorate degrees shall

adopt policies ensuring that all curriculum coursework offered for a medical degree or certificate assesses a student's performance on the assigned coursework using a tiered grading system of High-Pass (HP), Pass (P), Low-Pass or Fail (F), or another tiered grading system with at least four such designations."

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. 241—

BY SENATORS HODGES, BARROW, DUPLESSIS, EDMONDS, MYERS AND WHEAT AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1674.1(A)(22), 1706(H)(12), and 1807.16(D)(5) and R.S. 37:2156.1(K), relative to requiring the inclusion of certain licensing numbers in written communications; to regulate insurance adjusters, public adjusters, insurance appraisers, and contractors; 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. 241 by Senator Hodges

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the beginning of line 2, after "To enact" delete "R.S. 22:1674.1(A)(22)," and insert "R.S. 22:41.2(D), 1674.1(A)(22),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, at the beginning of line 7, after "Section 1." delete "R.S. 22:1674.1(A)(22)," and insert "R.S. 22:41.2(D), 1674.1(A)(22),"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following: "§41.2. Submission of contact information

D. A person required to be licensed pursuant to R.S. 22:1543, 1663, 1693, or 1808.1 shall include his Louisiana license number or National Producer Number and his contact information including name, mailing address, phone number, and electronic mailing address in all marketing and other communications, other than text messages, involving any activity for which his license is required. The license number shall be in a type size that is no smaller than the largest of any telephone number, street address, or email address of the person or entity included in marketing material or other communications. The license number of an individual licensee shall appear adjacent to or on the line immediately below the individual's name or title.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 14, after "electronic communications" and before the comma "1" insert "other than text messages"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 6, after "electronic communications" and before the comma "1" insert "other than text messages"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, line 14, after "electronic communications" and before the comma "1" insert "other than text messages"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, line 21, after "electronic communications" and before the comma "1" insert "other than text messages"

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. 249—**

BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

## A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article IX, Section 7(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the membership of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission; to add two members to the commission; to provide relative to members of the commission; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 252—**

BY SENATOR PRESSLY

## AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:410(B), relative to anatomical gifts; to provide for clarification relative to anatomical gift authorization; to provide for refusal of donation of anatomical gifts; to provide for procedures relating to anatomical gifts; to provide for record keeping by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, relative to anatomical gifts; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 268—**

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

## AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:4081.2, relative to water systems; to provide with respect to municipalities and municipal water systems; to provide relative to lead service line replacement; to provide for right-of-entry; to provide with respect to terms, conditions, and procedures; to provide for notice and notice requirements; to provide for definitions; to provide for funding; and to provide for related matters.

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 275—**

BY SENATOR MYERS

## AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1037.1, relative to insurance coverage of the healthcare services provided by certified registered nurse anesthetists; to provide for reimbursement of services provided by a CRNA; to provide for applicability; 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. 275 by Senator Myers

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

On page 1, line 11, after "**(CRNA)**" and before "**within**" insert "**without medical direction from a physician or dentist, as billed per the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Medicare Part B regulations, and**"

**AMENDMENT NO. 2**

On page 1, after line 17, insert the following:

**"C. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to expand or limit the scope of practice of any licensed healthcare professional."**

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. 286—**

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

## AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 33:2740.3(A) and 2740.3(A)(2), (C) and (F) and to enact R.S. 33:2740.3(G)(5), relative to the Downtown Development District of the city of New Orleans; to provide relative to the appointment of members of the board of commissioners of the Downtown Development District of the city of New Orleans; to provide for removal of the fifty-year term of the special tax authorized to be levied by the city of New Orleans for the district; to provide for the disbursement of the proceeds of the special tax; to provide for the classification of the district as a political subdivision; to provide relative to the payment of bonds payable from the special tax; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs to Original Senate Bill No. 286 by Senator Duplessis

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

On page 1, line 3, change "(C)" to "(C)(1)"

**AMENDMENT NO. 2**

On page 1, line 6, delete "for removal of the fifty-" and insert "relative to the"

**AMENDMENT NO. 3**

On page 1, at the beginning of line 7, delete "year"

**AMENDMENT NO. 4**

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

**AMENDMENT NO. 5**

On page 2, delete lines 12 through 29, and insert the following:

"C.(1) The board shall be composed of eleven members, at least five of whom shall be qualified voters of the city of New Orleans, and shall have their principal place of business in, or own property in, the district. Each board member shall be subject to confirmation by the New Orleans city council.

(a) The members of the board shall possess additional qualifications and shall be appointed as follows:

(i) Two of the members shall be appointed by the mayor **of the city of New Orleans.**

(ii) One of the members shall be appointed by the New Orleans city council member representing ~~City Council~~ District B **of the New Orleans city council.**

(iii) One of the members shall be appointed by New Orleans & Company.

(iv) Two of the members shall be appointed by the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce, ~~subject to approval by the president of the New Orleans city council.~~

(v) One of the members shall be appointed by the Greater New Orleans Hotel and Lodging Association, ~~subject to approval by the president of the New Orleans city council.~~

(vi) One of the members shall be appointed by the Louisiana Restaurant Association, ~~subject to approval by the president of the New Orleans city council.~~

(vii) One of the members shall be appointed by the member or members of the Louisiana House of Representatives ~~who represent~~ **representing** the district.

(viii) Two of the members shall be appointed by the member or members of the Louisiana Senate ~~who represent~~ **representing** the district."

**AMENDMENT NO. 6**

On page 3, delete lines 1 through 12 in their entirety

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AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 4, line 15, delete "provided for a term not to exceed fifty years from and after" and insert "provided for a term not to exceed fifty years from and after"

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

SENATE BILL NO. 287—

BY SENATOR REESE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 6:1393.1(E)(6), (F)(4), the introductory paragraph of 1393.1(H) and 1393.1(H)(1), (2), (3), and (6) and to enact R.S. 6:1389(C), (D), and (E) and 1393.1(E)(7), relative to virtual currency; to provide for virtual currency kiosks; to provide for cancellation and refund of transactions; to provide for reporting and disclosures; to provide for terms, conditions, and procedures; 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. 287 by Senator Reese

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, change "R.S. 6:1389(C)," to "R.S. 6:1389(B), (C),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, at the end of line 10, change "R.S. 6:1389(C)," to "R.S. 6:1389(B), (C),"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, between lines 14 and 15, insert:

"B.(1) The owner or operator of a virtual currency kiosk shall wait seventy-two hours before processing a user's virtual currency kiosk transaction or shall, at such owner's or operator's cost and within seventy-two hours after a virtual currency kiosk transaction, allow the user to cancel and receive a full refund for the virtual currency kiosk transaction.

**(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection or any other provision of law to the contrary, the owner or operator of a virtual currency kiosk shall, at the owner or operator's cost, allow the user to cancel and receive a full refund for a virtual currency kiosk transaction at any time if the owner or operator was not licensed under the provisions of this Chapter at the time of the transaction.**

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, end of line 17, insert: "**A virtual currency kiosk owner or operator's response shall clearly disclose all requirements for a refund.**

**(2) For a refund request for suspected fraudulent activity, an owner or operator may require a user to provide proof of a police report or other governmental entity report of the suspected fraudulent activity and proof of identification. Submitting either a police report or proof of a complaint submitted to the Internet Crime Complaint Center to the owner or operator of a virtual currency kiosk shall constitute suspected fraudulent activity.**

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, delete lines 1 and 2, and insert:

**(3) Any refund requested pursuant to this Subsection shall be processed and completed either within ninety calendar days from the user's initial request or ninety calendar days from when the user submitted proof of a police or other governmental entity report of the suspected fraudulent activity and proof of identification, if such requirements are part of the owner or operator's refund policy and these requirements were clearly communicated to the user in compliance with Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, whichever is later.**

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. 296—

BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 36:601(A) and R.S. 56:1(B) and (C), relative to the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission; to provide for the membership of the commission; to increase the number of members of the commission; to provide for terms; 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, ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 311—

BY SENATOR PRESSLY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:2351, 2354, 2354.1 and 2354.2 and to enact R.S. 17:2351.1, and 2354.10 through 2354.13, relative to anatomical gifts; to provide requirements and methods for executing an anatomical gift; to provide for definitions; to provide for authority to execute or revoke an anatomical gift; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported by substitute by the Committee on Health and Welfare. The bill was read by title; the committee substitute bill was read.

SENATE BILL NO. — (Substitute of Senate Bill No. 311 by Senator Pressly)

BY SENATOR PRESSLY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:2351, 2354, 2354.1, 2354.2, 2354.7, 2354.8, and 2357(A) and (F) and to enact R.S. 17:2351.1 and 2354.10 through 2354.14, relative to anatomical gifts; to provide requirements and methods for executing an anatomical gift; to provide for definitions; to provide for authority to execute or revoke an anatomical gift; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: Section 1. R.S. 17:2351, 2354, 2354.1, 2354.2, 2354.7, 2354.8, and 2357(A) and (F) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:2351.1 and 2354.10 through 2354.14 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§2351. Definitions

As used in this Part, the following terms have the following meanings:

(1) "Adult" means a person who has attained eighteen years of age.

(2) "Agent" means a person: (a) Authorized to make health care decisions on behalf of the principal by a power of attorney for health care; or

(b) Expressly authorized to make an anatomical gift on behalf of the principal by any other record signed by the principal.

(3) "Anatomical gift" or "gift" means a donation of all or part of a human body to take effect after the death of the donor for the purpose of transplantation, therapy, research, or education.

**(4) "Authorization" means a legally effective expression of intent governing acts to be undertaken after the death of the individual, including the recovery of organs or tissue pursuant to an anatomical gift.**

**(5) "Consent" means a legally effective permission governing acts to be undertaken prior to the death of the individual, including pre-mortem interventions, tests, procedures, or medications.**

~~(6)~~ (6) "Decedent" means a deceased person whose body or part is or may be the source of an anatomical gift. The term does not include a stillborn infant and, subject to restrictions imposed by law, a fetus.

~~(7)~~ (7) "Disinterested witness" means a witness other than the spouse, child, parent, sibling, grandchild, grandparent, or guardian of the person who makes, amends, revokes, or refuses to make an anatomical gift, or an adult who exhibited special care and concern

for the person. The term does not include a recipient of an anatomical gift in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 17:2353.

~~(6)~~**(8)** "Document of gift" means a donor card or other record used to make an anatomical gift. The term includes a statement or symbol on a driver's license, identification card, fishing license, hunting license, or donor registry.

**(9) "Donation after circulatory death" or "DCD" means the recovery of organs or tissue for transplantation following the determination of death based on irreversible cessation of spontaneous circulatory and respiratory functions in accordance with R.S. 9:111.**

**(10) "Donation after brain death" or "DBD" means the recovery of organs or tissue for transplantation following the determination of death based on irreversible total cessation of brain function, in accordance with R.S. 9:111.**

~~(7)~~**(11)** "Donor" means a person whose body or part is the subject of an anatomical gift.

**(8) "Donor registry" means a database that contains records of anatomical gifts and amendments to or revocations thereof.**

~~(9)~~**(12)** "Driver's license" means a license or permit issued by the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, to operate a vehicle, whether or not conditions are attached to the license or permit.

~~(10)~~**(13)** "Eye bank" means a person that is licensed, accredited, or regulated under federal or state law to engage in the recovery, screening, testing, processing, storage, or distribution of human eyes or portions of human eyes.

~~(11)~~**(14)** "Fishing license" means a license or permit issued by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to fish as defined in R.S. 56:8, for a recreational purpose as defined in R.S. 56:8.

~~(12)~~**(15)** "Guardian" means a person appointed by a court to make decisions regarding the support, care, education, health, or welfare of a person. The term does not include a guardian ad litem.

~~(13)~~**(16)** "Hospital" means a facility licensed as a hospital under the laws of any state or a facility operated as a hospital by the United States, a state, or a subdivision of a state.

~~(14)~~**(17)** "Hunting license" means a license or permit issued by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to hunt as defined in R.S. 56:8 for a recreational purpose as defined in R.S. 56:8.

~~(15)~~**(18)** "Identification card" means a card issued by the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles.

~~(16)~~**(19)** "Know" means to have actual knowledge.

**(20) "Legally effective" means having binding force under this Part and not subject to override except as expressly provided by law.**

~~(17)~~**(21)** "Minor" means a person who has not yet attained eighteen years of age.

~~(18)~~**(22)** "Organ procurement organization" means a person designated by the secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services as an eye bank, organ procurement organization, or tissue bank.

~~(19)~~**(23)** "Parent" means a person whose parental rights have not been terminated.

~~(20)~~**(24)** "Part" means an organ, an eye, or tissue of a human being. The term does not include the whole body.

~~(21)~~**(25)** "Person" means an individual, corporation, business trust, estate, trust, partnership, limited liability company, association, joint venture, public corporation, government or governmental subdivision, agency, or instrumentality, or any other legal or commercial entity.

~~(22)~~**(26)** "Physician" means a person authorized and licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy under the laws of any state.

~~(23)~~**(27)** "Prospective donor" means a person who is dead or near death and has been determined by a procurement organization to have a part that may be medically suitable for transplantation, therapy, research, or education. The term does not include a person who has made a refusal.

~~(24)~~**(28)** "Reasonably available" means able to be contacted by a procurement organization without undue effort and willing and able to act in a timely manner consistent with existing medical criteria necessary for the making of an anatomical gift.

~~(25)~~**(29)** "Recipient" means a person into whose body a part of a decedent has been or is intended to be transplanted.

~~(26)~~**(30)** "Record" means information that is inscribed on a tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium and is retrievable in perceivable form.

~~(27)~~**(31)** "Refusal" means a ~~record created pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 17:2354.1~~ **legally effective expression of intent not to make an anatomical gift under this Part**, that expressly states an intent to bar **or has the legal effect of barring** other persons from making an anatomical gift of a body or part of a person.

**(32) "Registry" means a record or database maintained or recognized by the state that contains records of legally effective anatomical gift decisions, including authorizations, refusals, amendments, revocations, affirmations of prior decisions, and indications that no anatomical gift decision should be recorded.**

~~(28)~~**(33)** "Sign" means, with the present intent to authenticate or adopt a record either:

(a) To execute or adopt a tangible symbol.

(b) To attach to or logically associate with the record an electronic symbol, sound, or process.

~~(29)~~**(34)** "State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

~~(30)~~**(35)** "Technician" means any individual determined to be qualified to remove or process parts by an appropriate organization that is licensed, accredited, or regulated under federal or state law. The term includes an enucleator.

~~(31)~~**(36)** "Tissue" means a portion of the human body other than an organ or an eye. The term does not include blood unless the blood is donated for the purpose of research or education.

~~(32)~~**(37)** "Tissue bank" means a person that is licensed, accredited, or regulated under federal or state law to engage in the recovery, screening, testing, processing, storage, or distribution of tissue.

~~(33)~~**(38)** "Transplant hospital" means a hospital that furnishes organ transplants and other medical and surgical specialty services required for the care of transplant patients.

#### **§2351.1. Rule of construction**

**A. Nothing in this Part shall be construed to permit the recovery of an unpaired vital organ in a manner that causes or hastens the death of the donor, or prior to death being determined in accordance with R.S. 9:111.**

**B. Nothing in this Part shall be construed to prohibit living organ or tissue donation that does not result in the death of the donor and is otherwise authorized by law.**

**C. Unless expressly provided by law, authorization to make an anatomical gift after death shall not be construed as consent to any act undertaken prior to death.**

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§2354. Manner of executing anatomical gift prior to death of donor

**A. A donor may make an anatomical gift. An anatomical gift may be made by an individual who is at least eighteen years of age or older or a minor who is emancipated pursuant to law or who is legally married, and who is otherwise authorized by law to make healthcare decisions for himself or herself by any of the following methods:**

**(1) Authorizing. By a document of gift signed by the donor, including authorization of a statement or symbol indicating that the donor has made an anatomical gift to be imprinted on his or a driver's license, identification card, fishing license, or hunting license, or registry, as provided by law.**

**(2) Executing a will.**

**(3) Any form of communication addressed to at least two adults, at least one of whom is a disinterested witness, during a terminal illness or injury. By a document of gift signed by another individual acting at the direction of the donor if the donor is physically unable to sign, provided the document is witnessed by two adults, at least one of whom is a disinterested witness, and states that it was signed and witnessed as provided in this Paragraph.**

**(4) Any form of communication made during a terminal illness or injury and addressed to a physician or made in the presence of at least one disinterested adult witness, provided that:**

(a) If communicated to a physician, the communication is promptly documented in the medical record, including the date, time, and identity of the person receiving the communication; or

(b) If made in the presence of a disinterested adult witness, the witness attests to the communication in writing.

B. A donor or other person authorized to make an anatomical gift pursuant to R.S. 17:2352 may make a gift by a donor card or other record signed by the person making the gift or by authorizing that a statement or symbol indicating that a gift has been made be included on a donor registry. If the donor or other person is physically unable to sign a record, the record may be signed by another person at the direction of the person making the gift and the record shall:

(1) Be witnessed by two adults, one of whom is a disinterested witness, who have signed at the request of the person making the gift; and

(2) State that it has been signed and witnessed as provided in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.

B. A refusal to make an anatomical gift may be executed in the same manner and with the same legal effect as an anatomical gift under Subsection A of this Section.

C. An anatomical gift or refusal executed in accordance with this Section constitutes a legally effective expression of the donor's intent and shall be given effect in accordance with this Part. A gift or refusal shall not be revoked, amended, or overridden except as expressly provided by law. A revocation under this Part withdraws a prior authorization or refusal and does not itself constitute an authorization or refusal.

~~C-D.~~ Revocation, suspension, expiration, or cancellation of a driver's license, identification card, fishing license, or hunting license upon which an anatomical gift is indicated does not invalidate the gift.

~~D-E.~~ An anatomical gift executed in a will takes effect upon the death of the donor whether or not the will is probated. Invalidation of the will after the death of the donor does not invalidate the gift.

§2354.1. Refusal to make anatomical gift; effect

A. A person An individual may refuse to make an anatomical gift of his the individual's body or part by executing any of the following: a refusal in any manner authorized for the execution of an anatomical gift under R.S. 17:2354.

(1) A signed record in accordance with Subsection B of this Section or if he is physically unable to sign, another person acting at the direction of the person shall sign;

(2) A will and testament, whether or not the will is admitted to probate or invalidated after his death;

(3) Any form of communication made by the person during a terminal illness or injury addressed to at least two adults, one of whom is a disinterested witness;

B. A signed record, shall be witnessed by at least two adults, one of whom is a disinterested witness, and shall state that it has been signed and witnessed as provided in Subsection A of this Section.

B. A refusal executed pursuant to this Section shall be subject to the same requirements regarding form, signature, witnesses, authentication, and recording as applied to the execution of an anatomical gift under R.S. 17:2354.

C. A person who has made a refusal to make an anatomical gift, may amend or revoke the refusal in any of the following ways:

(1) In the manner provided in Subsection A of this Section for making a refusal;

(2) By subsequently making an anatomical gift in accordance with R.S. 17:2354 that is inconsistent with the refusal;

(3) By destroying or canceling the record or a portion thereof evidencing the refusal, with the intent of revocation;

C. A refusal executed in accordance with this Section constitutes a legally effective expression of the individual's intent and shall be given full force and effect under this Part.

D. Except as otherwise provided in R.S. 17:2354.2, in the absence of an express contrary indication set forth in the refusal, an unrevoked refusal bars all other persons from making an anatomical gift of the body or part of the person individual.

E. A refusal may be amended or revoked only in the manner provided in this Part.

F. A refusal may include limitations or special instructions, which shall be honored to the extent permitted by law.

G. A revocation of a refusal is a neutral act that withdraws the prior refusal, does not constitute an anatomical gift, and results in no anatomical gift decision being in effect unless and until a new authorization or refusal is made in accordance with this Part.

§2354.2. Preclusive effect of anatomical gift; amendment; revocation

A. Except as otherwise provided in Subsection G of this Section and subject Subject to Subsection F of this Section, in the absence of an express, contrary indication by the donor, a person other than the donor is barred from making, amending, or revoking an anatomical gift of the body or part of the donor if the gift ~~complies with R.S. 17:2354 or 2356~~ was executed in accordance with R.S. 17:2354 and has not been amended or revoked in accordance with R.S. 17:2356.

B. A revocation of ~~a~~ an anatomical gift in accordance with R.S. 17:2356 is ~~not a refusal and does not bar another person from making an anatomical gift of the body or part of the donor~~ a neutral act that withdraws the prior anatomical gift, does not constitute a refusal for purposes of this Part, and results in no anatomical gift decision being in effect unless and until a new authorization or refusal is made in accordance with this Part.

C. If a person other than the donor makes an ~~unrevoked~~ anatomical gift of the body or part ~~or of~~ the donor in accordance with R.S. 17:2354 or amends a gift of the body or part of the donor in accordance with R.S. 17:2356, another person may not ~~make~~; amend, or revoke the gift, in accordance with R.S. 17:2356.

D. A revocation of an anatomical gift of the body or part of a donor in accordance with R.S. 17:2356 by a person other than the donor ~~does not bar another person from making an anatomical gift of the body or part in accordance with R.S. 17:2354 or 2356~~ withdraws the prior gift but does not constitute a refusal and does not bar another person from making an anatomical gift of the body or part in accordance with this Part.

E. In the absence of an express, contrary indication by the donor or other person authorized to make an anatomical gift, an anatomical gift of a part is neither a refusal to give another part nor a limitation on the making of a gift of another part at a later time by the donor or another person.

F. In the absence of an express, contrary indication by the donor or other person authorized to make an anatomical gift, an anatomical gift of a part for one or more of the purposes in R.S. 17:2352 is not a limitation on the making of an anatomical gift of the part for any other purpose in accordance with R.S. 17:2354 ~~or 2356~~.

G. If an ~~unemancipated~~ minor donor dies, his reasonably available parent may revoke or amend the anatomical gift.

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§2354.7. Law governing validity; choice of law; presumption

A. A valid document of gift shall be executed An anatomical gift decision, including an authorization or refusal, in accordance with the provisions of this Part, the laws of the state or country where it was executed made, or the laws of the state or country where the person making the anatomical gift was domiciled, ~~has a place of residence resided~~, or was a national at the time the document of gift was executed anatomical gift decision was made.

B. If a document of gift an anatomical gift decision is valid in accordance with this Part, the law of this state governs the interpretation of the document of gift and effect of the anatomical gift decision.

C. A person may presume that a document of gift or amendment thereto an anatomical gift decision or amendment thereto is valid unless that person knows that it is not validly executed made or it was revoked.

D. If multiple anatomical gift decisions exist, including decisions made in another state or country, the most recent legally effective authorization or refusal shall control.

E. If the laws of another state or country conflict with the provisions of this Part, the provisions of this Part shall govern the determination of the effect of the anatomical gift decision.

F. An anatomical gift decision made by a minor shall not constitute a legally effective authorization or refusal in this state.

§2354.8. Donor registry Registry

A. The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health may establish or contract for the establishment of a donor registry.

B. The Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries shall cooperate with any person administering any donor registry that this state establishes, contracts for, or recognizes for the purpose of transferring to the donor registry all relevant information regarding the making, amendment to, or revocation of an anatomical gift an individual's anatomical gift decision, including authorization, refusal, amendment, revocation of a prior authorization or refusal, affirmation of a previously recorded decision, or indication that no anatomical gift decision should be recorded, or informational indication in the case of a minor.

C. A donor registry shall be accessible seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day and allow each of the following:

(1) A donor An individual or other person authorized in accordance with R.S. 17:2352 to include on the donor registry a statement or symbol that the donor individual has made, amended, or revoked an anatomical gift or amended an anatomical gift decision, revoked a prior authorization or refusal, affirmed a previously recorded authorization or refusal, or has indicated that no anatomical gift decision should be recorded.

(2) A procurement organization to obtain relevant information from the registry to determine, at or near death of the donor or a prospective donor, whether the donor or prospective donor has made, amended, or revoked an anatomical gift individual, whether the individual has made or amended an anatomical gift decision, revoked a prior authorization or refusal, affirmed a previously recorded authorization or refusal, or whether no anatomical gift decision is recorded.

D. Personally identifiable information on a donor registry may not be used or disclosed without the express consent of the donor individual, prospective donor, or person that made the anatomical gift, for any purpose except to determine, at or near the death of the donor individual, whether he the individual has made, amended, or revoked an anatomical gift or amended an anatomical gift decision, revoked a prior authorization or refusal, affirmed a previously recorded authorization or refusal, or whether no anatomical gift decision is recorded.

E. This Section does not prohibit any person from creating or maintaining a donor registry that is not established by or contracted with the state. Any such registry shall comply with Subsections C and D of this Section and shall not supersede the registry recognized by the state under this Section unless otherwise provided by law. A revocation recorded in the registry withdraws a prior authorization or refusal and results in no anatomical gift decision being recorded unless and until a new authorization or refusal is made.

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#### §2354.10. Anatomical gifts by minors

A. No state agency, political subdivision, department, office, or contractor thereof, including the office responsible for the issuance of driver's licenses or identification cards, shall solicit, query, or request from a minor any authorization for or refusal to make an anatomical gift in the absence of a parent or legal guardian.

B. No representation by a minor concerning anatomical gift authorization or refusal shall be recorded, relied upon, or given legal effect unless made in the presence of a parent or legal guardian who affirmatively and expressly concurs in writing in the decision of the minor.

C. Any representation made by a minor concerning an anatomical gift authorization or refusal, when made in the presence of and with the affirmative and express written concurrence of a parent or legal guardian, may be recorded solely for informational purposes and shall not be legally operative prior to the minor attaining the age of majority.

D. Upon attainment of the age of majority, any informational record of anatomical gift authorization or refusal made by the individual as a minor in accordance with this Section shall become legally operative unless the individual affirmatively amends or revokes the record in accordance with law.

E. Notwithstanding any provision of this Part, this Section shall not apply to a minor who is emancipated pursuant to law or who is legally married, and the individual shall be treated as an adult for purposes of this Part.

F. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to limit the authority of a parent or legal guardian to make or refuse an anatomical gift on behalf of a minor as otherwise provided by law.

#### §2354.11. Premortem interventions; definitions; prohibitions

A. For purposes of this Section, "premortem intervention" means any medical procedure, test, medication, cannulation, or other intervention undertaken prior to the determination of death for the purpose of facilitating organ or tissue recovery.

B. No premortem intervention shall be performed unless it is medically indicated for the direct benefit of the patient or is performed pursuant to a legally effective consent applicable to premortem interventions, as provided in this Section.

C. Regardless of consent, no person shall perform or direct any premortem intervention that has a material likelihood of any of the following:

- (1) Hastening death.
- (2) Manufacturing, accelerating, or securing irreversibility of circulatory, respiratory, or neurologic cessation.
- (3) Preventing or materially interfering with the restoration or resumption of circulatory, respiratory, or neurologic function.

D. Any physician or individual who performs or directs a premortem intervention shall be independent of, and shall not participate in, the recovery or transplantation of any organ or tissue from the individual, and shall not be a member of the transplant team.

E. Authorization to make an anatomical gift after death does not constitute consent to any premortem intervention, test, procedure, or medication. Consent for any premortem intervention shall be separately and expressly obtained and shall be legally effective only if the following occur:

- (1) The consent is given by the patient, or by another person legally authorized under Louisiana law to consent to medical treatment on behalf of the patient.
- (2) The consent is voluntary and informed.
- (3) The nature and purpose of the premortem intervention are specifically described.

(4) The patient or other person authorized to consent is informed that the intervention is performed for the purpose of facilitating organ or tissue recovery and is not medically indicated for the care or treatment of the patient.

(5) The consent does not authorize any premortem intervention that poses a material risk of causing or hastening the death of the patient, or a material risk of interfering with the determination of death in accordance with R.S. 9:111.

F. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to alter the standards for determination of death under R.S. 9:111 or to authorize any practice inconsistent with that Section.

G. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to prohibit the provision of comfort care, palliative treatment, or the withdrawal or withholding of life-sustaining treatment in accordance with applicable law and accepted medical standards.

#### §2354.12. Post-determination handling and transport of the decedent

A. This Section applies following the determination and pronouncement of death under R.S. 9:111 and the recovery of any organ or tissue pursuant to an anatomical gift.

B. Prior to the recovery of organs or tissue, the individual authorized to make an anatomical gift, or the individual's authorized representative where applicable, shall be informed in writing of any plan to do any of the following:

- (1) Transport the decedent from the hospital or facility where death was determined to another facility for further organ or tissue recovery, processing, or handling.
- (2) Continue mechanical ventilation, perfusion, or other artificial support of bodily functions following the determination of death for purposes related to organ or tissue recovery.

C. No transport or continuation of mechanical support described in Subsection B of this Section shall occur unless expressly authorized as part of a legally effective authorization applicable to post-determination handling and transport.

D. Authorization to make an anatomical gift after death shall not, by itself, constitute authorization for transport of the

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decedent to a nonhospital facility or for continuation of mechanical support following death determination.

E. Any handling or transport of the decedent following death determination and organ or tissue recovery shall be conducted in a manner consistent with the dignity of the decedent and with the reasonable expectations of the family, as informed by the disclosures made under this Section.

F. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to limit the recovery of organs or tissue otherwise authorized by law, to alter the standards for determination of death under R.S. 9:111, or, except to the extent necessary to carry out a valid anatomical gift, to alter or transfer the custodial authority of the person or persons authorized by law to control disposition of the body.  
§2354.13. Effect of anatomical gift decisions

A. An authorization recorded in the registry constitutes a legally effective expression of intent and supersedes any prior refusal.

B. A refusal recorded in the registry constitutes a legally effective expression of intent and supersedes any prior authorization.

C. The most recent authorization or refusal recorded in the registry shall control.

D. The absence of a recorded authorization or refusal indicates that no anatomical gift decision has been recorded in the registry and shall not constitute authorization or refusal.

E. A response to a query by the office of motor vehicles or other state agency indicating that no anatomical gift decision should be recorded shall not constitute an authorization or refusal and shall have no legal effect.

F. An informational indication made by a minor shall not constitute a legally effective authorization or refusal.  
§2354.14. Out-of-state anatomical gift decisions; effect

A. An anatomical gift decision, including an authorization or refusal, made in another state that is valid under the laws of that state or of this state shall be recognized as a legally effective anatomical gift decision in this state.

B. The effect of an anatomical gift decision recognized under this Section shall be determined in accordance with the laws of this state.

C. If multiple anatomical gift decisions exist, including decisions made in another state, the most recent legally effective authorization or refusal shall control.

D. If the laws of another state conflict with the provisions of this Part, the provisions of this Part shall govern the determination of the effect of the anatomical gift decision.

E. Notwithstanding any provision of another state's law, an anatomical gift decision made by a minor shall not constitute a legally effective authorization or refusal in this state.

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§2357. Rights and duties of procurement organizations; others

A. When a hospital refers a person at or near death to a procurement organization, the procurement organization shall make a reasonable search of the records of the office of motor vehicles and any known donor the registry recognized under R.S. 17:2354.8 to ascertain whether the person has made an anatomical gift or amended an anatomical gift decision, revoked a prior authorization or refusal, affirmed a previously recorded authorization or refusal, or whether no anatomical gift decision is recorded.

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F. Upon the death of a minor who was a donor or had signed a refusal has made an informational indication regarding anatomical gift status, unless a procurement organization knows he was legally married or emancipated, it shall conduct a reasonable search for his parents and provide them with an opportunity to revoke or amend the anatomical gift or the refusal, make an anatomical gift decision in accordance with this Part. Any informational indication recorded in the registry with respect to a minor shall not constitute a legally effective authorization or refusal but may be considered by the persons authorized to make an anatomical gift on behalf of the minor.

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027.

On motion of Senator McMath, the committee substitute bill was adopted and becomes Senate Bill No. 427 by Senator Pressly, substitute for Senate Bill No. 311 by Senator Pressly.

**SENATE BILL NO. 427— (Substitute of Senate Bill No. 311 by Senator Pressly)**

BY SENATOR PRESSLY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:2351, 2354, 2354.1, 2354.2, 2354.7, 2354.8, and 2357(A) and (F) and to enact R.S. 17:2351.1 and 2354.10 through 2354.14, relative to anatomical gifts; to provide requirements and methods for executing an anatomical gift; to provide for definitions; to provide for authority to execute or revoke an anatomical gift; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 351—**

BY SENATOR JACKSON-ANDREWS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:407.30(D)(1) and 407.51(H)(1), relative to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; to provide relative to the Child Care Assistance Program; to provide relative to the Louisiana Early Childhood Education Fund; to provide relative to the Advisory Council on Early Childhood Care and Education; 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. 359—**

BY SENATOR JACKSON-ANDREWS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:1053(GG), relative to hospital service districts; to provide for terms of office for certain hospital service district commissioners; 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. 376—**

BY SENATOR MIZELL

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:81(A)(8) and Chapter 47 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 17:4201 through 4212, relative to local public school boards; to provide relative to the authorization of career practicums in public high schools; to provide for definitions; to provide relative to cooperative endeavor agreements; to provide requirements for career practicums and cooperative endeavor agreements; to provide relative to student labor, safety, and supervision; to provide for reciprocity; to provide relative to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education's rulemaking authority; to provide for trade and commerce limitations; to provide for exemptions; to provide relative to charter school participation; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 399—**

BY SENATORS BASS, HODGES AND MIGUEZ

AN ACT

To enact Part III-D of Chapter 5 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 17:1828 through 1828.11, relative to institutions of higher education; to create the Louisiana Higher Education Research Security Council; to provide for definitions; to provide relative to council responsibilities; to provide for requirements for gifts, contracts, research partnerships, and academic partnerships from foreign adversaries; to provide for penalties; to provide relative to

international cultural agreements; to provide relative to travel and gift prohibitions; to provide relative to research partnerships; to provide relative to educational software linked to foreign adversaries; to provide relative to political parties and members; to provide relative to the theft of trade secrets; to provide for severability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Reported with amendments by the Committee on Education.

#### SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Education to Original Senate Bill No. 399 by Senator Bass

##### AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, line 29, delete "secretary of state" and insert "United States Secretary of State"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, line 3, after "adversary." insert the following: "If a nation is added to 15 CFR 791.4, the Louisiana Higher Education Research Security Council shall meet at the earliest possible opportunity to provide guidance to the systems of higher education on existing agreements."

##### AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, line 27, delete "or property of any kind" and insert "or thing of economic value"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 4

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

"(10) Three faculty members with research experience, one designated by the chief academic officer of the Louisiana State University System, one designated by the chief academic officer of the University of Louisiana System, and one designated by the chief academic officer of the Southern University System.

(11) The chairman of the House Select Committee on Homeland Security, or his designee.

(12) The chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Homeland Security, or his designee.

(13) The superintendent of the Louisiana State Police or his designee.

(14) The chief information officer of the office of technology services, or his designee. (15) The lead special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, New Orleans Field Office, or his designee, shall be invited as a non-voting ex-officio member."

##### AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 7, delete line 3, and insert the following: "as the chairman of the council. The Board of Regents shall staff for the council."

##### AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 7, line 22, delete "December first" and insert "January thirty-first"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 8, line 2, delete "foreign source or foreign adversary" and insert "foreign source of a foreign adversary"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 8, delete lines 5 through 20 and insert the following:

"(1) Within thirty days of receiving a proposal for the gift, contract, academic or research partnership, the institution shall request an assessment from federal law enforcement on potential national security risks, and after receiving the assessment, it shall be submitted to the Louisiana Higher Education Research Security Council along with the request for approval of the proposed gift, contract, academic, or research partnership. The council shall have veto authority over such academic and research partnerships with a simple majority vote of all council members."

##### AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 8, line 21, change "(3)" to "(2)"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 8, line 25, change "(4)" to "(3)"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 8, line 26, delete "foreign source" and insert "foreign adversary source"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 9, line 14, delete "manuals" and insert "policies"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 9, line 23, delete "entity" and insert "institution of higher education"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 9, line 28, after "finding" insert a "." (period) and delete the remainder of the line and delete line 29

##### AMENDMENT NO. 15

On page 10, delete lines 1 and 2, and insert the following: "D. A"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 16

On page 10, line 6, delete "governor" and insert "system president"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 17

On page 10, line 10, after "Senate" delete "and" and insert "," (comma)

##### AMENDMENT NO. 18

On page 10, line 11, after "Representatives" insert ", the governor, and the Louisiana Higher Education Research Security Council"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 19

On page 10, delete lines 12 through 18

##### AMENDMENT NO. 20

On page 10, line 19, change "F." to "E."

##### AMENDMENT NO. 21

On page 10, delete lines 26 through 27 and insert the following:

"F. The council may adopt policies, as applicable, to implement this Section. Institutions of higher education shall be in compliance with such policies."

##### AMENDMENT NO. 22

On page 10, line 28, after "cultural" insert "exchange"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 23

On page 11, line 24, delete "December first" and insert "January thirty-first"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 24

On page 12, delete lines 17 and 18, and insert the following:

"G. The Board of Regents governing board of each institution of higher education shall adopt rules and regulations, respectively, to administer this Section in consultation with the Council and a third-party advisor, including or not limited to an intelligence firm."

##### AMENDMENT NO. 25

On page 12, line 20, after "A." delete "An" and insert "Unless requested by a federal agency, the governor, the president of the Senate, or the speaker of the House of Representatives, an"

##### AMENDMENT NO. 26

On page 13, line 3, delete "Louisiana Board of Ethics" and replace with "Louisiana Higher Education Security Council"

AMENDMENT NO. 27

On page 13, line 4, delete "board" and replace with "council"

AMENDMENT NO. 28

On page 13, line 7, delete "board" and replace with "Louisiana Legislative Auditor"

AMENDMENT NO. 29

On page 13, delete lines 10 through 14.

AMENDMENT NO. 30

On page 14, line 19, after "Board of Regents" insert ", in conjunction with the office of technology services,"

AMENDMENT NO. 31

On page 14, line 21, after "Board of Regents" insert ", in conjunction with the office of technology services,"

AMENDMENT NO. 32

On page 14, line 24, after "Board of Regents" insert ", in conjunction with the office of technology services,"

AMENDMENT NO. 33

On page 14, line 25, after "educational" insert "technology and"

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

SENATE BILL NO. 409—

BY SENATORS MYERS, BARROW, SEABAUGH, SELDERS, STINE AND TALBOT

AN ACT

To enact Part II-A of Subchapter A of Chapter 5-F of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 40:1264 and 1264.1, relative to public health; to provide relative to paid leave for living organ donors; to provide for legislative purpose; to provide for legislative intent; to provide relative to eligibility; to provide relative to verification procedures by employers; to prohibit forfeiture of leave under certain circumstances; to provide relative to paid leave by private employers; to provide relative to definitions; 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 Original Senate Bill No. 409 by Senator Myers

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, delete lines 13 through 15, and insert: "has been continuously employed by the same agency for at least twelve months. "Employee" does not include an independent contractor."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 16, after "agency" insert a period "." and delete the remainder of the line

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, delete lines 26 and 27, and insert: "(6) "State agency" means any state board, commission, department, agency, office, or other entity which makes rules, regulations, or policy, or formulates or issues decisions or orders pursuant to, or as directed by, or in implementation of, the constitution and laws of the United States or the constitution and laws of Louisiana. "State agency" does not include the legislature or any branch, committee, or officer thereof, any political subdivision as defined in Article VI, Section 44 of the Constitution of Louisiana or any board, commission, department, agency, office, or other entity thereof, and any court."

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, delete lines 1 through 4, and insert: "of absence shall not exceed thirty consecutive calendar days beginning on the day immediately following the organ donation surgery. This paid leave shall run concurrently with any unpaid leave granted to eligible employees pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act, 29 U.S.C. § 2601 et seq. Paid leave granted under this Section shall be in addition to any sick leave, annual leave, or military leave accrued by the employee during his employment with the state agency."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, line 14, after "thirty" delete the remainder of the line and insert: "consecutive calendar days."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 3, delete lines 15 and 16, and insert: "(ii) Nothing is this Section shall prevent a private employer from granting a paid or an unpaid leave of absence for a length of time greater than thirty consecutive calendar days."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 3, delete lines 24 through 27

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 3, at the beginning of line 28, change "G." to "E."

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

SENATE BILL NO. 412—

BY SENATOR CLOUD

AN ACT

To provide relative to state highways; to designate a portion of Louisiana Highway 13 in Evangeline Parish as the "Roy Chaffin "Bayou Boogie" Memorial Highway"; to provide for location and placement of signage; to provide for restrictions on costs of materials to the department; and to provide for related matters.

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

Senate Resolutions on Second Reading Reported by Committees

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7—

BY SENATOR HENSGENS

A RESOLUTION

To approve the annual state integrated coastal protection plan for Fiscal Year 2027, as adopted by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Natural Resources.

On motion of Senator Miller the resolution was read by title and recommitted to the Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

Senate Concurrent Resolutions on Second Reading Reported by Committees

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9—

BY SENATOR CATHEY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to immediately address the growing practice of congressional "carpetbagging" by proposing and enacting legislation, or a constitutional amendment if necessary, to require candidates for the United States House of Representatives to reside within the congressional district they seek to represent.

Reported without action by the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs. On motion of Senator Miller, the resolution was read by title and recommitted to the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs.

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions on Third Reading and Final Passage

SENATE BILL NO. 115— BY SENATOR FOIL

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 48:212(E), relative to the Department of Transportation and Development and the federal government; to provide for giving authority to the department to take over duties of the federal government; to provide for allowing limited lawsuits against the department; to provide for the department to accept funds from any federal agency; 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

Table with 3 columns: Mr. President, Foil, Morris, Abraham, Harris, Myers, Allain, Hensgens, Owen, Barrow, Hodges, Pressly, Barthelemy, Jackson-Andrews, Price, Bass, Jenkins, Reese, Boudreaux, Lambert, Seabaugh, Carter, Luneau, Selders, Cloud, McMath, Stine, Connick, Miguez, Talbot, Edmonds, Miller, Wheat, Fesi, Mizell, Womack

Total - 36

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Table with 3 columns: Cathey, Duplessis, Kleinpeter

Total - 3

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

SENATE BILL NO. 133— BY SENATOR CLOUD

AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 32:296(A), 400.2(B), 400.3(C) and 400.7(B), relative to the Department of Transportation and Development and the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police; to provide for vehicles on state highway shoulders; to provide for proper agency oversight; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Cloud proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Cloud to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 133 by Senator Cloud

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 12, delete "attended or unattended" and insert "unattended"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 3, delete ", with the assistance of" insert "and"

On motion of Senator Cloud, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

Total - 38

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Table with 1 column: Kleinpeter

Total - 1

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

SENATE BILL NO. 152— BY SENATOR FESI

AN ACT

To enact Part IV of Chapter 30 of Title 3 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 3:4748.1 through 4748.4, relative to cell cultured food products; to prohibit the sale of cell cultured food products for human consumption; to provide for penalties; to provide for rules and regulations; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 162— BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 23:1203.1(K), relative to the workers' compensation medical treatment schedule; to provide for appeals; to provide for the admissibility of evidence; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Kleinpeter
Total - 1

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

SENATE BILL NO. 210— BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:425(A)(1), relative to election commissioners; to provide for election commissioners at precincts during an election; to provide party primary elections; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 236— BY SENATOR OWEN

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:450.5.1, relative to kidney disease; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for requirements for the Louisiana Department of Health; to provide for annual reviews; to provide for reporting; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Owen proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Owen to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 236 by Senator Owen

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 15, delete "kidney disease"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, line 2, delete "kidney disease"

On motion of Senator Owen, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Kleinpeter Miguez Womack
Total - 3

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

SENATE BILL NO. 280— BY SENATOR ABRAHAM

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 37:2150.1(25) and 2156.5, relative to the State Licensing Board for Contractors; to provide relative to well drilling; to provide for licensure and registration requirements; to provide for contractor classifications; to provide for terms and definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Abraham proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Abraham to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 280 by Senator Abraham

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete line 2, and insert: "To amend and reenact R.S. 37:2150.1(8) through (25) and to enact R.S. 37:2150.1(26) and (27), and 2165.5, relative to the state Licensing Board for"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete line 3, and insert: "Contractors; to provide relative to water well drilling; to provide relative to environmental wells or holes; to provide for licensure and"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, delete line 7, and insert: "Section 1. R.S. 37:2150.1(8) through (25) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 37:2150.1(26) and (27), and 2165.5 are hereby enacted to read as follows:"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, delete lines 11 through 17 and insert: "(8) "Environmental well or hole" includes but is not limited to the observation, monitor, piezometer, recovery, horizontal injection, cathodic protection, or geotechnical boreholes for the purposes of environmental assessment, sampling, or analyzation.

~~(9)~~ "Executive director" means the person appointed by the board to serve as the chief operating officer in connection with the day-to-day operation of the board's business. The executive director is the appointing authority for all employees of the board.

~~(9)(a)~~ ~~(10)(a)~~ "General contractor" means a person who contracts directly with the owner. The term "general contractor" includes the term "primary contractor" and wherever used in this Chapter or in regulations promulgated thereunder "primary contractor" means "general contractor".

(b) "General contractor" does not mean any person, supplier, manufacturer, or employee of such person who assembles, repairs, maintains, moves, puts up, tears down, or disassembles any patented or proprietary equipment supplied by such person to a contractor to be used solely by the contractor for a construction undertaking.

~~(10)~~ ~~(11)~~ "Home improvement" means the reconstruction, alteration, renovation, repair, modernization, conversion, improvement, removal, or demolition, or the construction of an addition to any preexisting residential structure which building is used or designed to be used as a residence or dwelling unit, or to structures which are adjacent to such residence or building for which the project value is seven thousand five hundred dollars or more. "Home improvement" does not include services rendered gratuitously.

~~(11)~~ ~~(12)~~ "Home improvement contractor" means any person who undertakes or attempts to undertake or submits a price or bid or offers to construct, supervise, superintend, oversee, direct, perform, or in any manner assume charge of a home improvement project for which the project value is at least seven thousand five hundred dollars but less than fifty thousand dollars. A home improvement contractor shall not perform any structural work that is integral to the structural integrity of any new or existing structure, including but not limited to footings, foundations, outside walls, skeleton, bearing columns and interior load bearing walls, floor slabs, or roofing systems to any type.

~~(12)~~ ~~(13)~~ "License" means any form of license or registration the board is authorized to issue in accordance with this Chapter.

~~(13)~~ ~~(14)~~ "Mechanical contractor" means any person who undertakes to, attempts to, or submits a price or bid or offers to construct, supervise, superintend, oversee, direct, perform, or in any manner assume charge of the construction, alteration, repair, improvement, movement, demolition, putting up, tearing down, or furnishing labor, or furnishing labor together with material and equipment, or installing the same for the construction, installation, maintenance, testing, and repair of air conditioning, refrigeration, heating systems, and plumbing for all residential, commercial, and industrial applications as well as ventilation systems, mechanical work controls, boilers and other pressure vessels, steam and hot water systems and piping, gas piping and fuel storage, and chilled water and condensing water systems and piping, including but not limited to any type of industrial process piping and related valves, fittings, and components, for which the project value is ten thousand dollars or more. This Paragraph is not deemed or construed to limit the authority of a contractor, general contractor, or residential contractor, as those terms are defined in this Section, nor to require such individuals to become a mechanical contractor.

~~(14)~~ ~~(15)~~ "Mold remediation contractor" means any person who engages in removal, cleaning, sanitizing, demolition, or other treatment, including preventative activities, of mold or mold-contaminated matter that was not purposely grown at that location for which the project value is seven thousand five hundred dollars or more. Mold remediation applies only to the regulation of mold-related activities that affect indoor air quality and does not apply to routine cleaning when not conducted for the purpose of mold-related activities intended to affect indoor air quality.

~~(15)~~ ~~(16)~~ "Person" means any individual, firm, partnership, association, cooperative, corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or any other entity recognized by Louisiana law; and whether or not acting as a principal, trustee, fiduciary, receiver, or as any other kind of legal or personal representative, or as a successor in interest, assignee, agent, factor, servant, employee, director, officer, or any other representative of such person; or any state or local governing authority or political subdivision.

~~(16)~~ ~~(17)~~ "Plumbing contractor" means any person who installs, maintains, and repairs potable and nonpotable tap water or sewer systems within a building structure or residential structure for which the project value is ten thousand dollars or more.

~~(17)~~ ~~(18)~~ "Principal" means an owner, shareholder, or an officer or director of a corporation; a member or manager of a limited liability company; a general partner of a partnership; a sole proprietor; a trustee; or a full-time employee with similar operational control or significant influence with respect to any person as determined by the board.

~~(18)~~ ~~(19)~~ "Qualifying party" means a natural person designated by the contractor to represent the contractor for the purpose of complying with the provisions of this Chapter including but not limited to meeting the requirements for the initial license and any continuation thereof.

~~(19)(a)~~ ~~(20)(a)~~ "Residential contractor" means any person who constructs a fixed building or structure for sale or use by another as a residence or who, for a price, commission, fee, wage, or other compensation, undertakes or offers to undertake the construction or superintending of the construction of any residential structure which is not more than three floors in height, to be used by another as a residence, for which the project value is fifty thousand dollars or more. The term "residential contractor" includes all persons who receive an additional fee for the employment or direction of labor, or any other work beyond the normal architectural or engineering services.

(b) "Residential contractor" includes both of the following:

(i) Any person bidding or performing home improvement for which the project value is seven thousand five hundred dollars or more.

(ii) Any person performing the installation of a modular home with a value equal to or greater than fifty thousand dollars for which the total project value shall not include the cost of the component parts of the modular home in the condition each part leaves the factory pursuant to R.S. 40:1730.71.

(c) "Residential contractor" does not include any person engaged in building residential structures that are built to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's construction standards for manufactured housing as outlined at 42 U.S.C. 5401 et seq., or mounted on a metal chassis and wheels.

~~(20)~~ ~~(21)~~ "Residential roofing" means the construction, alteration, repair, improvement, demolition, putting up, tearing down, furnishing labor, or furnishing labor together with materials or equipment, or the installation of materials or equipment for any phase of roofing specific to a residential structure for which the project value is seven thousand five hundred dollars or more.

~~(21)~~ ~~(22)~~ "Residential roofing contractor" means any person who undertakes to, attempts to, or submits a price or bid, or offers to construct, supervise, superintend, oversee, direct, perform, or in any manner assume charge of a residential roofing project for which the project value is seven thousand five hundred dollars or more.

~~(22)~~ ~~(23)~~ "Residential structure" means a building or structure that is used primarily for occupancy by a person as a residence. Such structures or buildings include but are not limited to single family dwellings and duplexes which are not more than three floors in height and structures that are part of or adjacent to the building or structures to be used as a residence. A residential structure more than three floors in height may be built by a person holding a building construction and residential construction license.

~~(23)~~ ~~(24)~~ "Subcontract" means an agreement to perform a portion of the scope of work contained in the principal contract including the entire cost of labor and materials of that part of the principal contract which is performed by the subcontractor.

~~(24)(a)~~ ~~(25)(a)~~ "Subcontractor" means a person who contracts to perform a scope of work that is a part of the scope of work contained in the principal contract.

(b) "Subcontractor" does not include any person, supplier, or manufacturer who assembles, repairs, maintains, moves, puts up, tears down, or disassembles any patented or proprietary equipment supplied by such person to a contractor to be used solely by the contractor for a construction undertaking.

**(26) "Water well drilling" means drilling for the purposes of extracting ground water which includes but is not limited to the drilling, construction, maintenance, repair, abandoning,**

plugging, or sealing water wells for potable and nonpotable water.

AMENDMENT NO. 5  
On page 2, delete line 1.

AMENDMENT NO. 6  
On page 2, delete line 3, and insert "§2156.5. Water well drilling"

AMENDMENT NO. 7  
On page 2, line 7, after "water well," delete the remaining of the line.

AMENDMENT NO. 8  
On page 2, line 8, delete "sampling well" and insert "or environmental well or hole"

AMENDMENT NO. 9  
On page 2, delete lines 10 and 11, and insert:  
"B. A water well contractor and environmental well or hole contractor shall pass the appropriate examination, be registered with the State Licensing Board for Contractors, be in good standing with the Department of Conservation and"

AMENDMENT NO. 10  
On page 2, delete line 14, and insert:  
"C. A water well contractor and environmental well or hole contractor shall complete five hours of continuing education"

On motion of Senator Abraham, the amendments were adopted.

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

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Kleinpeter  
Total - 1

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 292—**  
BY SENATOR STINE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 49:220.21, 220.23, and 220.24 and to repeal 49:220.26, relative to the powers and duties of the office of the state inspector general; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 305—**  
BY SENATOR EDMONDS AND REPRESENTATIVE FREIBERG  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:3138.2 and 3138.13(C), relative to the Board of Regents; to provide for Louisiana Works to collaborate with the Board of Regents to create a statewide dashboard for career alignment; to provide for information on educational and career opportunities; to provide for duties of the Board of Regents; to provide relative to the collection and analysis of data on work-based learning; and to provide for related matters.

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

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Kleinpeter  
Total - 1

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 310—**  
BY SENATOR CLOUD

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:3384 and R.S. 40:31.4, relative to student health centers; to provide with respect to student health centers in public schools; to provide with respect to student health centers on public postsecondary education institution campuses; to provide for the posting of certain information; to provide for pregnancy information and resources; to provide with respect to the design and content of the poster; to provide for requirements of the staff of student health centers; to provide for donations; and to provide for related matters.

**Floor Amendments**

Senator Cloud proposed the following amendments.

**SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by Senator Cloud to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 310 by Senator Cloud

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

On page 1, line 14, after "Department of Health," delete "or" and insert "and"

On motion of Senator Cloud, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Barthelemy Duplessis Price
Boudreaux Harris
Carter Jenkins
Total - 7

ABSENT

Kleinpeter
Total - 1

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

SENATE BILL NO. 330—

BY SENATOR OWEN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:47(A)(4) and to repeal 32:47(A)(5), relative to speed enforcement measures; to provide for pavement markings in school zones; to provide for school legends; to provide for compliance language with federal requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Cathey proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Cathey to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 330 by Senator Owen

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "repeal" delete "32:47(A)(5)" and insert "R.S. 32:43(A)(4) and 47(A)(5)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 4, after "requirements;" insert "to repeal certain exemptions;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, line 5, after "Section 2." delete "R.S. 32:47(A)(5) is" insert "R.S. 32:43(A)(4) and 47(A)(5) are" and after "repealed in" change "its" to "their"

Senator Cathey moved the adoption of the amendments.

Senator Boudreaux objected.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Miguez Seabaugh
Bass Morris Stine
Cathey Pressly Talbot
Hensgens Reese
Total - 11

NAYS

Abraham Edmonds McMath
Allain Fesi Miller
Barrow Foil Mizell
Barthelemy Harris Owen
Boudreaux Jackson-Andrews Price
Carter Jenkins Selders
Connick Lambert Wheat
Duplessis Luneau
Total - 23

ABSENT

Cloud Kleinpeter Womack
Hodges Myers
Total - 5

The Chair declared the amendments were rejected.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Foil Myers
Abraham Harris Owen
Allain Hensgens Pressly
Barrow Hodges Price
Barthelemy Jackson-Andrews Reese
Bass Jenkins Seabaugh
Boudreaux Luneau Selders
Carter McMath Stine
Connick Miguez Talbot
Duplessis Miller Wheat
Edmonds Mizell
Fesi Morris
Total - 34

NAYS

Cathey
Total - 1

ABSENT

Cloud Lambert
Kleinpeter Womack
Total - 4

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

SENATE BILL NO. 382—

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 23:1294 and R.S. 36:309(B)(2), relative to the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council; to repeal provisions relative to membership, appointment by the governor and confirmation by the Senate, reporting and policy

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recommendation requirements, and immunity from liability; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Barthelemy Cloud Kleinpeter
Total - 3

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

SENATE BILL NO. 410— (Substitute of Senate Bill No. 86 by Senator Morris)

BY SENATOR MORRIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:25, relative to parties to crimes; to provide for sentencing of accessories after the fact to sex offenses; to provide for mandatory minimum sentences; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Duplessis Kleinpeter
Total - 2

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

SENATE BILL NO. 87—

BY SENATORS MIZELL, ABRAHAM, BARROW, CLOUD, HODGES, KLEINPETER AND MORRIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:46.2(C)(1) and 46.3(B), relative to human trafficking and trafficking of children for sexual purposes; to provide a consistent definition of "commercial sexual activity"; 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 Foil Morris
Abraham Harris Myers
Allain Hensgens Owen
Barrow Hodges Pressly
Barthelemy Jackson-Andrews Price
Bass Jenkins Reese
Boudreaux Lambert Seabaugh
Carter Luneau Selders
Cloud McMath Stine
Connick Miguez Talbot
Edmonds Miller Wheat
Fesi Mizell
Total - 35

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Cathey Kleinpeter
Duplessis Womack
Total - 4

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. 92—

BY SENATOR MIZELL AND REPRESENTATIVE MANDIE LANDRY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:624.1(D), relative to submission of sexual assault collection kits; to provide that a district attorney's office must provide certain information to state police under certain circumstances; 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 Foil Myers
Abraham Harris Owen
Allain Hensgens Pressly
Barrow Hodges Price
Barthelemy Jackson-Andrews Reese

Bass	Jenkins	Seabaugh
Boudreaux	Lambert	Selders
Carter	Luneau	Stine
Cathey	McMath	Talbot
Cloud	Miguez	Wheat
Connick	Miller	Womack
Edmonds	Mizell	
Fesi	Morris	

Total - 37

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Duplessis	Kleinpeter
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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. 93—**  
BY SENATORS MIZELL, ABRAHAM, BARROW, HODGES AND MORRIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 319(A) and to enact Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 315(D), relative to bail; to provide relative to schedules of bail; to provide minimum bail amounts for certain offenses; 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	Fesi	Morris
Abraham	Foil	Myers
Allain	Harris	Owen
Barrow	Hensgens	Pressly
Barthelemy	Hodges	Price
Bass	Jackson-Andrews	Reese
Boudreaux	Jenkins	Seabaugh
Carter	Lambert	Selders
Cathey	Luneau	Stine
Cloud	McMath	Talbot
Connick	Miguez	Wheat
Duplessis	Miller	Womack
Edmonds	Mizell	

Total - 38

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Kleinpeter
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Total - 1

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. 99—**  
BY SENATOR FOIL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:2022(A)(1), 2050.1(B)(2)(a), 2050.3(B)(3), 2075.2(B), 2116, 2162(A)(2), 2181, 2195.9(A)(6), 2250, and 2286.1(A)(2), relative to electronic communication and notification at the Department of Environmental Quality; to provide for electronic applications; to provide for electronic mail; to provide for force and effect of notification; to provide

for certified mail; to provide for written comments and notices; to provide for written requests; to provide for mailing lists; to provide for distribution; 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	Morris
Abraham	Foil	Myers
Allain	Harris	Owen
Barrow	Hensgens	Pressly
Barthelemy	Hodges	Price
Bass	Jackson-Andrews	Reese
Boudreaux	Jenkins	Seabaugh
Carter	Lambert	Selders
Cathey	Luneau	Stine
Cloud	McMath	Talbot
Connick	Miguez	Wheat
Duplessis	Miller	Womack
Edmonds	Mizell	

Total - 38

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Kleinpeter
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Total - 1

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 123—**  
BY SENATOR MORRIS

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article IV, Section 5(I) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to gubernatorial powers and duties; to require gubernatorial certification of the removal by legislative address of certain judges or a Louisiana Supreme Court justice; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

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

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

Total - 27

NAYS

Barrow	Duplessis	Luneau
Barthelemy	Harris	Price
Boudreaux	Jackson-Andrews	Selders
Carter	Jenkins	

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Total - 11

ABSENT

Kleinpeter

Total - 1

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

SENATE BILL NO. 141— BY SENATOR MORRIS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:1228 and 1228.5(4), relative to the Integrated Criminal Justice Information System Policy Board; to provide for jurisdiction and administration of the board by the supreme court; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 325— BY SENATOR REESE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 27:27.2, relative to the Louisiana Gaming Control Board; to provide for exclusion of certain persons from participating in sports wagering; to provide for rules to exclude certain persons that threaten violence or harm against any person who is involved in a sporting event; to provide for terms and conditions; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Miller sent up floor amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Miller on behalf of the Legislative Bureau to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 325 by Senator Reese

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 3, line 1, following "persons" delete "or"

On motion of Senator Miller, the amendments were adopted.

Floor Amendments

Senator Reese proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Reese to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 325 by Senator Reese

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 3, at the end of line 16, delete "Paragraph", at the beginning of line 17, delete "(A)(1), (2), or (3)" and insert "Subsection A"

On motion of Senator Reese, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

Mr. President Abraham Allain Barrow Fesi Foil Harris Hensgens Morris Myers Owen Pressly

Barthelemy Bass Boudreaux Carter Cathey Cloud Connick Duplessis Edmonds Hodges Jackson-Andrews Jenkins Lambert Luneau McMath Miguez Miller Mizell Price Reese Seabaugh Selders Stine Talbot Wheat Womack Total - 38

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Kleinpeter

Total - 1

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

SENATE BILL NO. 339— BY SENATOR REESE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:587(C), R.S. 27:15(B)(1), and R.S. 47:9065(B) and to enact R.S. 4:147.3 and 705.1, R.S. 27:20.1, and R.S.47:9065(C) and (D), relative to background checks for entities associated with gaming; to provide for the authority to obtain criminal history record information; to provide for the duty to provide information; to provide for the authority and responsibilities of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board; to provide for criminal background investigations; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Kleinpeter

Total - 1

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

SENATE BILL NO. 350—  
BY SENATOR CATHEY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 3:3552(A), relative to the Louisiana Soybean and Grain Research and Promotion Board; to change a reference to the Louisiana Soybean Association; and to provide for related matters.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Total - 0

ABSENT

Kleinpeter  
Total - 1

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

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

Called from the Calendar

Senator Abraham asked that Senate Bill No. 289 be called from the Calendar.

SENATE BILL NO. 289—  
BY SENATOR ABRAHAM

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 44:4(65) through (67), relative to public records; to provide for exemptions to the public records law for certain university records; to provide for confidentiality of applicants for certain executive-level university positions; to provide for the privacy of university donors; to provide for the confidentiality of research and proprietary information at universities; and to provide for related matters.

Floor Amendments

Senator Abraham proposed the following amendments.

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Abraham to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 289 by Senator Abraham

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 14, after "chancellors," insert "senior vice chancellors."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, at the beginning of line 16, delete "officially named" and insert "approved"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 17, after "finalist" and before "that" delete "and anyone else"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, at the end of line 17, insert the following: "This exemption shall continue for the records of any applicant who is not named a finalist for the position."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 6, after "funds," insert the following: "Donor records maintained by a public postsecondary education institution's foundation that are confidential but are requested by the foundation's parent public postsecondary education institution shall remain confidential and shall remain exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Law."

On motion of Senator Abraham, the amendments were adopted.

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with the following result:

YEAS

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

NAYS

Bass  
Total - 2

ABSENT

Kleinpeter  
Total - 1

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

Rules Suspended

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

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SENATE BILL NO. 428— BY SENATOR HENSGENS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 30:554.1, relative to pipeline servitudes; to provide for definitions; to provide for pipelines; to provide for operators; to provide for contracts; to provide for servitudes; to provide for obligations; to provide for application; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 429— BY SENATOR LAMBERT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 34:851.20(C), relative to boat registration; to provide for the issuance of certificates of number and decal for certain boats; to provide for applications and required documentation; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 430— BY SENATOR JENKINS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4574.1.1(A)(24)(c)(ii), relative to the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau; to provide relative to hotel occupancy taxes levied by the bureau; to provide relative to the levy of an additional hotel occupancy tax by the bureau; to provide relative to the duration of the authority for the additional tax; to provide relative to renewal of the additional tax; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 431— BY SENATOR FOIL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:1734(F) and to enact R.S. 32:1734(G), relative to towing and storage company hours; to provide for requirements for towing and storage companies; to provide for business hours relative to towing and storage of vehicles; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 432— BY SENATOR BARROW

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Children's Code Arts. 603(18) and 612(A)(1), relative to child welfare; to provide for definitions in the Children's Code; to provide for the assignment of reports for investigation and assessment by the Department of Children and Family Services; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 433— BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:460.38, relative to Medicaid coverage of certain medications; to require Medicaid coverage of FDA-approved weight loss medications; to provide for qualifying patients; to provide for coverage restrictions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 434— BY SENATOR FESI

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:602(5) and to enact R.S. 602(13), relative to foods that contain certain substances; to provide for definitions in the State Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Law; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 435— BY SENATOR MYERS

AN ACT

To enact Subpart C of Part II of Chapter 3 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 46:261, relative to the Louisiana Commission on Fatherhood Engagement; to establish the commission within the office of the governor; to provide for the membership, powers, and duties of the commission; to provide for interagency cooperation; to provide for a termination date; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 436— BY SENATOR CLOUD

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:306.6, relative to aviation fuel taxes; to provide for annual estimates of aviation fuel taxes; to provide for rules and regulations relative to aviation fuel tax; to provide for reporting of aviation fuel taxes; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 437— BY SENATOR ABRAHAM

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:2852(C)(2) and to enact R.S. 40:2852(C)(3) through (5), relative to treatment services provided at facilities providing housing or temporary residence for individuals referred by judicial agencies; to provide for requirements for treatment; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 438— BY SENATOR FESI

AN ACT

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

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

SENATE BILL NO. 439— BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2581.4, relative to certain firefighters and fire service employees; to provide relative to precancer screenings for esophageal cancer for certain firefighters and fire service employees; to provide relative to the time period for cancer screening examinations; to provide relative to screens for retired firefighters and fire service employees; and to provide for related matters.

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 440—**

BY SENATOR LUNEAU

## AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:1109.21 and 1109.22(A), relative to a renaissance district; to provide relative to a renaissance district in the parish of Rapides; to provide relative to juvenile detention, education, and rehabilitation; to provide relative to the board of commissioners of the renaissance district; to provide relative to the powers, duties, and functions of the board; and to provide for related matters

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 441—**

BY SENATORS MIZELL AND BARROW

## AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:11(B), 24.8(A), (B), and (D)(1), 407.33(1) and (5), 407.35(A), and 407.41(A), (B)(2) and (3), and (C) and to enact R.S. 17:407.41(D), relative to programs for prekindergarten-aged children; to provide for nonpublic and public prekindergarten programs; to provide for approval of nonpublic prekindergarten programs; to provide for child safety and welfare standards; to provide for violations; to provide for camps; to provide for exemptions; to provide for rulemaking; to provide for terms, definitions, conditions, and procedures; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 442—**

BY SENATOR STINE

## AN ACT

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

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 443—**

BY SENATOR TALBOT

## AN ACT

To enact Subpart B-51 of Part IV of Chapter 1 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 33:130.890 through 130.900.2, relative to economic and community development in Orleans Parish; to create the New Orleans Hospitality and Entertainment District, a political subdivision of the state of Louisiana; to provide for the boundaries of the district; to provide for the governance of the district; to provide for the authority, powers, duties, and functions of the governing body of the district; to allow for the levy and collection of taxes and special assessments within the district; to provide for the authority to create subdistricts within the district; to authorize the district to issue and sell bonds; to provide for the duration of the district; to allow the governing body of the district to enter into cooperative endeavor agreements; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 444—**

BY SENATOR EDMONDS

## AN ACT

To enact Part XIII of Title 19 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 19:396 through 409, relative to expropriation; to authorize the city of St. George in East Baton Rouge Parish to acquire property by expropriation through a declaration of taking; to provide for acquisition of property; to provide for vesting of title prior to judgment; to provide for

certain procedures; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 445—**

BY SENATOR PRESSLY

## AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:407.30(B) and (D)(1)(a) and R.S. 39:82(J), relative to funding for early childhood education; to provide relative to the Louisiana Early Childhood Education Fund; to provide relative to deposits into the fund; to provide for the remission of cash balances to the state treasurer at the close of each fiscal year; to provide for exceptions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 446—**

BY SENATOR FESI

## AN ACT

To enact R.S. 56:325.7, relative to menhaden; to provide for statewide fishing buffers for the commercial menhaden fishery; and to provide for related matters.

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 447—**

BY SENATOR BASS

## AN ACT

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

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 448—**

BY SENATOR LUNEAU

## AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:142(F), 168(E), and 175(B)(1), and to enact R.S. 15:142(G) and 175(E), relative to the Louisiana Public Defender Act; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for the judicial district indigent defender fund; to provide for proceedings to determine indigency; and to provide for related matters.

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

**SENATE BILL NO. 449—**

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

## AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2212.1(O), relative to procurement requirements for materials and goods by public entities; to provide for the purchase of certain non new rail equipment; to provide for the purchase of related parts by a railroad operated or owned by a political subdivision; to provide for exemptions; and to provide for related matters.

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

March 30, 2026

SENATE BILL NO. 450—  
BY SENATOR EDMONDS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:409.3(A) and (C), R.S. 29:726.6(B)(2), and R.S. 44:4.1(B)(9) and to enact R.S. 17:409.3(D) and (E) and 416.16.2, relative to school safety; to provide for mandatory reporting of certain threats of violence or terrorism; to provide for physical security school assessments of certain elementary and secondary schools; to provide with respect to public schools, charter schools, and nonpublic schools; to provide for options of consideration; to provide for confidentiality; to provide for limitation of liability; to provide with respect to the admissibility of certain evidence; to provide with respect to grant programs for security measures; to provide with respect to confidentiality of certain public records; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

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

SENATE BILL NO. 451—  
BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact the heading of Chapter 30-A of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and R.S. 46:2261, 2262, the introductory paragraph of 2262.1, 2262.1(4) and (12), and 2263 through 2267, relative to newborn hearing screening; to update terminology and definitions; to provide for the purpose of early hearing detection and intervention; to provide for the membership, terms, and reimbursement for the advisory council; to provide for powers and duties of the advisory council; to update rulemaking authority; and to provide for related matters.

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

Rules Suspended

Senator Myers asked for and obtained a suspension of the rules to recall Senate Bill No. 328 from the Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations and discharge said committee.

SENATE BILL NO. 328—  
BY SENATOR MYERS

AN ACT

To enact Part II-A of Subchapter A of Chapter 5-F of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 40:1264 and 1264.1, relative to public health; to provide relative to paid leave for living organ donors; to provide for legislative purpose; to provide for legislative intent; to provide relative to eligibility; to provide relative to verification procedures by employers; to prohibit forfeiture of leave under certain circumstances; to provide relative to paid leave by private employers; to provide relative to definitions; and to provide for related matters.

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

Message from the House

ASKING CONCURRENCE IN  
HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

March 30, 2026

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:

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| HB No. 53  | HB No. 57  | HB No. 64  |
| HB No. 102 | HB No. 111 | HB No. 137 |

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| HB No. 152 | HB No. 155 | HB No. 177 |
| HB No. 238 | HB No. 258 | HB No. 337 |
| HB No. 359 | HB No. 363 | HB No. 256 |
| HB No. 386 | HB No. 434 | HB No. 557 |
| HB No. 697 | HB No. 726 | HB No. 756 |
| HB No. 759 | HB No. 765 | HB No. 825 |
| HB No. 19  | HB No. 35  | HB No. 48  |
| HB No. 126 | HB No. 142 | HB No. 164 |
| HB No. 226 | HB No. 232 | HB No. 297 |
| HB No. 712 | HB No. 732 | HB No. 921 |
| HB No. 951 | HB No. 858 | HB No. 930 |
| HB No. 957 | HB No. 964 | HB No. 875 |
| HB No. 233 |            |            |

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

House Bills and Joint Resolutions  
on First Reading

HOUSE BILL NO. 19—

BY REPRESENTATIVES ILLG AND TAYLOR AND SENATOR TALBOT  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:1634(B)(introductory paragraph) and to repeal R.S. 11:1581(13), relative to the District Attorneys' Retirement System; to provide relative to the powers, duties, and authority of the board of trustees; to provide relative to the authority of the board with respect to disability retirement; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 35—

BY REPRESENTATIVES WILEY, BRASS, AND TAYLOR  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:2175.1(A)(3)(b) and to enact R.S. 11:2175.1(A)(3)(c), relative to the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund; to provide relative to the funding deposit account; to provide relative to the authority of the board of trustees; to provide for additional employer contributions to be credited to the account; and to provide for related matters.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 48—

BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:2174(B)(1)(b)(introductory paragraph) and (3)(a) and to enact R.S. 11:2173.1, 2174(B)(6), and 2178(O), relative to the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund; to provide relative to employer responsibilities; to provide relative to membership in the system; to provide relative to the payment of employee and employer contributions; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 53—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 15:1352(A)(89) through (95), relative to gambling crimes; to add certain gambling crimes as predicate offenses for racketeering activity; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 57—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE VILLIO  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:2135(A)(introductory paragraph), (B), and (D), relative to temporary restraining orders; to permit the consideration of certain evidence; to provide an opportunity to respond; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 64—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 205 and to enact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 202(H), relative to arrest warrants; to provide for the authority of a magistrate to recall an arrest warrant; to provide for notification; to provide relative to the effective period of arrest warrants; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 102—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES WILEY, ADAMS, BOUDREAU, BOYER, CHENEVERT, COX, FONTENOT, HORTON, KNOX, LAFLEUR, MOORE, AND VILLIO  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:30(A)(1) and 30.1(A)(2) and to enact R.S. 14:2(B)(63) and 93.3.1, relative to offenses affecting the health and safety of persons with infirmities; to create the crime of second degree cruelty to the elderly and persons with infirmities; to provide for definitions; to provide for an affirmative defense; to provide for penalties; to designate the crime of second degree cruelty to the elderly and persons with infirmities as a crime of violence; to add second degree cruelty to the elderly and persons with infirmities as a predicate felony to first and second degree murder; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 111—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MANDIE LANDRY  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:828(E), relative to diminution of sentence; to provide relative to diminution of sentence for the earning of an associate's degree; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 126—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES MANDIE LANDRY, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BOUDREAU, BOYD, CHASSION, CHENEVERT, CREWS, DOMANGUE, EGAN, FREIBERG, GALLE, GREEN, DANA HENRY, HILFERTY, JORDAN, KERNER, KNOX, LACOMBE, LAFLEUR, TERRY LANDRY, LARVADAIN, MARTINEZ, MCMAHEN, MCMAKIN, MOORE, MURRAY, OWEN, PHELPS, SAWYER, STAGNI, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, VENTRELLA, AND WYBLE  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:284(A), (D), and (F), relative to the use of facility dogs; to provide for the use of facility dogs by victims of sex offenses; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 137—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES MIKE JOHNSON AND CARLSON  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:40.1(A)(1), R.S. 15:951(E), and Children's Code Article 897.1(D) through (G) and to enact R.S. 14:40.1(A)(3) and (B)(3), 92.2(A)(2)(g) and (h), R.S. 17:416.20.1 and 3996(B)(92), and Children's Code Article 897.1(H) and (I), relative to the crimes of terrorizing and menacing; to provide for penalties when the communication is directed toward a school; to provide relative to offenders under the age of eighteen; to require school dissemination of certain information; to provide relative to disposition after adjudication of certain felony-grade delinquent acts; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 142—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Articles 561, 1426(A)(introductory paragraph), (B), and (C), 1572, 1702(C), 1841, 1914(E), 2083(B), 2126, 2128, 2166(F), 2167(D), and 4922 and R.S. 13:319 and 5206, to enact Code of Civil Procedure Article 2083(D), and to repeal Code of Civil Procedure Article 1425(F)(5), relative to civil procedure; to provide for continuous revisions to the Code of Civil Procedure and related provisions of the Revised Statutes; to provide with respect to abandonment; to provide for motions to quash; to provide for notice of trial; to provide with respect to default judgments; to provide with respect to interlocutory, final, and partial final judgments; to provide with respect to payment of costs and designation of the record on appeal; to provide with respect to transmission of notice; to provide for the assignment and allotment of writs and appeals; to provide with respect to the jurisdiction of small claims; to provide for Comments; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 152—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MACK  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:964(Schedule I)(A)(108) through (120), relative to the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law; to add certain substances to the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 155—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:337(A)(1)(b), relative to the unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft system; to provide relative to locations where the use of an unmanned aircraft system is prohibited; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 164—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE HEBERT  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:716, relative to the Fifteenth Judicial District Court; to authorize the commissioner to preside over criminal, civil, domestic and family law matters; to provide for the powers and duties of the commissioner over criminal, civil, domestic and family law matters; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 177—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 42:1121(B)(4), relative to assistance after termination of public service; to provide an exception for court reporters to render services to a former public employer after termination of public service; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 226—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES ROBBY CARTER AND TAYLOR  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Article 1467(A) and to enact Code of Civil Procedure Article 1467(C), relative to requests for admissions; to provide that a Rule 10.1 Conference in accordance with certain district court rules be held before a request is deemed admitted; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 232—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES CARLSON, AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BILLINGS, BOYER, CHASSION, CREWS, EGAN, GREEN, HEBERT, HORTON, LAFLEUR, TERRY LANDRY, LYONS, MARCELLE, MELERINE, MOORE, MURRAY, NEWELL, OWEN, TAYLOR, WILDER, AND WYBLE  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 23:181, 184(introductory paragraph) and (2)(a), 187, and 191 and to repeal R.S. 23:183, 184(1), and 188, relative to employment certificates for minors; to provide for the creation of employment certificate forms; to provide for the collection of employment certificate forms; to establish requirements for employment certificate forms; to provide for the validity and maintenance of employment certificates; to provide for the revocation of employment certificates; to remove requirements of schools and school boards issuing, approving, and maintaining employment certificates; 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. 233—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE DEWITT  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:3049(B)(1)(b), relative to compensation for juries; to provide relative to jury service in criminal trials; to provide for an allowance for mileage; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 238—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE  
AN ACT

To repeal R.S. 42:1123(31)(c), relative to the Louisiana Code of Ethics; to provide relative to exceptions authorizing the employment of a former school board member as a certified classroom teacher or certified school psychologist by his former school board; to repeal the population limitation placed on the exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 256—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES FREEMAN, EDMONSTON, MARTINEZ, MOORE, SCHLEGEL, TAYLOR, AND WALTERS  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:421 and 3996(B)(24), relative to school employees; to provide for the applicability of laws relative to mandatory

reporters to certain school employees; to provide relative to certain training provided by the Department of Children and Family Services; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 258—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 42:66(A)(11) and (Q), relative to exceptions to the dual officeholding and dual employment laws; to provide an exception for volunteer firefighters; to provide a limited exception for employees in the judicial branch to serve on boards and commissions; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 297—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES MANDIE LANDRY, BAYHAM, BILLINGS, BOURRIAQUE, BOYD, BRYANT, GREEN, DANA HENRY, KERNER, LAFLEUR, TERRY LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MCMAHEN, MOORE, MURRAY, NEWELL, SCHLEGEL, TAYLOR, TURNER, AND WALTERS  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:3261.1(B)(2) and (6), (E)(introductory paragraph) and (2), and (H), relative to leases; to expand lease termination to include stalking and cyberstalking; to provide for definitions; to provide for procedures, conditions, and requirements; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 337—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 4:710(A), relative to the issuance of special licenses; to provide relative to charitable bingo; to increase the number of special bingo sessions that may be conducted by a licensed organization; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 359—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 18:410.8(C), relative to candidates who are not affiliated with a major political party; to provide for qualifying for the general election for a party primary office; to provide for the death of a candidate following the close of the qualifying period; to provide for the removal of the deceased candidate's name from the ballot; to provide relative to the counting of votes under certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 363—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES JACOB LANDRY, AMEDEE, EDMONSTON, FREIBERG, MARTINEZ, SCHLEGEL, AND TAYLOR  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:176.2, relative to students enrolled in virtual schools; to authorize students enrolled in virtual schools to participate in public school activities at the public school they would otherwise attend based on their residence; to specify that such activities include extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletics; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 386—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHENEVERT  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3995(A)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (4)(a)(ii), (H), and (I), relative to charter schools; to provide for charter school funding; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 434—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILDER  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:492(A)(introductory paragraph), relative to school bus operators; to provide for the probationary term of employment for school bus operators; to provide for the authority of the superintendent relative to their discharge or dismissal; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 557—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEWITT  
AN ACT

To enact Part VIII of Chapter 14 of Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 37:1259, relative long-term care; to provide for a definition; to define long-term care pharmacy; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 697—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE GEYMANN  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:191(3)(b) and to repeal R.S. 49:191(1)(j), relative to the Department of Environmental Quality, including provisions to provide for the re-creation of the Department of Environmental Quality and the statutory entities made a part of the department by law; to provide for the effective termination date for all statutory authority for the existence of such statutory entities; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 712—**

BY REPRESENTATIVES BOYD, ADAMS, BRASS, BRYANT, CHASSION, FREIBERG, GREEN, DANA HENRY, TRAVIS JOHNSON, JORDAN, KNOX, LAFLEUR, TERRY LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARCELLE, MENA, MILLER, MOORE, MURRAY, NEWELL, PHELPS, TAYLOR, AND WALTERS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 32:412.4 and R.S. 40:1321.3, relative to waiver of fees for office of motor vehicles issued credentials; to provide for waiver of fees for Class "E" driver's licenses and state identification cards for homeless persons; to provide for proof of homelessness; to provide for restrictions to the waiver of fees; to limit the fee waiver for certain credentials to residents of Louisiana; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 726—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE DOMANGUE  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:2531.1(A), relative to littering by abandoning a vessel; to double the penalty for any person found guilty of gross littering by abandoning a boat or other vessel; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 732—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 32:8(E), relative to delinquent debt owed to the office of motor vehicles; to require the commissioner to temporarily waive or suspend fines, fees, penalties, or license suspensions for emergency reasons; to provide for the verification of a life-threatening condition; to provide for the authority of the commissioner; 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. 756—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 34:851.4(A)(2) through (7), (10), and (12), 851.10, 851.29, 855.2, and 855.3(A), relative to personal watercraft; to provide relative to the careless operation of watercraft; to provide relative to collisions on the waterways; to provide relative to enforcement and regulation; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 759—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMENT  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1483.2, relative to fortified roof endorsements; to clarify certain requirements; to clarify geographic area upgrade requirements; to outline eligibility determinations and premium refunds; to provide for the use of roof age and condition as rating factors; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 765—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1269(D)(1)(a) and (E)(2)(introductory paragraph), relative to liability insurance; to establish the procedure for joining a liability insurer to a final judgment; to delineate the requirements for reservation-of-rights notices; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 825—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRAUD  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1346.1(introductory paragraph) and (2), 1346.2, 1346.3(A) and (C), 1346.4, and 1346.5 (A)(1) and (4) and (B)(1), relative to stated value policies; to define certain terms; to clarify valuation standards; to provide for certain notices; to provide for the information dissemination requirements of the department; to make technical changes; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 858—**

BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER  
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 44:4(65), relative to global positioning data for individual animals; to establish a public records exemption for Department of Wildlife and Fisheries data that identifies the location of individual animals; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 875—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:863(A)(3)(a), relative to reinstatement fees for lapses in motor vehicle liability security; to provide for a decrease in reinstatement fees for lapses in motor vehicle liability security; to provide for grace periods before the imposition of reinstatement fees for motor vehicle liability security lapses; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 921—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:3270, 3271, 3272(A)(2), (5), (6), (9), (11), (13) through (15), (17), and (18), 3273(B) and (C), 3274(A)(1) through (5), (7), and (11), (B)(1) through (4), (6), (7), (10), and (11), (C), and (D), 3275, 3279(A)(3), 3283(A), (D), and (F)(1) and (2), 3284(B)(1), (4), and (5), (E), (F), and (J), 3287(C), 3288, and 3293(C)(1), to enact R.S. 37:3272(21) through (25), 3273(I), 3274(A)(12), 3279.1, and 3284.1, and to repeal R.S. 37:3292, relative to private security examiners; to provide for purpose; to provide for short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for membership; to provide for qualifications of the board; to provide for powers and duties of the board; to provide for the duties of the executive director; to provide for the procedures of approval, denial, and appeals regarding licenses; to provide for a security officer and security operations manager registration card; to provide for training of security officers; to create security canine and detector canine programs; to provide for license renewals; to provide for violations and penalties; to provide for cease and desist orders; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 930—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE COATES  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:627(A) and to enact R.S. 40:624.1 and 628(E), relative to cosmetic products; to create an exception to regulation for cottage cosmetic facilities; to provide for a gross wholesale sales limit; to provide for the removal of the registration requirement of cosmetic products; to create an exception to certain fees; 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. 951—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE BAMBURG  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:1554(T) and to enact R.S. 23:2065(A)(12) through (17) and 2092(A)(3) and R.S. 36:308(E), relative to a talent accelerator program; to create the Office of the Louisiana Talent Accelerator within Louisiana Works; to provide for duties and functions of the Louisiana Workforce Investment Council in conjunction with the Office of the Louisiana Talent Accelerator; to create the Business Workforce Committee; to exclude the Office of the Louisiana Talent Accelerator from the state procurement code; to provide for the purposes and functions of the Office of the Louisiana Talent Accelerator; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 957—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE CARRIER  
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:706(A)(2), relative to prisoners; to provide relative to the transfer of prisoners; to provide relative to notification procedures; and to provide for related matters.

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

**HOUSE BILL NO. 964—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCCORMICK  
AN ACT

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

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

**Message from the House**

**SIGNED HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

March 25, 2026

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. 21—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVE HORTON  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend John Keith of AllState Land and Timber on being named Louisiana Outstanding Logger of the Year.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES FIRMENT AND RISER AND SENATOR WOMACK  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize W.H. Ward Properties, Inc., on being named Tree Farmer of the Year by the Louisiana Forestry Association.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES MCFARLAND, DEWITT, AND FIRMENT  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Katrice LaCour for his contributions in the Natchitoches Parish showcase on the occasion of Natchitoches Day at the state capitol.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES MCFARLAND, DEWITT, AND FIRMENT  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Angela Lasyone for her contributions in the Natchitoches Parish showcase on the occasion of Natchitoches Day at the state capitol.

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25—**  
BY REPRESENTATIVES BEREAULT AND GLORIOSO  
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Pope John Paul II Catholic High School Boys' Swim Team on winning its sixth consecutive Louisiana High School Athletic Association Division IV state championship.

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

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

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

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

**ENROLLMENTS**

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

March 27, 2026

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

The following Senate Resolutions have been properly enrolled:

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 27—**

BY SENATOR BOUDREAU

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Trinity Christian Methodist Episcopal Church on the occasion and celebration of its 154<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 28—**

BY SENATOR BASS

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Patricia Ann McKinney Pendergrass.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 29—**

BY SENATOR SELDERS

A RESOLUTION

To designate Monday, April 13, 2026, as Knock Knock Children's Museum Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and to recognize the museum's contributions to early childhood education, family engagement, and economic vitality in Louisiana.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 30—**

BY SENATORS MORRIS, ABRAHAM, ALLAIN, BARROW, BOUDREAU, CARTER, CONNICK, EDMONDS, FESI, HARRIS, HENRY, HENSGENS, HODGES, JACKSON-ANDREWS, JENKINS, KLEINPETER, LAMBERT, MCMATH, MILLER, MYERS, OWEN, PRESSLY, PRICE, SELDERS, WHEAT AND WOMACK

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of the Honorable Robert W. "Bob" Kostelka, former district attorney, judge, and Louisiana state senator, and to commend his legacy of many years of dedicated public service.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 31—**

BY SENATOR LUNEAU

A RESOLUTION

To commend and recognize Donald G. "Don" Kelly, former legislator and attorney, for his distinguished public service and long-standing years of service to the people of Louisiana.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 32—**

BY SENATOR JACKSON-ANDREWS

A RESOLUTION

To commend the members of the Louisiana Athletic Trainers Association (LATA) for their dedicated hard work on behalf of the athletes of Louisiana and to designate March 24, 2026, as LATA Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 33—**

BY SENATOR MIZELL

A RESOLUTION

To commend and recognize the women who play a critical role in Louisiana's many industries, particularly in the chemical industry.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 34—**

BY SENATOR MIZELL

A RESOLUTION

To commend Geaux Far Louisiana for its leadership in creating an equitable and unified early childhood system and ensuring that families have access to seamless, high-quality early child development, health, and educational services in Louisiana and to designate Tuesday, March 24, 2026, as Geaux Far Louisiana Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 35—**

BY SENATOR HODGES

A RESOLUTION

To commend Sheriff Jason Ard and the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office for their exceptional efforts in combating illegal narcotics trafficking and protecting children through the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 36—**

BY SENATOR BOUDREAU

A RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, March 24, 2026, as the University of Louisiana System Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 37—**

BY SENATOR SELDERS

A RESOLUTION

To recognize March 23, 2026, as Thrive Day at the Louisiana State Capitol, and to commend Thrive Academy and the Thrive Foundation for their commitment to expanding educational opportunities for students across the state of Louisiana.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 43—**

BY SENATORS CATHEY, ABRAHAM, ALLAIN, BOUDREAU, CARTER, CONNICK, DUPLESSIS, EDMONDS, FESI, FOIL, HARRIS, HENRY, HENSGENS, HODGES, JACKSON-ANDREWS, JENKINS, KLEINPETER, LAMBERT, LUNEAU, MCMATH, MIGUEZ, MILLER, MIZELL, MORRIS, MYERS, OWEN, PRESSLY, PRICE, REESE, SELDERS, TALBOT, WHEAT AND WOMACK

A RESOLUTION

To commend Senate President Cameron Henry, Jr. for serving as the 2026 Irish Grand Marshal in the Forty-Fourth Annual Irish-Italian Parade.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 44—**

BY SENATOR CATHEY

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate former Louisiana State Senator Michael A. Walsworth on the occasion of his seventieth birthday.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 38—**

BY SENATOR PRICE

A RESOLUTION

To designate Wednesday, April 15, 2026, as AARP Louisiana's Eleventh Annual Caregiver Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 39—**

BY SENATOR BOUDREAU

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Delores Murray on being inducted into the USA Track and Field National Officials Hall of Fame.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 40—**

BY SENATOR PRICE

A RESOLUTION

To recognize and commend the members and board of directors of the Louisiana School Boards Association.

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 41—

BY SENATOR PRESSLY

A RESOLUTION

To recognize March 17, 2026, as Profound Autism Day.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 42—

BY SENATOR MIZELL

A RESOLUTION

To recognize and acknowledge the significant contributions of the community and technical colleges in Louisiana to the education and training of students and workers and to designate Wednesday, March 25, 2026, as Louisiana Community and Technical College Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 45—

BY SENATOR LUNEAU

A RESOLUTION

To commend and recognize Chris J. Roy Sr. for his years of distinguished public service and longstanding contributions to the legal profession in Louisiana.

Respectfully submitted,  
CALEB SETH KLEINPETER  
Chairman

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

Message to the Secretary of State

SIGNED

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

March 27, 2026

To the Honorable Secretary of State:

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10—

BY SENATORS DUPLESSIS, BARROW, BASS, BOUDREAUX, HENRY, KLEINPETER, LUNEAU, MILLER, MIZELL, MORRIS, MYERS, PRESSLY, PRICE, REESE, SELDERS, WHEAT AND WOMACK AND REPRESENTATIVES BOYD, BRASS, BRYANT, CARPENTER, WILFORD CARTER, CHASSION, FISHER, GREEN, JACKSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, JORDAN, KNOX, LAFLEUR, TERRY LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARCELLE, MENA, MILLER, MOORE, MURRAY, NEWELL, PHELPS, TAYLOR, WALTERS AND YOUNG

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family of Dr. Norman Christopher Francis upon the occasion of his passing.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13—

BY SENATORS FOIL, BARROW, CARTER, CLOUD, DUPLESSIS, EDMONDS, HENRY, HODGES, MIGUEZ, MILLER, MORRIS, OWEN, SELDERS, STINE, WHEAT AND WOMACK AND REPRESENTATIVE WILEY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate Saturday, March 21, 2026, as World Down Syndrome Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and to commend the efforts of the Down Syndrome Awareness Group and the various Buddy Walks occurring throughout the state.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14—

BY SENATOR HODGES AND REPRESENTATIVE DICKERSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To designate the month of March 2026, as "Flood Awareness Month" in Louisiana and to commend the invaluable contributions of all professionals working every day to protect lives, homes, businesses, and communities from floods.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15—

BY SENATOR STINE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize the common bond and mutual interest between Quebec and the state of Louisiana and to welcome the Honorable Christopher Skeete, Minister of International Relations and La Francophonie, to the Louisiana State Capitol.

Respectfully submitted,  
YOLANDA J. DIXON  
Secretary of the Senate

Privileged Report of the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs

ENROLLMENTS

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

March 30, 2026

To the President and Members of the Senate:

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

The following Senate Concurrent Resolutions have been properly enrolled:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16—

BY SENATORS MORRIS, ABRAHAM, ALLAIN, BARROW, CATHEY, EDMONDS, FESI, HENRY, HODGES, JACKSON-ANDREWS, KLEINPETER, MCMATH, MILLER, MIZELL, MYERS, OWEN, PRESSLY, REESE, SELDERS, TALBOT AND WOMACK

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of Jerry O. Arledge, a beloved coach and mentor, who dedicated more than five decades of his life to influencing high school athletics and athletes, and shaping young lives throughout West Monroe and beyond.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17—

BY SENATORS BARROW, BARTHELEMY, BASS, BOUDREAUX, CARTER, CONNICK, DUPLESSIS, HARRIS, HENSGENS, JACKSON-ANDREWS, JENKINS, LUNEAU, MIZELL, MYERS, OWEN, PRESSLY, PRICE, SELDERS AND WHEAT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Louis S. Reine on the occasion of his retirement as president of the Louisiana AFL-CIO.

Respectfully submitted,  
CALEB SETH KLEINPETER  
Chairman

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

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

PRESENT

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

Total - 38

ABSENT

Kleinpeter

Total - 1

**Leaves of Absence**

The following leaves of absence were asked for and granted:

Kleinpeter      1 Day

**Announcements**

The following committee meetings for March 31, 2026, were announced:

Judiciary A	9:00 A.M.	Hainkel Room
Judiciary B	10:30 A.M.	Room E
Judiciary C	9:30 A.M.	Room F

**Adjournment**

On motion of Senator Talbot, at 6:13 o'clock P.M. the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, March 31, 2026, 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