

ACTS OF 2026 LEGISLATURE

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ACT No. 344

SENATE BILL NO. 14 BY SENATOR PRICE AND REPRESENTATIVE OWEN 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.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 11:710.3 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§710.3. Reemployment of retired teachers and related provisions

A.(1) Any retiree who retired on or before June 30, 2010, and who returns to active service with an employer covered by the provisions of this Chapter, may receive a benefit during the period of his reemployment.

(2) Except as provided in Subsection B of this Section, any retiree who is sixty-five years of age or older may receive a benefit during the period of his reemployment. The provisions of this Paragraph shall apply beginning on the first day of the month in which the retiree attains the age of sixty-five.

(3) The provisions of Subsections C and D of this Section shall not apply to any retiree covered under this Subsection, provided however, that a retiree to whom Paragraph (2) of this Subsection applies may elect to be governed by the provisions of Paragraph (C)(3) of this Section. Any election to be covered by the provisions of Paragraph (C)(3) of this Section shall be made in writing and filed with the appropriate officer of the employer.

(4)(a) During the period of his return to active service, the retiree and his employer shall make contributions to the retirement system as otherwise provided by law, but the retiree shall receive no additional service credits or accrue any additional retirement benefits in the retirement system. Upon termination of active service, the retiree shall, upon application, be refunded the employee contributions paid since reemployment. The refund shall be without interest. The retirement system shall retain the employer contributions.

(b) The provisions of this Paragraph shall not be applicable to any retiree who elects to be governed by the provisions of Paragraph (C)(3) of this Section.

B.(1) Any retiree who resumes active service under the provisions of this Chapter within twelve months immediately following the effective date of his retirement shall have his retirement benefits suspended. This suspension shall remain in effect for the duration of the active service or until twelve months have elapsed from the effective date of his retirement, whichever occurs first.

(2) No person who retires based on a disability shall be permitted to return to active service pursuant to the provisions of this Section. Disability retirees shall instead be covered by the provisions of law specifically applicable to disability retirees.

C.(1) Except as provided in Subsections B and D of this Section, any retiree who returns to active service with an employer covered by the provisions of this Chapter shall, for that period of employment, be reemployed pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, unless the retiree elects to be covered by the provisions of Paragraph (3) of this Subsection. Any election to be covered by the provisions of Paragraph (3) of this Subsection shall be made in writing and filed with the appropriate officer of the employer.

(2)(a) Earnings limit. A retiree may be employed in any position covered by this system during any fiscal year, provided that his earnings in such employment do not exceed fifty percent of his original final average compensation during that fiscal year. If the actual earnings of the retiree exceed this amount in any fiscal year, the benefits payable to the retiree shall be reduced by the amount in excess of fifty percent of his original final average compensation.

(b) During the period of his return to active service, the retiree and his employer shall make contributions to the retirement system as otherwise required by law, but the retiree shall receive no additional service credits or accrue any additional retirement benefits in the retirement system. Upon termination of active service, the retiree shall, upon application, be refunded the employee contributions paid since reemployment. The refund shall be without interest. The retirement system shall retain the employer contributions.

(3)(a) Supplemental benefit. Any retiree directly employed in a full-time position covered by this system may request the immediate suspension of his benefit, which may include all Deferred Retirement Option Plan and Initial Lump-Sum Benefit distributions, and regain membership in the system

effective on the first day of reemployment. Upon such regaining of membership, the retiree and his employer shall make contributions to the retirement system as otherwise provided by law. Upon termination, the suspended retirement allowance of the retiree shall be fully restored, effective the day after the member terminates from service.

(b) The retiree shall be eligible for a supplemental benefit under this option using the same computation formula applied to the retiree's original retirement. If the retiree has been reemployed and contributed for less than thirty-six months, the supplemental benefit shall be calculated using the retiree's original final average compensation. If the retiree has been reemployed and contributed for at least thirty-six months, the final average compensation used to calculate the supplemental benefit shall be the greater of the retiree's original final average compensation or his final average compensation since reemployment.

(i) In no event shall the member receive duplicate credit for unused sick and annual leave that was included in the computation of his original retirement allowance.

(ii) The supplemental benefit shall be based on reemployment service credit only and shall not include any other specific amounts which may otherwise be provided in the regular retirement benefit computation formula, including sick and annual leave.

(c) A retiree shall not be eligible for subsequent retirement until ninety days after resignation or termination from all employment covered by the provisions of this Paragraph, as certified by the employer. The supplemental benefit shall become payable effective as of the later of:

(i) The date a properly executed application for subsequent retirement is received by the board of trustees of this system.

(ii) Ninety days after resignation or termination, as certified by the employer.

(d) Any application for subsequent retirement shall become void if the retiree returns to active service covered by the provisions of this Paragraph within ninety days of resignation or termination and elects to be covered by the provisions of this Paragraph for the period of such employment.

(e) In the event of the death of a member prior to subsequent retirement, benefits shall be paid to the designated beneficiary or survivor in accordance with the option selected by the member at the time of his original retirement, as provided in R.S. 11:783(A)(2) and R.S. 11:762(C) and (D). No changes to the originally selected option shall be permitted.

(f) In no event shall the supplemental benefit, when combined with the original benefit, exceed an amount which equals one hundred percent of the greater of the retiree's original final average compensation or the average compensation figure used to calculate the supplemental benefit.

(g) Under no circumstances shall a retiree who has regained membership pursuant to the provisions of this Paragraph be allowed to purchase service credit for any period employed in public service during which the retiree continued to draw a retirement allowance.

(h) A retiree who elects to be covered by the provisions of this Paragraph for any period of employment shall also be subject to the provisions of this Paragraph for any other concurrent employment covered by the provisions of this Chapter.

(4) For purposes of this Subsection, the following terms have the meanings ascribed to them:

(a) "Original benefit" means the benefit calculated at the time of the retiree's original retirement, including any post-Deferred Retirement Option Plan supplement.

(b) "Original final average compensation" means the final average compensation calculated at the time of the retiree's original retirement. If the retiree participated in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan, the retiree's original final average compensation shall be the greater of the average compensation used to calculate the retiree's monthly credit or the average compensation used to calculate any post-Deferred Retirement Option Plan supplement.

D.(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection C of this Section, a retiree employed in a critical shortage position shall be governed by the provisions of this Subsection, unless the retiree has elected to be covered by the provisions of Paragraph (C)(3) of this Section.

(2)(a) Except as provided in Subsection B of this Section, a retiree certified in any area who is employed in a critical shortage position may receive a benefit during the period of his reemployment if the employer has certified to the board of trustees of this system that a critical shortage exists.

(b) Prior to certifying a critical shortage for any critical shortage position, the employer shall:

(i) For any position sought to be filled by employment of a retiree, the employer may certify the existence of a critical shortage only if the employer continuously advertises on the website of the employer's governing authority and, if applicable, on the employer's own website, that the employer is soliciting applications for future employment of certified teachers.

(ii) Ensure that if a certified applicant who is not a retiree applies for an advertised position, such applicant shall be hired before any certified retiree is employed, unless fewer than three nonretiree applicants have applied for the position, each of whom is certified in the critical shortage area being filled.

(3) At the time of enrollment in the system, the employer for a retiree returning to active service in a position defined in Paragraph (4) of this Subsection shall certify to the system that a critical shortage exists for the position in the school district. Enrollments for retirees who are employed pursuant to the provisions of this Subsection shall terminate at the end of each fiscal year.

(4) "Critical shortage position" means any of the following:

(a)(i) A position for a full-time, part-time or temporary classroom teacher who teaches any student in prekindergarten through twelfth grade or instructs

adults through an adult education or literacy program administered through a public institution of elementary or secondary education in a school where a critical shortage exists.

(ii) For purposes of this Subparagraph, “classroom teacher” shall mean any employee whose position of employment requires a valid Louisiana teaching certification and who is assigned professional activities of instructing pupils in courses in traditional or nontraditional classroom settings where daily pupil attendance figures for the school system are kept or is assigned to proctor admissions, evaluation, or assessment testing.

(b) A position for a full-time, part-time or temporary certified speech therapist, speech pathologist, audiologist, educational diagnostician, school social worker, school counselor, school psychologist, interpreter, educational transliterator, orientation or mobility specialist, educator of the visually impaired, or educator of the deaf or hard of hearing, provided the position of employment requires a valid Louisiana ancillary certificate approved and issued by the state Department of Education in a school district where a critical shortage exists.

(5) During the period of his return to active service under the provisions of this Subsection, the retiree and his employer shall make contributions to the retirement system as required by this Chapter, but the retiree shall receive no additional service credits or accrue any additional retirement benefits in the retirement system. Upon termination of active service, the retired teacher shall, upon application, be refunded the employee contributions paid since reemployment. The refund shall be without interest. The retirement system shall retain the employer contributions.

E. The provisions of this Section, other than Paragraph (C)(3) and Subsection G of this Section, shall be applicable to any retiree who returns to active service with an employer covered by the provisions of this Chapter whose reemployment is based on a contract or corporate contract under the following circumstances:

(1) For nonpostsecondary employers, when the services provided could be performed by an employee of a public school district and the services provided fall under the following areas:

(a) Instructional programs, including regular and special education instruction across all age and grade levels, and vocational and other instructional programs.

(b) Pupil support services, including child welfare and attendance services, guidance services, health services, and pupil assessment and appraisal services.

(c) Instructional staff services, including curriculum development services, parish-wide directors, supervisors and coordinators of instructional programs, media-based instructional staff, educational media or instructional staff, and clerical and support staff that support instructional staff services positions. The provisions of this Paragraph shall not include staff training services.

(d) School administration, including principals, assistant principals and related administrator positions at school sites, and clerical and support staff that support school administration positions.

(e) Food services operations, including school food service supervisors and assistant supervisors, cafeteria managers and assistant managers, lunch room workers, aides, food services personnel, and clerical and support staff that support food services positions.

(2) For public postsecondary education institutions, when the retiree is reemployed as a professor, adjunct professor, instructor, or researcher.

E.(1) When a retiree covered by this Section returns to active service with an employer covered by the provisions of this Chapter, either through direct employment, contract, or corporate contract, the employing agency shall, within thirty days thereafter, notify the board of trustees of such employment and the date on which employment commenced. Upon termination of the retiree’s employment, the agency shall provide the same notice.

(2) In addition, the employing agency shall also report to the retirement system within forty-five days after June thirtieth of each year, the names of all persons being paid by the employing agency and all persons having received a benefit, whether by contract or corporate contract, pursuant to the provisions of this Section, along with such individuals’ social security numbers, their positions, their designations as part-time or full-time, and the amount of their earnings during the previous fiscal year ending on June thirtieth of the reporting year. The employing agency shall also transmit a monthly contributions report pursuant to R.S. 11:888(A). Such monthly reports shall be transmitted within thirty days of the last day of each month and shall include the salary paid to each individual retiree to whom this Section applies. Should failure to give notice of return to active service or failure to report any other information required by this Section result in any payment being made in violation of this Section, the employing agency shall be liable to the system for the repayment of such amounts.

(3) Should any employer covered by the system employ a retiree subject to this provision and fail to submit the report required by this Subsection, the retiree shall be considered as returning to active service under the provisions of Paragraph (C)(2) of this Section.

G.(1) The salary of a retiree who is reemployed pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall be based on the salary schedule which accounts for all prior years of teaching service and pertinent experience.

(2) The status of any retiree who is reemployed pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall be the same as a full-time active employee and shall be subject to all applicable rules, procedures, policies, and statutes governing full-time active employees.

H. The system and the legislative auditor shall determine any identifiable actuarial impact of this Section following the experience study of the system for the period ending June 30, 2032, and shall report their findings to the chairmen of the House Committee on Retirement and the Senate Committee on Retirement not less than one hundred twenty days before the commencement

* As it appears in the enrolled bill

of the 2034 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature for consideration of legislative action, as necessary.

Section 2. R.S. 11:710, 710.1, and 710.2 are hereby repealed.

Section 3. The cost of this Act, if any, shall be funded with additional employer contributions in compliance with Article X, Section 29(F) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

Section 4. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 345

SENATE BILL NO. 30
BY SENATOR MCMATH
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1223.4(D), relative to telehealth services; to provide for the use of telehealth; to provide for the regulation of telehealth by certain licensing boards; to require synchronous interactions with a patient for certain conditions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 40:1223.4(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1223.4. Telehealth; rulemaking required

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D. The Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners and the Louisiana State Board of Nursing shall not adopt or enforce any rule or policy that prohibits a licensed healthcare provider under the jurisdiction of either board from using telehealth to evaluate, diagnose, or treat obesity or provide weight management services, provided the healthcare provider conducts a synchronous interaction with the patient and acts within the scope of his license and in accordance with the applicable standard of care.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 346

SENATE BILL NO. 32
BY SENATORS MCMATH, ABRAHAM, ALLAIN, BARROW, BARTHELEMY, BASS, BOUDREAUX, CARTER, CATHEY, CLOUD, CONNICK, DUPLESSIS, EDMONDS, FESI, FOIL, HARRIS, HENRY, HENSGENS, HODGES, JACKSON-ANDREWS, JENKINS, KLEINPETER, LAMBERT, LUNEAU, MILLER, MIZELL, MORRIS, MYERS, OWEN, PRESSLY, PRICE, REESE, SEABAUGH, SELDERS, STINE, TALBOT, WHEAT AND WOMACK AND REPRESENTATIVES ADAMS, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAMBURG, BAYHAM, BEAULLIEU, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOUDREAUX, BOURRIAQUE, BOYD, BOYER, BRASS, BRAUD, BROUSSARD, BRYANT, CARRIER, ROBBY CARTER, CHASSION, CHENEVERT, COATES, COX, DESHOTEL, DEVILLIER, DEWITT, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, EGAN, FISHER, FONTENOT, FREEMAN, FREIBERG, GADBERRY, GLORIOSO, CHANCE HENRY, DANA HENRY, HILFERTY, HORTON, ILLG, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, KERNER, KNOX, LACOMBE, LAFLEUR, JACOB LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MACK, MARCELLE, MARTINEZ, MCMAHEN, MCMAKIN, MELERINE, MENA, MILLER, MOORE, MURRAY, MUSCARELLO, NEWELL, ORGERON, OWEN, SAWYER, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, SPELL, ST. BLANC, STAGNI, TAYLOR, TURNER, VENTRELLA, VILLIO, WALTERS, WILDER, WILEY, WRIGHT, WYBLE, YOUNG AND ZERINGUE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact the heading of Part XII-A of Chapter 5-B of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and to enact R.S. 40:1124.3, relative to perinatal care; to provide for the Perinatal Bereavement Care Initiative; to provide for the duties of the Louisiana Department of Health; to provide for funding; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. The heading of Part XII-A of Chapter 5-B of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 40:1124.3 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

PART XII-A. PERINATAL PHYSICAL HEALTH POLICY

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§1124.3. Perinatal bereavement care
A. There is hereby established within the Louisiana Department of Health, office on women's health and community health, the Perinatal Bereavement Care Initiative. The department shall administer the initiative to improve

access to and the quality of perinatal bereavement care in the state.

B. The office shall coordinate with the Commission on Perinatal Care and Prevention of Infant Mortality and nonprofit organizations to provide all of the following resources to hospitals with a maternity unit or neonatal intensive care unit:

(1) **Training for hospital personnel on interacting with parents and family members following an intrauterine fetal demise, neonatal death, or stillbirth.**

(2)(a) **A perinatal cooling device that is available to any family that experiences an intrauterine fetal demise, neonatal death, stillbirth, or infant death at the hospital.**

(b) **Education for staff on use of a perinatal cooling device. Any nursing staff using a perinatal cooling device shall either receive training on use of the device or complete a perinatal bereavement certificate program.**

(3) **Assistance identifying available perinatal bereavement services for parents and family members, including grief counseling and support groups.**

C.(1) The office shall identify each hospital that has a maternity unit or neonatal intensive care unit.

(2) **The office shall prioritize hospitals that lack access to a perinatal cooling device, treat a high number of high-risk maternal patients, and deliver a high number of babies.**

D. The department may seek and receive voluntary monies from any sources, including federal funds, gifts, grants, and donations, which shall be expended for the purposes provided for in this Section.

E. Beginning February 1, 2027, through February 1, 2030, the Louisiana Department of Health shall submit an annual report to the Senate Health and Welfare Committee and the House Health and Welfare Committee on the progress of the initiative. The report shall include a list of the hospitals that meet the criteria for the initiative, the hospitals that have participated, funding received and utilized for the initiative, the number of perinatal cooling devices distributed, and training completed by the appropriate hospital staff.

Section 2. This Act shall be known and may be cited as “Angel’s Law”.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 347

SENATE BILL NO. 34

BY SENATORS MCMATH, BARTHELEMY, BOUDREAUX, CARTER, FESI, HARRIS, HENRY, HENSGENS, JACKSON-ANDREWS, JENKINS, KLEINPETER, LUNEAU, MILLER, OWEN, PRICE, SELDERS, STINE AND WOMACK AND REPRESENTATIVES ADAMS, AMEDEE, BACALA, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOUDREAUX, BOYD, BRASS, BRAUD, BROUSSARD, BRYANT, BUTLER, WILFORD CARTER, CARVER, CHENEVERT, DEWITT, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, ECHOLS, EDMONSTON, EGAN, FIRMENT, FISHER, FREEMAN, FREIBERG, GALLE, HEBERT, HILFERTY, HORTON, JORDAN, KNOX, LACOMBE, LAFLEUR, JACOB LANDRY, MANDIE LANDRY, TERRY LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MACK, MARTINEZ, MENA, MURRAY, NEWELL, ORGERON, OWEN, PHELPS, SAWYER, SCHAMERHORN, SPELL, TAYLOR, VENTRELLA, WILEY, WYBLE, ZERINGUE AND CHASSION

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:2522, relative to missing person alerts; to provide for criteria for issuing alerts; to provide for alerts for adults and children with disabilities; to provide for responsibilities of local law enforcement and state police; to provide for training; to provide for immunity; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 40:2522 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

~~§2522. Missing person alerts; adults and children with disabilities~~

~~A. An AMBER Alert shall be activated for abduction cases involving children seventeen years of age or under when the circumstances indicate the child is in danger of serious bodily harm or death and there is sufficient descriptive information about the child, abductor, or suspect’s vehicle.~~

~~B. If a case involving a missing child does not meet AMBER Alert criteria, a Level II Endangered Missing Child Advisory may be issued by the office of state police.~~

~~C. A Level II Endangered Missing Child Advisory shall be identified as “Bryan’s Call” if the missing child is:~~

~~(1) Aged seventeen or younger.~~

~~(2) Not a risk to the general public.~~

~~(3) Believed to be diagnosed with any of the following:~~

~~(a) A developmental or cognitive impairment, including but not limited to autism spectrum disorder (ASD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), Down syndrome, or Sanfilippo syndrome.~~

~~(b) An irreversible deterioration of intellectual faculties that makes them unable to meet their own needs or to seek help without assistance.~~

~~D. In addition to the procedures established pursuant to R.S. 40:2530.1 et seq., a Silver Alert shall be identified as a “Bryan’s Call” if the missing person is:~~

~~(1) Aged eighteen or older.~~

~~(2) Not a risk to the general public.~~

~~(3) Believed to be diagnosed with any of the following:~~

~~(a) A developmental or cognitive impairment, including but not limited to autism spectrum disorder (ASD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), Down syndrome,~~

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or Sanfilippo syndrome.

(b) An irreversible deterioration of intellectual faculties that makes them unable to meet their own needs or to seek help without assistance.

E. A local law enforcement agency with the capability to issue an alert shall issue one immediately upon receipt of a report of a missing person or child provided for in Subsection C or D of this Section. If the local law enforcement agency does not have the capability to issue an alert, the agency shall immediately contact the office of state police to issue the alert. Local law enforcement shall make a reasonable effort to determine whether the appropriate alert type is an AMBER Alert, Level II Endangered Missing Child Advisory, or Silver Alert. However, the office of state police shall make the final determination of the appropriate alert type.

F. If state police receives a request that involves a missing person or child provided for in Subsection C or D of this Section, and the time of the receipt is no more than seventy-two hours since the person or child went missing, the office of state police shall issue an alert providing rapid dissemination of information using a wireless emergency alert either statewide or locally regarding the missing person or child. The office of state police shall make every effort to disseminate the information as quickly as possible when a person’s or child’s status as missing has been reported to a local law enforcement agency.

G. The office of state police shall make training available to first responders, upon request, on responses to reports of missing persons or children, whether the case involves an abduction, child endangerment, or individuals with cognitive or developmental disabilities, including the utilization of applicable alert systems.

H.(1) Any state police officer, members of other law enforcement entities, radio or television broadcasters, or cable television operators, who transmit or display, or who fail to transmit or display such information concerning a missing child, and other entities who may become an active component of this effort, shall not be liable for any civil damages or criminal penalties as a result of any acts or omissions relative to the Level II Endangered Missing Child Advisory.

(2) Any state police officer, members of other law enforcement entities, radio or television broadcasters, or cable television operators, who transmit or display, or who fail to transmit or display such information concerning a missing person, and other entities who may become an active component of this effort, shall not be liable for any civil damages or criminal penalties as a result of any acts or omissions relative to the identification of the alert as a “Bryan’s Call”.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 348

SENATE BILL NO. 41

BY SENATOR ALLAIN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 43:144, relative to penalties for failure to timely publish minutes; to expand the number of days for publication of minutes; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 43:144 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§144. Penalty for failure to have proceedings published

The official of any municipal corporation, police jury, or school board by law responsible for the preparing and recording of the official proceedings who, within ~~twenty~~ **thirty-one** days from the date of any meeting at which the official proceedings were had, wilfully neglects or fails to furnish the official journal with a copy of the minutes, ordinances, resolutions, budgets, and proceedings for publication, shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, or be imprisoned for not less than ten days nor more than six months, or both.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 349

SENATE BILL NO. 58

BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:108.1(E)(2) and to enact R.S. 14:108.1(E)(3) and (G) and R.S. 15:571.11(A)(1)(e), relative to aggravated flight from an officer; to provide a minimum time of imprisonment; to provide relative to the distribution of collected fines; to require seizure of insurance proceeds in certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

CODING: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underlined (House Bills) and underscoring and **boldfaced** (Senate Bills) are additions.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 14:108.1(E)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 14:108.1(E)(3) and (G) are hereby enacted to read as follows:
§108.1. Flight from an officer; aggravated flight from an officer
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(2) Whoever commits the crime of aggravated flight from an officer that results in serious bodily injury shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not less than two years nor more than fifteen years, without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence, and may be fined not more than two thousand dollars.
(3) Any insurance proceeds, received or to be received, directly or indirectly by either a defendant charged with violating Subsection C of this Section or any agent, assignee, or representative of the defendant, as a direct or indirect result of the defendant's crime shall be subject to the provisions of R.S. 46:1852.
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G. Funds received by a parish law enforcement agency that are derived from fines imposed pursuant to this Section shall be deposited into an account set aside by the agency and utilized to support either high-speed pursuit driver training or the acquisition of devices or technology designed to minimize the risk to the public inherent to high-speed police pursuits in accordance with R.S. 15:571.11(A)(1)(e).
Section 2. R.S. 15:571.11(A)(1)(e) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
§571.11. Dispositions of fines and forfeitures
A.(1)(a)
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(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, funds received by a parish law enforcement agency that are derived from fines imposed for a violation of R.S. 14:108.1 shall be deposited into an account set aside by the agency and utilized to support either high-speed pursuit driver training or the acquisition of devices or technology designed to minimize the risk to the public inherent to high-speed police pursuits.
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Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 350

SENATE BILL NO. 71
BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX AND REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION
AN ACT

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. The secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, is hereby authorized and empowered to convey, transfer, assign, lease, or deliver any interest, excluding mineral rights, the state may have to all or any portion of the following described parcels of property to the Lafayette Public Trust Financing Authority:

Two (2) certain tract(s) or parcel(s) of land, together with all the improvements situated thereon, and all of the rights, ways, privileges, servitudes and advantages thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, situated in Section(s) 67, Township 9 South, Range 4 East, Southwestern Land District, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, identified as PARCEL NO(S). ADV-19-A-P1 and ADV-19-C-P1 as shown on Sheet No(s). 1 of the property map for STATE PROJECT NO. 455-01-0034, F.A. P. NO. 0009(803), I-10 CONNECTOR (LAFAYETTE), ROUTE I-49, LAFAYETTE PARISH, prepared by Kenneth Fontenot, professional land surveyor, dated August 13, 2007, and revised 1/26/09, said map being attached hereto and made a part hereof, which property is more particularly described as follows:

PARCEL NO. ADV-19-A-P1
BEGINNING at the southeasterly property corner of Coburn Supply Company, Inc., and being the northwesterly intersection of Third Street and West Grant Street, said corner having coordinates of X = 3,065,444.18 ft. and Y = 629,279.83 ft; THENCE South 65° 14' 24" West along the northerly right of way of Third Street for a distance of 125.00 feet to a corner having coordinates of X = 3,065,330.67 ft. and Y = 629,227.48 ft; THENCE North 24° 45' 36" West for a distance of 200.00 feet to a corner having coordinates of X = 3,065,246.91 ft. and Y = 629,409.09 ft.; THENCE North 65° 14' 24" East for a distance of 125.00 feet to a corner on the westerly right of way of West Grant Street having coordinates of X = 3,065,360.42 ft. and Y = 629,461.44 ft; THENCE South 24° 45' 36" East along the westerly right of way of West Grant Street for a distance of 200.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, all containing 0.547 acre, and being more fully described as ADV-19-A-P1 on a map of survey titled "Right of Way Map, State Project No. 455-01-0034, F.A.P. No. 0009(803), I-10 Connector (Lafayette), Lafayette Parish, I-49", prepared by Professional Engineering and Surveying Company, Inc., dated 08/13/07, revised 01/26/09.

PARCEL NO. ADV-19-C-P1
BEGINNING at the southwesterly property corner of Coburn Supply Company

* As it appears in the enrolled bill

of Lafayette, Inc. and being the northeasterly intersection of Cypress Street and Third Street, said corner having coordinates of X=3,065,171.76 ft. and Y=629,154.19 ft.; THENCE North 24° 45' 36" West along the easterly right of way of Cypress Street for a distance of 216.81 feet to a corner having coordinates of X=3,065,080.96 ft. and Y=629,351.06 ft.; THENCE North 26° 32' 55" East for a distance of 93.08 feet to a corner on the southerly right of way of Second Street having coordinates of X=3,065,122.56 ft. and Y=629,434.33 ft.; THENCE North 65° 14' 08" East along the southerly right of way of Second Street for a distance of 77.35 feet to a corner having coordinates of X=3,065,192.80 ft. and Y=629,466.73 ft.; THENCE South 24° 45' 36" East for a distance of 187.00 feet to a corner having coordinates of X=3,065,271.12 ft. and Y=629,296.92 ft.; THENCE South 65° 14' 11" West for a distance of 54.20 feet to a corner having coordinates of X=3,065,221.90 ft. and Y=629,274.21 ft.; THENCE South 24° 14' 20" East for a distance of 88.00 feet to a corner on the northerly right of way of Third Street having coordinates of X=3,065,258.03 ft. and Y=629,193.97 ft.; THENCE South 65° 14' 24" West along the northerly right of way of Third Street for a distance of 95.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, all containing 0.78 acre, and being more fully described as ADV-19-C-P1 on a map of survey titled "Right of Way Map, State Project No. 455-01-0034, F.A.P. No. 0009(803), I-10 Connector (Lafayette), Lafayette Parish, I-49", prepared by Kenneth Fontenot, professional land surveyor, dated 08/13/07.

AND
One (1) certain tract or parcel of land, together with all the improvements situated thereon, and all of the rights, ways, privileges, servitudes and advantages thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, situated in Section 67, Township 09 South, Range 04 East, Southwest Land District, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, identified as PARCEL NO. ADV-13-P1 as shown on Sheet No. 1, on the property map for STATE PROJECT NO. 455-01-0034, F. A. P. NO. 0009(803), LAFAYETTE CONNECTION, ROUTE I-49, LAFAYETTE PARISH, LOUISIANA, prepared by Kenneth Fontenot, professional land surveyor, dated November 15, 2006, said map being attached hereto and made a part hereto which property is more particularly described as follows:

PARCEL NO. ADV-13-P1
Those two (2) certain lots of ground, together with all improvements thereon and thereunto belonging, situated in the McComb Addition to the City of Lafayette, Louisiana, and according to a map of said Addition on file in the office of the Clerk of Court and ex officio recorder for said Parish, are known and designated as Lots Nos. One and Two (1 and 2) of Square 16 of said Addition, each of said lots having a front of twenty-five (25) feet on Grant Avenue by a depth in parallel lines of one hundred twenty-five (125) feet; and together are bounded on the North of Grant Avenue, on the South by an alley, on the East by Lot No. Three (3) of said Square 16, and on the West by Second Street.

Also that certain lot of ground together with all improvements thereon and thereunto belonging, situated in the McComb Addition to the City of Lafayette, Louisiana, and according to a map of said Addition on file in the Clerk's office of the Parish of Lafayette, is known and designated as Lot No. Three (3) of Block Sixteen (16) thereof; measuring twenty-five (25) feet by a depth in parallel lines of one hundred and twenty-five (125) feet, and being bounded on the North by Lot One (1); South by lot four (4); East by Grant Avenue; and West by an alley.

Section 2. The secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development is hereby authorized to enter into such agreements, covenants, conditions, and stipulations and to execute such documents as necessary to properly effectuate any conveyance, transfer, assignment, lease, or delivery of title, excluding mineral rights, to the property described in Section 1 of this Act, and as more specifically described in any such agreements entered into and documents executed by and between the secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development and the Lafayette Public Trust Financing Authority, in exchange of consideration proportionate to the appraised value of the property.

Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 351

SENATE BILL NO. 79
BY SENATOR MIZELL
AN ACT

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. Pursuant to R.S. 49:193, Louisiana Economic Development and the statutory entities made a part of the department by law shall be re-created effective June 30, 2026, and all statutory authority therefor is continued in accordance with the provisions of Part XII of Chapter 1 of Title 49 of the

Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

Section 2. All statutory authority for the existence of Louisiana Economic Development and the statutory entities made a part of the department as re-created by Section 1 of this Act shall cease as of July 1, 2031, pursuant to R.S. 49:191. However, Louisiana Economic Development may be re-created prior to such date in accordance with the provisions of Part XII of Chapter 1 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

Section 3. The provisions of R.S. 49:193 are hereby superseded to the extent that those provisions are in conflict with the provisions of this Act.

Section 4. R.S. 49:191(3)(b) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
§191. Termination of legislative authority for existence of statutory entities; phase-out period for statutory entities; table of dates

Notwithstanding any termination dates set by any previous Act of the legislature, the statutory entities set forth in this Section shall begin to terminate their operations on July first of each of the following years, and all legislative authority for the existence of any statutory entity, as defined in R.S. 49:190, shall cease as of July first of the following year, which shall be the termination date:

(3) July 1, 2030:

(b) Louisiana Economic Development and all statutory entities made a part of the department by law.

Section 5. R.S. 49:191(1)(a) is repealed in its entirety.
Section 6. This Act shall become effective on June 30, 2026; if vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval by the legislature or June 30, 2026, whichever is later.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 352

SENATE BILL NO. 84
BY SENATORS MYERS, ABRAHAM, BARROW, BASS, BOUDREAUX, CARTER, CLOUD, DUPLESSIS, EDMONDS, HARRIS, HENSGENS, JACKSON-ANDREWS, JENKINS, KLEINPETER, LUNEAU, MCMATH, PRICE, SELDERS, STINE AND TALBOT AND REPRESENTATIVES ADAMS, BAGLEY, BAMBURG, BAYHAM, BOUDREAUX, BOYER, BRAUD, BUTLER, WILFORD CARTER, CARVER, CHASSION, FIRMENT, FREEMAN, GALLE, GLORIOSO, HEBERT, CHANCE HENRY, DANA HENRY, ILLG, JACKSON, JORDAN, LARVADAIN, MELERINE, MENA, MILLER, MOORE, MURRAY, PHELPS, SPELL, TAYLOR, WILDER AND WILEY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1028(B)(1) and to enact R.S. 22:1028(B)(3), relative to prostate cancer screening; to provide for insurance coverage for screening of men over the age of forty in accordance with the guidelines from the National Comprehensive Cancer Network; to prohibit out-of-pocket expenses for cancer screening services; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 22:1028(B)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 22:1028(B)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
§1028. Early screening and detection requirements; examination; coverage

B.(1) Any health coverage plan which is delivered or issued for delivery in the state shall provide coverage for detection of prostate cancer, including digital rectal examination and prostate-specific antigen testing for men over the age of fifty years and as medically necessary and appropriate for men over ~~between~~ the age ~~ages~~ of forty ~~to forty-nine~~ years ~~in accordance with the most recently published guidelines from the National Comprehensive Cancer Network~~.

(3) Any coverage required pursuant to the provisions of this Subsection shall not be subject to any cost-sharing amount, including deductibles, coinsurance, copayment, or similar out-of-pocket expenses.

Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall apply to any new policy, contract, program, or health coverage plan issued on or after January 1, 2027. Any policy, contract, or health coverage plan in effect prior to January 1, 2027, shall convert to conform to the provisions of this Act on or before the renewal date, but no later than January 1, 2028.

Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor, or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by this legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry

Secretary of State

ACT No. 353

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.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 15:624.1(D) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§624.1. Submission of sexual assault collection kits
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D. The office of state police may use a phased implementation process in order to launch the system and facilitate entry and use of the system for required participants. The office of state police may phase initial participation according to the region or volume. All entities, including law enforcement, ~~district attorney offices~~, and healthcare providers having custody of sexual assault collection kits, shall provide all required information to the tracking system and fully participate in the system ~~no later than July 1, 2024~~. The office of state police shall submit a report on the current status and plan for launching the system, including the plan for phased implementation, to the Louisiana Sexual Assault Oversight Commission, the Senate Committee on Judiciary B, the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice, and the governor no later than January 1, 2024.

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Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 354

SENATE BILL NO. 93
BY SENATORS MIZELL, ABRAHAM, BARROW, HODGES AND MORRIS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Arts. 312(A), (B), the introductory paragraph of (D), and (1) and (2), and (G)(2)(a), 316(1), (9), and (10), 318, 319(A), and 320(J)(1) and to enact Code of Criminal Procedure Arts. 312(G)(2)(c) and (d), 312.1, 315(D), and 316(11) through (13), relative to bail; to provide relative to bail before and after conviction; to provide relative to revocation of bail in certain circumstances; to provide for definitions; to provide relative to schedules of bail; to provide for minimum amounts of bail for certain offenses; to provide for factors in fixing bail; to provide relative to juvenile records in fixing bail; to provide for bail conditions for crimes of violence; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. Code of Criminal Procedure Arts. 312(A), (B), the introductory paragraph of (D), and (1) and (2), and (G)(2)(a), 316(1), (9), and (10), 318, 319(A), and 320(J)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted and Code of Criminal Procedure Arts. 312(G)(2)(c) and (d), 312.1, 315(D), and 316(11) through (13) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

Art. 312. Right to bail before and after conviction
A. Except as provided in this Article ~~and, Article 312.1~~, Article 313, ~~or Article 313.1~~, a person in custody who is charged with the commission of an offense is entitled to bail before conviction.

B.~~(1)~~ A person released on a previously posted bail undertaking for any of the following shall not be readmitted to bail when the person previously failed to appear and a warrant for arrest was issued and not recalled or the previous bail undertaking has been revoked or forfeited:

~~(1)~~ ~~a~~ ~~(a)~~ ~~A~~ crime of violence as defined by R.S. 14:2(B) which carries a minimum mandatory sentence of imprisonment upon conviction ~~or,~~

~~(2)~~ ~~the~~ ~~(b)~~ ~~The~~ production, manufacture, distribution, or dispensing or possession with intent to produce, manufacture, distribute, or dispense a controlled dangerous substance as defined by the Louisiana Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law, ~~shall not be readmitted to bail when the person previously failed to appear and a warrant for arrest was issued and not recalled or the previous bail undertaking has been revoked or forfeited.~~

~~(c)~~ ~~Any offense involving the possession or use of a firearm.~~
~~(d)~~ ~~Any sex offense as defined by R.S. 15:541.~~

~~(2)~~ If a person voluntarily appears without confinement by a law enforcement officer or bail recovery agent following a motion to revoke bail or issuance of an arrest warrant for failure to appear but prior to revocation or forfeiture, then he may be released only under one of the following circumstances:

~~(1)~~~~(a)~~ After a contradictory hearing, a person may be released on the previously posted bail undertaking if the motion to revoke bail is rescinded or the arrest warrant is recalled and the surety is present or represented at the hearing and gives written consent. Previous instances of revocation and forfeiture in unrelated cases are admissible at the hearing. This relief is available only once.

~~(2)~~~~(b)~~ A person may be released on a new bail undertaking without a

contradictory hearing only on bail with a commercial surety and in an amount higher than the original bail.

D. A convicted person shall be remanded to jail to await sentence, **and shall be remanded to custody after sentencing**, unless any of the following occur:

(1) He is allowed to remain free on a bail undertaking posted prior to conviction by operation of Article 331(A), and the bail previously fixed is in accordance with all of the applicable provisions of this Article **and other applicable law**.

(2) He is released by virtue of a bail undertaking posted after conviction, and the bail was fixed in accordance with this Article **and other applicable law. However, post conviction bail is not authorized pursuant to this Article when there is proof of a substantial risk that the person may flee or poses an imminent danger to any other person or the community, including when the court finds the convicted person is likely to commit other crimes while on bail and is therefore a danger to the community.**

G.(1)

(2)(a) After conviction of any crime punishable by imprisonment for twenty-five years or more that is ~~both either~~ a sex offense ~~and or~~ a crime of violence, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the release of the person convicted will pose a danger to another person or the community and that there is a substantial risk that the person convicted might flee.

(c) This Paragraph applies based on the cumulative maximum sentences for all crimes for which a person was convicted, provided that any crime for which the person has been convicted is a sex offense or crime of violence as defined in this Paragraph.

(d) This Paragraph also applies to any person who has been charged as a habitual offender pursuant to R.S. 15:529.1.

Art. 312.1. Revocation of bail upon subsequent felony arrest
A. If a defendant is admitted to bail for any crime of violence, any sex offense, or any crime involving the possession or use of a firearm, the bail for such offense shall be revoked upon any subsequent arrest for a felony offense that is not a part of the same transaction, occurrence, or criminal episode which resulted in the arrest that is the basis for the defendant's current admittance to bail.

B.(1) Prior to booking the defendant, the arresting agency shall conduct a prompt and diligent search to determine if the defendant is currently on bail for any crime of violence, any sex offense, or any crime involving the possession or use of a firearm.

(2) The arresting agency shall provide the court with the information described in Subparagraph (1) of this Paragraph, along with an updated criminal history with all other booking information, for the court to consider when determining the defendant's entitlement to bail, the amount of bail, and conditions of bail.

C. If the court determines that the defendant is currently on bail for any crime of violence, any sex offense, or any crime involving the possession or use of a firearm, the bail for such offense shall be revoked upon any subsequent arrest for a felony offense that is not a part of the same transaction, occurrence, or criminal episode which resulted in the arrest that is the basis for the defendant's current admittance to bail. The court shall enter an order revoking such prior bail, pending a bail hearing which may be invoked by the state or the defendant. Either party may seek supervisory review of the granting or denial of any order that revokes the defendant's prior admittance to bail.

D. For the purposes of this Article, the following terms have the following meanings:

(1) "Crime of violence" means any offense defined or enumerated as a crime of violence in R.S. 14:2(B).

(2) "Sex offense" means any offense that requires registration and notification pursuant to R.S. 15:540 et seq.

Art. 315. Schedules of bail

D. A bail schedule implemented by a district court shall fix the minimum bail amount for the following offenses, and any court that does not utilize a bail schedule shall not approve a bail undertaking that is less than the minimum amount specified for the following offenses:

(1) For possession of child sexual abuse materials, R.S. 14:81.1, fifty thousand dollars.

(2) For production of child sexual abuse materials, R.S. 14:81.1, one hundred thousand dollars.

Art. 316. Factors in fixing amount of bail
The amount of bail shall be fixed in an amount that will ensure the presence of the defendant, as required, and the safety of any other person and the community, having regard to:

(1) The seriousness of the offense charged, including but not limited to whether the offense is a crime of violence, **sex offense**, or involves a controlled dangerous substance.

(9) Whether a firearm or other dangerous weapon was possessed or used during the commission of the offense.

(10) Whether available resources exist within the jurisdiction to impose enforceable conditions that would help ensure the defendant's appearance and protect the community.

(11) The likelihood that the defendant, if released on bail, will continue to commit crimes resulting in harm to any person or the property of another.

(9)(12) Any other circumstances affecting the probability of defendant's appearance.

(10)(13) The type or form of bail.

Art. 318. Juvenile records in fixing bail
A. For the purpose of fixing bail, a court may make a written request of any juvenile court for an abstract containing ~~only the~~ **pending or adjudicated** delinquent acts of a defendant currently before the requesting court. ~~The request shall be promptly complied with; however, juvenile court shall promptly comply with the request; however,~~ not more than forty-eight hours, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, shall lapse before the requested information is deposited ~~in the mail, by means of an email address provided in the written request~~ addressed to the requesting court.

B. The requesting court shall ~~not copy, duplicate, or otherwise reproduce such juvenile records, and these shall be deposited in the mail and addressed to the issuing juvenile court within seventy-two hours, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, after bail is determined~~ **issue a protective order concerning the use of the juvenile abstract for the purposes of protecting the confidentiality of the abstract from any individual who is not involved in the relevant proceedings that concern the defendant who is currently before the requesting court.**

Art. 319. Modifications of bail
A. The court having trial jurisdiction over the offense charged, on its own motion or on motion of the prosecuting attorney or defendant, for good cause, may either increase or reduce, **subject to any minimum amount provided by law**, the amount of bail, or require new or additional security. For purposes of this Article, good cause for increase of bail specifically includes but is not limited to the rearrest of the defendant on offenses alleged to have been committed while out on a bail undertaking. The modification of any bail order wherein a bail undertaking has been posted by a criminal defendant and his sureties shall upon the modification terminate the liability of the defendant and his sureties under the previously existing bail undertaking. A new bail undertaking must be posted in the amount of the new bail order.

Art. 320. Conditions of bail undertaking

J.(1) Crimes of violence. Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph G of this Article and notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, if the defendant is alleged to have committed a crime of violence as defined in R.S. 14:2(B), the court shall require ~~as a condition~~ **the following conditions** of bail:

(a)(i) That the defendant refrain from going to the residence or household of the victim, the victim's school, and the victim's place of employment or otherwise contacting the victim in any manner whatsoever, and shall refrain from having any further contact with the victim. The court shall also require as a condition of bail that the defendant be prohibited from communicating, by electronic communication, in writing, or orally, with a victim of the offense, or with any of the victim's immediate family members.

(ii) This condition does not apply if the victim consents by way of a request to the court and the court issues an order permitting the communication. If an immediate family member of the victim consents by way of a request to the court and the court issues an order permitting the communication, then the defendant may contact that person.

(b) That the defendant, if equipped with a global positioning monitoring system, comply with the appropriate geographic restrictions, monitoring conditions, and enforcement provisions of R.S. 15:571.36, 571. 37, and 571.38.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 355

SENATE BILL NO. 105
BY SENATOR CATHEY AND REPRESENTATIVES ADAMS, AMEDEE, BAMBURG, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BROUSSARD, BUTLER, CARVER, CHASSION, COX, ECHOLS, FARNUM, HORTON, KERNER, KNOX, OWEN, SCHAMERHORN, SPELL, TAYLOR AND VILLIO
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.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. The introductory paragraph of R.S. 17:5029(E)(1) and 5029(E)(1)(d) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
§5029. Alternative initial eligibility requirements

E.(1) Notwithstanding the initial eligibility requirements established by this Chapter, effective for the 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023 academic years, an individual who was honorably discharged from a branch of the United States Armed Forces from a military installation in Louisiana shall be

eligible to receive a TOPS-Tech Award, provided he meets all of the following requirements:

(d) ~~Earned a 17 or higher score on the ACT or an equivalent concordant value on the SAT, or attained a silver level score or higher on the ACT WorkKeys system of assessments~~ **Provides a copy of the individual's Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, known as DD Form 214, to verify qualifying military service.**

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 356

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.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of Louisiana.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 40:1248.3(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
§1248.3. Applicability; multi-parish funding district

C.(1) If, by June 1, 2026, Calcasieu Parish fails to authorize a local hospital assessment payment pursuant to the provisions of this Subpart, the governing body of any municipality within the parish with a population of greater than sixty thousand shall have the authority to authorize a local hospital assessment payment. Institutional providers included in the assessment payment shall be limited to providers within the jurisdictional boundaries of the municipality.

(2) Solely for the purposes of compliance with this Subpart, any such municipality shall be treated as if it were a parish. All requirements that apply to a parish and its governing body shall equally apply to any such municipality and its governing body.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 357

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.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 15:1228 and 1228.5(4) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1228. Integrated Criminal Justice Information System Policy Board
The Integrated Criminal Justice Information System Policy Board, hereinafter known as “policy board”, is established under the jurisdiction of the Louisiana ~~Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice, office of the governor~~ **Supreme Court.**

§1228.5. Officers; meetings
The organization of the policy board shall be as follows:

(4) The Louisiana ~~Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice~~ **Supreme Court** shall provide to the policy board such clerical, professional, or technical staff as the policy board may require in the performance of its duties. The policy board, with the concurrence of the chief executive officer of the agency involved, may require additional personnel or technical assistance on a temporary basis from any unit of the executive branch of state government.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on

the day following such approval.
Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 358

SENATE BILL NO. 171
BY SENATOR PRESSLY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:5.1(A), 20(A) and (B), 84(A) and (B), 2351(A) and (B), 2352, 2353(B), 2354(A)(1), (B)(1) and (4), (D)(1), and (E)(1), 2355(A)(1) through (4), (B)(6) and (10), and (C), the introductory paragraph of 2356(A), 2356(A)(2), and (B)(2) and (5), and (C), 2358, 2359(B), (D)(2), and (E)(1)(a), and 2360(C) and to repeal R.S. 38:2353(D), relative to public works; to provide for realigning of agencies and responsibilities; to provide for the technical changes relative to the Department of Transportation and Development's members of the authority; to provide for Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 38:5.1(A), 20(A) and (B), 84(A) and (B), 2351(A) and (B), 2352, 2353(B), 2354(A)(1), (B)(1) and (4), (D)(1), and (E)(1), 2355(A)(1) through (4), (B)(6) and (10), and (C), the introductory paragraph of 2356(A), 2356(A)(2), and (B)(2) and (5), and (C), 2358, 2359(B), (D)(2), and (E)(1)(a), and 2360(C) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§5.1. Planning assistance to municipal and other planning agencies; federal grants

A. For the purpose of providing planning assistance to municipal, parish, regional and other planning agencies of the state of Louisiana in the solution of their planning problems, the Department of ~~Public Works, State of Louisiana, be and~~ **Transportation and Development**, is authorized to apply for and accept grants of money from the government of the United States or any federal agencies in connection with such assistance and, to this end, the ~~said~~ department may contract with the United States or ~~such~~ federal agencies for the acceptance of ~~such~~ grants including any requirement for matching ~~said~~ grants in whole or in part.

§20. Red River Compact Commission membership

A. There shall be two members appointed to represent the state of Louisiana on the Red River Compact Commission as required by Act No. 71 of the 1978 Regular Session of the Legislature. One member shall be the ~~chief engineer of the office of engineering of the Department of Transportation and Development~~ **secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development**, or his designee and one member shall be appointed by the governor, subject to Senate confirmation.

B. The member of the Red River Compact Commission appointed by the governor to represent the state as provided by Article IX of the Red River Compact contained in Act No. 71 of the 1978 Regular Session of the Legislature shall be entitled to receive a per diem allowance of fifty dollars for each day of a meeting of the administration or any of its committees actually attended by such member, to be paid out of funds available for the purpose by the ~~office of engineering of the Department of Transportation and Development~~ **secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development**, on his own warrant. In addition, ~~such~~ **the appointed** member of the administration shall be entitled to be reimbursed for expenses actually incurred in attending meetings of the administration or its committees, or in the transaction of any business of the administration, to be paid out of funds available for that purpose by the ~~office of engineering of the Department of Transportation and Development~~.

§84. Parishes and municipalities authorized to comply with federal flood insurance act

A. In order to secure for the citizens of the state of Louisiana the flood insurance coverage provided for by the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, 42 U.S.C. 4001 et seq., all of the parishes and municipalities of the state may adopt, in coordination with the ~~chief resilience officer~~ **such Department of Transportation and Development** ordinances, rules, and regulations, including zoning and land use regulations, as ~~are~~ necessary to comply with the requirements of ~~said the~~ Act and the regulations adopted ~~pursuant thereto~~ by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. For ~~upland~~ **noncoastal** areas of the state as defined in R.S. 38:2352, said ordinances, rules, and regulations shall also comply with any statewide floodplain management standards which may be established by the Coordinated Use of Resources for Recreation, Economy, Navigation, and Transportation Authority.

B. The ~~chief resilience officer~~ **Department of Transportation and Development** shall cooperate with the Federal Insurance Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the planning and carrying out of state participation in the National Flood Insurance Program and shall aid, advise, and cooperate with parishes and municipalities endeavoring to qualify for participation in said program.

§2351. Coordinated Use of Resources for Recreation, Economy, Navigation, and Transportation Authority; purpose and intent

A. The Coordinated Use of Resources for Recreation, Economy, Navigation, and Transportation Authority, referred to in this Chapter as the “authority”,

is hereby established as the single coordinating entity responsible for the prioritization, planning, and funding of projects related to flood control, **flood risk reduction, navigation, and water resource floodplain and watershed management** in all areas of the state not included within the coastal area as defined in R.S. 49:214.2.

B. The legislature declares that it is the public policy of the state to develop and implement, on a comprehensive and coordinated basis, an integrated plan that shall support and integrate the development and implementation of policies and initiatives for flood protection, infrastructure planning, and economic development in the ~~upland~~ **noncoastal** area. Consistent with this goal, it is the policy of this state to achieve a proper balance between development and conservation and encourage the use of state resources in responsible economic development of the area. The authority shall implement the policy within these areas ensuring the efficient and coordinated management of water resources within its jurisdiction, addressing issues related to ~~water quantity watershed management~~, flood risk mitigation, **floodplain management**, navigation, economic development, and recreation. It shall be the policy of the state within these areas that through the comprehensive and coordinated efforts and acting in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter, the authority shall exercise all powers necessary to plan, develop, and implement projects and programs consistent with the legislative intent expressed in this Chapter.

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§2352. Definitions

As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them:

(1) “Integrated” means the coordinated planning, funding, construction, and operation of flood control, **floodplain management**, navigation, recreation, ~~water watershed~~ management, and economic development projects to ensure efficient use of resources, minimize conflicts, and promote sustainable development.

(2) “~~Upland~~ **Noncoastal** area” means all land in the state of Louisiana that is not included within the coastal area as defined in R.S. 49:214.2.

(3) “~~Upland~~ **Noncoastal** parishes” means all parishes of the state, in whole or in part, that are not included within the coastal area as defined in R.S. 49:214.2. These areas are primarily affected by riverine flooding, watershed management, inland navigation, and flood control infrastructure rather than coastal erosion or sea level rise.

§2353. Coordinated Use of Resources for Recreation, Economy, Navigation, and Transportation Authority Board

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~~B.(1) The Coordinated Use of Resources for Recreation, Economy, Navigation, and Transportation Authority Board shall consist of no more than sixteen members, selected by the governor, representing the following:~~

- ~~(a) The Red River Waterway District, nominated by the commission.~~
- ~~(b) The office of multimodal commerce. The commissioner shall serve until, or without, express gubernatorial designation of an alternative.~~
- ~~(c) Statewide flood protection. The chief resiliency officer shall serve until, or without, express gubernatorial designation of an alternative.~~
- ~~(d) Louisiana Economic Development. The secretary of the department shall serve until, or without, express gubernatorial designation of an alternative.~~
- ~~(e) The North Louisiana Economic Partnership. The executive director shall serve until, or without, express gubernatorial designation of an alternative.~~
- ~~(f) The Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. The lieutenant governor shall serve until, or without, express gubernatorial designation of an alternative.~~

- ~~(g) Ports, located within the upland parishes, whole or in part.~~
- ~~(h) A levee board located within the upland parishes, whole or in part.~~
- ~~(i) Duly elected members of the executive branch of local government located within the upland parishes, whole or in part.~~
- ~~(j) The Department of Agriculture and Forestry. The commissioner shall serve until, or without, express gubernatorial designation of an alternative.~~
- ~~(k) Industry operating and located within the upland parishes, whole or in part. The executive directors of the Red River Valley Association and Ouachita River Valley Association, shall serve until, or without, express gubernatorial designation of an alternative.~~
- ~~(l) The Tensas Basin Levee District, nominated by the Tensas Basin Levee District.~~

~~(2) The board shall not consist of more than two port directors and no more than two levee boards.~~

B.(1) The Coordinated Use of Resources for Recreation, Economy, Navigation, and Transportation Authority Board also known as “C.U.R.R.E.N.T.” shall consist of sixteen members as follows:

- (a) The lieutenant governor, or his designee, shall serve as representative of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.**
- (b) The commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, or his designee.**
- (c) A member appointed by the governor who shall serve as chairman of the board.**
- (d) The executive director of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board pursuant to R.S. 49:214.5.1, or the gubernatorial designee for this appointee shall be a nonvoting member.**
- (e) The commissioner of the office of multimodal commerce, Department of Transportation and Development.**
- (f) Statewide flood protection chief resiliency officer.**
- (g) A duly elected member of the executive branch of local government located**

within the noncoastal parishes, whole or in part.

(h) Two members from levee districts located within the noncoastal parishes, whole or in part.

- (i) A member nominated from Tensas Basin Levee District.**
- (j) A member of the Red River Waterway District, nominated by the commission.**
- (k) The executive director of the Red River Valley Association.**
- (l) The executive director of Ouachita River Valley Association.**
- (m) The executive director of the North Louisiana Economic Partnership.**
- (n) Two members from ports located within the noncoastal parishes, whole or in part.**

(2) The members appointed pursuant to Paragraph (1)(c) through (n) of this Subsection shall be appointed by the governor and serve as members of the board unless express gubernatorial designation of an alternative and shall be subject to Senate confirmation.

(3) The board shall consist of no more than two representatives from ports and no more than three representatives from levee districts.

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§2354. Master and annual plans; development; priorities

A.(1) The board shall, in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section, develop a master plan and an annual plan for protecting, conserving, enhancing, and developing the area outside the coastal ~~zone~~ **area** through the construction and management of integrated projects and programs, including privately funded projects or plans, and addressing those activities that significantly affect such projects, all consistent with the legislative intent as expressed in this Chapter, and which plan shall be subject to the approval of the legislature as provided in Subsections B and E of this Section. In addition, the board, in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section including legislative approval, shall review, revise, and amend the master plan when necessary or, at a minimum, every six years.

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B. The board shall develop the master and annual plans in accordance with the following procedure:

(1) The board shall conduct not less than three public hearings in separate locations in the ~~upland~~ **noncoastal** parishes for the purpose of receiving comments and recommendations from the public and elected officials. All public hearings must be held at least sixty days prior to the submission of the plans to the legislature.

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(4) At least seven days prior to each hearing the board shall publish a notice of the hearing in the official journal of each parish within the area of the hearing. The notice of a hearing shall have been published in the official journal of each parish in the ~~upland~~ **noncoastal** area prior to the final scheduled public hearing. The board may provide for additional public hearings when necessary upon at least three days notice published in the official journal of the parishes in the area of the hearing and written notice to the parish governing authorities.

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D.(1) Where feasible, the master plan shall include scientific data and other reasons, including but not limited to the social, geographic, economic, engineering, and biological considerations as to why each project or program was selected for inclusion. Specifically, an explanation shall be included as to how each project or program advances the plan objectives with respect to the protection, conservation, enhancement, and development of the ~~upland~~ **noncoastal** area.

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E.(1) After adoption by the board, the master plan shall be submitted to the ~~House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works and the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works for approval.~~ In addition, the annual plan shall be submitted to the ~~House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works and the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works on or before the fifteenth day of the regular legislative session of each year.~~ The committees shall take action on the annual plan on or before June first of each calendar year.

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§2355. Functions and responsibilities; Coordinated Use of Resources for Recreation, Economy, Navigation, and Transportation Authority Board

A. The board shall:

(1) Represent the state’s position on policy relative to the protection, conservation, enhancement, and management of the ~~upland~~ **noncoastal** area of the state through oversight of integrated projects and programs and by addressing activities which could significantly affect integrated projects and programs, all consistent with the legislative intent as expressed in this Title.

(2) Develop, coordinate, make reports on, and provide oversight for a comprehensive ~~upland~~ **noncoastal** area master plan and annual plans, working in conjunction with state agencies, political subdivisions, including flood protection authorities, levee districts, and federal agencies. The master plan shall include a comprehensive strategy addressing the protection, conservation, enhancement, and management of the upland area through the construction and management of integrated projects and programs, all consistent with the legislative intent as expressed in this Chapter. The annual plan shall be developed as the annual implementation of the comprehensive master plan and shall be submitted to the legislature for approval as set forth in R.S. 38:2354. The annual plan shall include a description and status

of all projects and programs pertaining to the authority’s mission, including privately funded projects or plans, and addressing those activities which significantly affect projects set forth in the plan, all consistent with the legislative intent as expressed in this Title.

~~(3) Submit to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works and the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works the integrated plans developed pursuant to R.S. 38:2354. Upon approval of the plans by the legislative committees and prior to implementation of the plans, in whole or in part, the plans shall be approved by the legislature as provided in R.S. 38:2354(E).~~

(4) Develop procedures in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act and take actions against any entity, including political subdivisions, to enforce compliance with the comprehensive master **upland noncoastal** area plan. Such procedures and actions may include but are not limited to determinations of noncompliance; appeal from such determinations; the taking of administrative action, including the withholding of funds; and civil action, including the seeking of injunctive relief, or any other remedy necessary to ensure compliance with the plan.

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B. The board may:

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(6) Approve all requests for programs and projects in the **upland noncoastal** area, insofar as such requests are for funds to be appropriated from the funds available to the authority.

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(10) Enter into any agreement with a parish governing authority located wholly or partially within the coastal area but which is not part of a levee district for the construction, operation, maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of any **upland noncoastal** protection, conservation and restoration, hurricane protection, infrastructure, storm damage reduction, integrated coastal protection, or flood control project. The board shall have the power to provide in the agreement for the use and exercise by the parish governing authority of all powers of levee districts or levee and drainage districts.

C. Approval by the board shall be required for any request by a state agency or department for any funds to finance research, programs, mitigation, or projects involving integrated protection, including hurricane protection or the conservation and restoration, of **upland noncoastal** areas. However, this Subsection shall not affect self-generated or dedicated funds.

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§2356. Coordinated Use of Resources for Recreation, Economy, Navigation, and Transportation Authority

A. The Coordinated Use of Resources for Recreation, Economy, Navigation, and Transportation Authority is hereby created within the ~~office of public works~~ **Department of Transportation and Development**. The authority shall:

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~~(2) Serve as the implementation arm of the Statewide Flood Control Program in R.S. 38:90.1 et seq., and for other functions of the department outside of the coastal area. The authority shall be~~ Be directed by the policy set by the Coordinated Use of Resources for Recreation, Economy, Navigation, and Transportation Authority Board.

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(2) The governor may appoint an executive director of the Coordinated Use of Resources for Recreation, Economy, Navigation, and Transportation Authority. In the event an executive director is not appointed, the ~~director of public works~~ **secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development, or his designee**, may serve as the executive director of the Coordinated Use of Resources for Recreation, Economy, Navigation, and Transportation Authority.

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(5) The executive director, or in his discretion a subordinate or subordinates, shall administer the programs, projects, and activities approved for funding by the Coordinated Use of Resources for Recreation, Economy, Navigation, and Transportation Authority Board relating to and affecting an integrated **upland noncoastal** system, including conservation, restoration, creation, and enhancement of **upland noncoastal** areas, storm damage reduction, flood control, infrastructure, economic development, and navigation in Louisiana’s **uplands area noncoastal areas** as provided by law and as provided in the master and annual plans, and other special programs as may be directed by the board.

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C. Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to diminish or impair the constitutional, statutory, or contractual authority of any levee district, drainage district, navigation district, or port commission operating within the **upland noncoastal** area. The authority shall coordinate with such entities to the greatest extent practicable.

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§2358. Interaction with Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority

The Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority and the Coordinated Use of Resources for Recreation, Economy, Navigation, and Transportation Authority shall jointly develop integrated flood protection strategies. The Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority shall remain responsible for

its functions and responsibilities as defined in R.S. 49:214.5.1 et seq. The Coordinated Use of Resources for Recreation, Economy, Navigation, and Transportation Authority shall oversee riverine flood management, inland navigation, and ~~water resource~~ **flood control** infrastructure within the ~~upland noncoastal~~ area as defined in R.S. 38:2352 and as consistent with this Chapter.

§2359. Functions and responsibilities; Coordinated Use of Resources for Recreation, Economy, Navigation, and Transportation Authority

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B. The authority shall implement projects in the ~~upland noncoastal~~ area as approved by the board and consistent with the legislative intent of this Chapter. However, no project shall be undertaken except those included in an annual plan finally approved by the legislature in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 38:2354, regardless of the source of funds for the project, except in cases of projects undertaken and financed out of the emergency fund, established in the annual plan. An emergency for which such fund shall be used shall be defined by the Coordinated Use of Resources for Recreation, Economy, Navigation, and Transportation Authority Board and all funds shall be spent only in accord with procedures established by the authority board for such fund. All projects undertaken pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter shall be either funded through the Statewide Flood Program, the state general fund, or other sources of funding available to the authority, including but not limited to direct federal aid, grants, gifts, and other donations received by the state for the purposes of this Chapter.

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D. The authority may:

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(2) Acquire by purchase, donation, or otherwise any land rights needed for integrated **upland noncoastal** area projects and other property required for the operation of the projects that are to be owned and operated by the office or political subdivision of the state; provided, that any property acquired for any project may reserve the minerals to the landowners, whether private or public, in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 31:149.

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E.(1) The board or the authority shall be authorized to solely utilize the science and technology capacity of Louisiana universities, the water institute, and other institutes within the state to enhance programs, projects, and activities for the following purposes:

(a) To identify any uncertainty related to the physical, chemical, geological, biological, or cultural baseline conditions in the **upland noncoastal** area.

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§2360. Infrastructure priority program; applications; evaluations

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C. The applications submitted by agencies shall be evaluated by the board which shall hold no less than three public hearings in separate locations within the **upland noncoastal** area for the purpose of receiving public testimony and comment from requesting authorities and citizens regarding the proposed infrastructure projects. Such hearings may be held at the same time and location as hearings set for public comment on the annual plan. The authority shall prioritize and rank such applications. The authority shall provide its application evaluations to the board.

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Section 2. R.S. 38:2353(D) is hereby repealed.
Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 359

SENATE BILL NO. 172
BY SENATOR LUNEAU
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:113(A) and (B), relative to the development of parishes and municipalities; to provide relative to planning commissions; to provide relative to the administrative procedures for approving plats by planning commissions; to provide relative to exceptions for certain municipalities; to provide relative to certain requirements or restrictions for approval of plats; to provide relative to the waiver of a public hearing in certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 33:113(A) and (B) are hereby enacted to read as follows:
§113. Procedure; legal effect of approval of plat
A. A planning commission shall approve or disapprove a plat within sixty days after the submission thereof to it; otherwise ~~such the~~ plat shall be deemed to have been approved, and a certificate to that effect shall be issued by ~~such the~~ commission on demand. The applicant for a commission’s approval may, however, waive this requirement and consent to an extension of ~~such the~~ period. The ground of disapproval of any plat shall be stated upon the records of ~~such the~~ commission. Any plat submitted to ~~such the~~ commission shall contain the name and address of a person to whom notice of a hearing shall be sent; and no plat shall be acted on by ~~such the~~ commission without affording a hearing thereon. Notice shall be sent to the said address by certified mail of the time and place of ~~such the~~ hearing not less than five days before the date fixed therefor. A planning commission shall give notice of ~~such the~~ hearings, including the purpose, time, and place, by at least one

publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the area surrounding the proposed subdivision, not less than five days prior to the hearing date; provided, however, ~~that in parishes or municipalities with a population in excess of one hundred fifty thousand~~, the public hearing may be waived by the planning commission or planning authority for subdivisions creating five or less lots not involving the creation of any new streets, and provided further that the provisions in ~~such the~~ waivers shall be clearly set forth in the official subdivision regulations. Every plat approved by a planning commission shall, by virtue of ~~such the~~ approval, be deemed to be an amendment of or an addition to or a detail of the official plan and a part thereof. Approval of a plat shall not be deemed to constitute or effect an acceptance by the public of any street or other open space shown upon the plat. A planning commission may, from time to time, recommend to the local legislative body amendments to the zoning ordinance or map or additions thereto to conform to ~~such the~~ commission's recommendations for the zoning regulation of the territory comprised within approved subdivisions.

B. In the case of a parish planning commission, ~~such the~~ requirements or restrictions shall be stated upon the plat prior to the approval and recording thereof and shall have the same force of law and be enforceable in the same manner and with the same sanctions and penalties and subject to the same power of amendment or repeal as though set out as a part of a zoning ordinance or map.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 360

SENATE BILL NO. 192
BY SENATOR FOIL
AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 22:1157(D)(2) and to enact R.S. 22:1157(A)(6) and (D)(2)(c) and (4), relative to the method of dental reimbursement or payments; to provide for definitions; to provide for payment of dental insurance claims to a provider; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. The introductory paragraph of R.S. 22:1157(D)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 22:1157(A)(6) and (D)(2)(c) and (4) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1157. Dental reimbursement or payments
A. As used in this Section, the following definitions shall apply:

(6) “Express acceptance” means a clear and direct agreement to a selected payment method, signifying acceptance of the payment method without any ambiguity or implied actions. Express acceptance may be given electronically, and can include an electronic or digital signature or by checking a box indicating express acceptance and acceptance of a selected payment method.

D.(1)
(2) If initiating or changing payments to a dentist using electronic funds transfers or credit card payments, a dental plan shall do ~~both~~ all of the following:

(c) Obtain from the provider or a designee of the provider an election, through express acceptance, to accept a payment of the claim using the credit card or electronic funds transfer payment methodology.

(4) Violation of the express acceptance required as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection nullifies any election on claim payment methodology until such time as a new express agreement is executed.

Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall become operative on January 1, 2027, and apply to any policy, contract, program, or dental coverage plan issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2027. Any policy, contract, or dental coverage plan in effect prior to January 1, 2027, shall convert to conform to the provisions of this Act no later than January 1, 2028.

Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor, or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 361

SENATE BILL NO. 199
BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 14:82.2(C)(2) and R.S. 15:541(24)(a), relative to offenses concerning prostitution; to impose a mandatory minimum sentence for a second offense of purchase of commercial sexual activity; to require registration as a sex offender under certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 14:82.2(C)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§82.2. Purchase of commercial sexual activity; penalties
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C.(1)

(2) On a second conviction, the offender shall be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not less than six months nor more than two years, with not less than six months being served without the benefit of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence, and in addition may be fined not less than one thousand five hundred dollars nor more than two thousand dollars ~~or be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than two years, or both, and one-half~~ One-half of the fines collected shall be distributed in accordance with R.S. 15:539.4.

Section 2. R.S. 15:541(24)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
§541. Definitions

For the purposes of this Chapter, the definitions of terms in this Section shall apply:

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(24)(a) “Sex offense” means deferred adjudication, adjudication withheld, or conviction for the perpetration or attempted perpetration of or conspiracy to commit human trafficking when prosecuted under the provisions of R.S. 14:46.2(B)(2), R.S. 14:46.3 (trafficking of children for sexual purposes), R.S. 14:89 (crime against nature), R.S. 14:89.1 (aggravated crime against nature), R.S. 14:89.2(B)(3) (crime against nature by solicitation), R.S. 14:80 (felony carnal knowledge of a juvenile), R.S. 14:81 (indecent behavior with juveniles), R.S. 14:81.1 (pornography involving juveniles) which occurred prior to August 1, 2025, R.S. 14:81.2 (molestation of a juvenile or a person with a physical or mental disability), R.S. 14:81.3 (computer-aided solicitation of a minor), R.S. 14:81.4 (prohibited sexual conduct between an educator and student), R.S. 14:82.1 (prostitution; persons under eighteen), R.S. 14:82.2(C)(~~2~~), (4), or (5) (purchase of commercial sexual activity), R.S. 14:83(B)(2) or (3) (soliciting for prostitutes), R.S. 14:92(A)(7) (contributing to the delinquency of juveniles), R.S. 14:93.5 (sexual battery of persons with infirmities), R.S. 14:106(A)(5) (obscenity by solicitation of a person under the age of seventeen), R.S. 14:283 (video voyeurism), R.S. 14:41 (rape), R.S. 14:42 (aggravated or first degree rape), R.S. 14:42.1 (forcible or second degree rape), R.S. 14:43 (simple or third degree rape), R.S. 14:43.1 (sexual battery), R.S. 14:43.2 (second degree sexual battery), R.S. 14:43.3 (oral sexual battery), R.S. 14:43.5 (intentional exposure to HIV), a second or subsequent conviction of R.S. 14:283.1 (voyeurism), or a second or subsequent conviction of R.S. 14:89.3 (sexual abuse of an animal), committed on or after June 18, 1992, or committed prior to June 18, 1992, if the person, as a result of the offense, is under the custody of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections on or after June 18, 1992. A conviction for any offense provided in this definition includes a conviction for the offense under the laws of another state, or military, territorial, foreign, tribal, or federal law which is equivalent to an offense provided for in this Chapter, unless the tribal court or foreign conviction was not obtained with sufficient safeguards for fundamental fairness and due process for the accused as provided by the federal guidelines adopted pursuant to the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006.

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Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 362

SENATE BILL NO. 204
BY SENATOR LAMBERT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact the heading of R.S. 56:305 and to repeal R.S. 56:305(C)(2), relative to commercial fishing gear; to provide for nonresident commercial gear licenses; to provide for prohibitions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. The heading of R.S. 56:305 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§305. Commercial gear license; ~~issuance to certain nonresidents prohibited;~~ moratorium on certain new gear licenses; renewals
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Section 2. R.S. 56:305(C)(2) is hereby repealed.
Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 363

SENATE BILL NO. 205
BY SENATOR HENSGENS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 34:851.19 and 851.22(A), relative to boat registrations; to provide for vessel certificate numbers; to provide for motorboats, houseboats, and sailboats; to provide for approved numbering systems; to provide for documented vessels; to provide for federal documentation and marking of vessels; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 34:851.19 and 851.22(A) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§851.19. Operation of unnumbered motorboats, houseboats, or sailboats prohibited; exception

Every **undocumented** motorboat, houseboat, or sailboat operated on the waters of this state shall be numbered. No person shall operate or give permission for the operation of any motorboat, houseboat, or sailboat on such waters unless the motorboat, houseboat, or sailboat is numbered in accordance with this Part or in accordance with applicable federal law or in accordance with a federally approved numbering system of another state, and unless the certificate of number awarded to the motorboat, houseboat, or sailboat is in full force and effect, and the identifying number set forth in the certificate of number is displayed on each side of the bow of the motorboat, houseboat, or sailboat as provided in this Part.

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§851.22. Exemption from numbering system

A. A motorboat shall not be required to be numbered under this Part if it is:

(1) Already covered by a number in full force and effect which has been awarded to it pursuant to federal law or,

(2) **Already covered by** a federally approved numbering system of another state; however, such boat shall not have been within this state for a period in excess of ninety consecutive days.

(2) (3) A motorboat from a country other than the United States temporarily using the waters of this state.

(3) (4) A public vessel of the United States, a state, or a subdivision thereof.

(4) (5) A ship's lifeboat.

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Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 364

SENATE BILL NO. 207
BY SENATOR MIGUEZ
AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of Code of Criminal Procedure Arts. 572(A) and 573 and to enact Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 571.2, relative to limitations on institution of prosecution; to provide relative to elected officials and public employees; to extend the time limitation on prosecution for certain crimes committed by elected officials and public employees; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. The introductory paragraph of Code of Criminal Procedure Arts. 572(A) and 573 are hereby amended and reenacted and Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 571.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

Art. 571.2. Time limitation for certain offenses committed by elected officials or public employees

Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 572, the time limitation for the institution of prosecution of an elected official or a public employee for the following offenses when the offense was committed during the official's term in office or the public employee's period of public employment shall be ten years after the official's term of office during which the offense was committed ends or the official otherwise leaves or vacates the office, whichever is sooner, or ten years after the public employee's employment during which the offense was committed terminates:

(1) **Abuse of office, R.S. 14:134.3.**

(2) **Bribery of a candidate, R.S. 18:1469.**

(3) **Bribery of voters, R.S. 18:1461.**

(4) **Corrupt influencing, R.S. 14:120.**

(5) **Malfeasance in office, R.S. 14:134.**

(6) **Public bribery, R.S. 14:118.**

Art. 572. Limitation of prosecution of noncapital offenses

A. Except as provided in Articles 571 and , 571.1, or 571.2, no person shall be prosecuted, tried, or punished for an offense not punishable by death or life imprisonment, unless the prosecution is instituted within the following periods of time after the offense has been committed:

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Art. 573. Running of time limitations; exception

The time limitations established by Article 572 shall not commence to run as to the following offenses until the relationship or status involved has

ceased to exist when:

(1) **The Except as provided in Article 571.2, the** offense charged is based on the misappropriation of any money or thing of value by one who, by virtue of his office, employment, or fiduciary relationship, has been entrusted therewith or has control thereof.

(2) The offense charged is extortion (**R.S. 14:66**) or false accounting (**R.S. 14:70**) committed by a public officer or employee in his official capacity.

(3) ~~The offense charged is public bribery.~~

(4) The offense charged is a felony crime of violence as defined in R.S. 14:2(B) or cruelty to juveniles as defined in R.S. 14:93 and the victim is under eighteen years of age, unless a longer period of limitation is established by Article 571.1 or any other provision of law.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 365

SENATE BILL NO. 213
BY SENATOR HENSGENS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 34:852.3 and 852.4(A), relative to vessel and motor titling; to provide for titling requirements for certain vessels and outboard motors; to provide for exceptions and limitations; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 34:852.3 and 852.4(A) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§852.3. Certificate of title **authorized**

A. Any person who purchases or possesses ~~either of the following~~ **any vessel or outboard motor** to be principally operated on the waters of this state and not held as inventory for sale or lease may apply to the department for a certificate of title ~~for the following:~~

~~(1) A vessel valued in excess of two thousand five hundred dollars and required to be numbered and transferred for the first time on or after July 1, 2008.~~

~~(2) An outboard motor transferred for the first time on or after January 1, 2011.~~

B. **Any vessel valued in excess of five thousand dollars and required to be numbered or any outboard motor that is purchased or otherwise transferred on or after January 1, 2027, shall be titled in accordance with this Part.**

C. A person who is the owner of a vessel with a valid certificate of documentation issued by the United States Coast Guard shall not be issued a certificate of title.

§852.4. Application for certificate of title; form; content

A. ~~An~~ **For vessels and outboard motors that are required to be titled pursuant to R.S. 34:852.3(B), application for a certificate of title may shall be made by the owner within sixty days after acquiring the vessel or outboard motor or after a change in the data listed on the certificate of title. For all other vessels and outboard motors, the application for a certificate of title may be made by the owner at any time.** The application shall be on forms prescribed and furnished by the department.

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Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 366

SENATE BILL NO. 214
BY SENATOR HENSGENS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact the heading of Part I of Chapter 13 of Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and to enact R.S. 38:2502, relative to emergency preparedness; to provide for limitation of liability; to provide actions taken to reduce water levels; to provide for applicability, terms, and limitations; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. The heading of Part I of Chapter 13 of Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 38:2502 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

PART I. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION GENERAL PROVISIONS

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§2502. Limitation of liability for flood mitigation preparations

A.(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, no political subdivision created pursuant to this Chapter and authorized to establish, construct, operate, and maintain freshwater systems, nor any officer, employee, or agent thereof, shall be liable for any damage caused by or resulting from any act or omission in reducing or ceasing pumping operations or operating water control structures for the purpose of lowering water levels pursuant to an operational plan implemented in preparation for a weather event forecasted

by the National Weather Service or the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

(2) The limitation of liability provided in this Section shall not apply to acts or omissions constituting gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.

B. The provisions of this Section shall apply only to a political subdivision whose territorial jurisdiction encompasses four parishes, at least one of which has a population of not less than one hundred forty-five thousand and not more than three hundred fifty thousand persons according to the most recent federal decennial census.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 367

SENATE BILL NO. 216
BY SENATOR WHEAT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:111(B), relative to medical pronouncement of death; to provide relative to the information received from certain authorized personnel; to provide relative to licensed practical nurses; to authorize a coroner to make a medical pronouncement of death based on information received from licensed practical nurses in certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 9:111(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
§111. Definition of death

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B. The medical pronouncement of death by a coroner may also be based on personal observation, information, or statements obtained from coroner investigators, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, physician assistants, or emergency medical technicians at the scene who are reporting from firsthand observation of the physical condition of the deceased. The time of death shall be reported as the time that the death was reported or discovered. The name of the personnel that the coroner is relying on shall be noted on the coroner's investigative report.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 368

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.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 36:251(C)(1), 254(B)(1)(a)(i), 257(A), and 258(A) and (B) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 36:253.1, 258(N), and 258.1 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§251. Louisiana Department of Health; creation; domicile; composition; purpose and functions

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C.(1) The Louisiana Department of Health shall be composed of the executive office of the secretary, the office of the surgeon general, the office of management and finance, the office of public health, the office of behavioral health, the office for citizens with developmental disabilities, the office of aging and adult services, the office on women's health and community health, the office of health and nutrition, and such other offices as shall be created by law.

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§253.1. Executive office of the secretary; certain offices

A. The provisions of this Section shall apply to the following offices within the Louisiana Department of Health:

(1) The executive office of the secretary.

(2) The office of health and nutrition.

B. The offices shall be under the direct supervision, direction, and control of the secretary.

C. The duties and functions of these offices shall be determined by the secretary and shall be exercised under the direct supervision and control of the secretary.

§254. Powers and duties of the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health

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B. The secretary shall have authority to:

(1)(a) Except as otherwise specifically provided in R.S. 36:801 and 803:

(i) Employ, appoint, remove, assign, and promote such personnel as is necessary for the efficient administration of the executive office of the secretary and the office of health and nutrition and the performance of its the offices' powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities and such other personnel, who are not assigned to an office, as may be necessary for the efficient administration of the department and for the performance of the responsibilities, powers, duties, and functions of agencies transferred to it.

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§257. Assistant secretaries

A. Each office within the Louisiana Department of Health, except the executive office of the secretary, the office of management and finance, the office of health and nutrition, and the office of the surgeon general, shall be under the immediate supervision and direction of an assistant secretary, who shall be appointed by the governor with consent of the Senate. Each shall serve at the pleasure of the governor and shall be paid a salary which shall be fixed by the governor, which salary shall not exceed the amount approved for such position by the legislature while in session.

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§258. Offices; purposes and functions

A. The purposes for which the offices of the Louisiana Department of Health, other than the executive office of the secretary and the office of management and finance, are created shall be set forth in this Section.

B. The office of public health shall perform the functions of the state which relate to the general health of the people of the state, including but not limited to responsibility for the preparation and supervision of the Sanitary Code, local health units, sewage treatment and disposal within the state, ~~physical fitness, supplemental food programs for women, infants, and children~~, emergency medical services, and related functions affecting the public health. It shall also perform those functions of the state provided by law relating to environmental quality and pollution control which are related to the public health and which are specifically assigned to the department, including but not limited to functions relating to the treatment and disposal of sewage within the state, with the exception of those functions assigned by law to the Department of Environmental Quality including; but not limited to; the licensing of sewage sludge transporters or haulers.

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N. The office of health and nutrition shall be responsible for leading and coordinating efforts within the Louisiana Department of Health that are intended to promote health and nutrition, healthcare access, preventative healthcare 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.

§258.1. Office of health and nutrition

A. The department shall have an executive director for the office of health and nutrition that reports directly to the secretary.

B. The office of health and nutrition shall be responsible for:

(1) Leading and coordinating the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP).

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

(3) Leading and coordinating department initiatives that include addressing health and nutrition, healthcare access, preventative healthcare services, and chronic disease prevention and management programs.

(4) Coordinating with the office of aging and adult services 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.

Section 2. R.S. 46:450.3(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§450.3. WIC participants; homeless

A. The office of ~~public health~~ health and nutrition within the Louisiana Department of Health shall adopt rules and regulations for the WIC program in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to provide nonperishable food items to women and children. Such rules shall provide for the distribution of WIC vouchers, in small quantities on a frequent basis, for food items that do not require refrigeration or storage to eligible WIC participants that have been identified by qualified organizations as being homeless. Such rules shall comply with requirements of federal laws and regulations in order to ensure receipt of federal funding for the program.

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Section 3. The Louisiana Department of Health is authorized to transfer funding and positions within the department to establish and implement the office of health and nutrition.

Section 4. This Act shall become effective on October 1, 2026.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 369

SENATE BILL NO. 220
BY SENATOR TALBOT

AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 43:24(C) and Section 5 of Act No. 374 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to the Official Journal of the State; to provide for a technical correction; to provide relative to the effectiveness of certain prior Acts of the Legislature; and to provide for related matters.
Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 43:24(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
§24. Acts; numbering; printing; publication

C. The secretary of state shall take all necessary actions to cause transmit the acts and joint resolutions of the legislature to be made accessible on the Internet website or portal of the Official Journal of the State within the time limits established by R.S. 43:81.

Section 2. Section 5 of Act No. 374 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
Section 5. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2027 ~~2028~~.
Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 370

SENATE BILL NO. 221
BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX AND REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1132, relative to ambulance providers; to provide for definitions; to provide for Medicaid coverage of certain services; to provide for reimbursement rates; to provide for rulemaking; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 40:1132 is hereby enacted to read as follows:
§1132. Ambulance provider treatment-in-place services; medical assistance program

A. As used in this Section, the following definitions apply unless otherwise indicated:

(1) “911 call” means a communication made on behalf of a beneficiary indicating that the beneficiary may need emergency medical services.

(2) “Ambulance provider” means an ambulance provider as defined in R.S. 40:1131. For purposes of this Section, “ambulance provider” does not include an air ambulance provider.

(3) “Beneficiary” means a person who is entitled to receive covered healthcare services under the terms of the medical assistance program.

(4) “Medical assistance program” means the medical assistance program provided for in Title XIX of the Social Security Act as administered by the Louisiana Department of Health.

(5) “Qualified medical practitioner” means a licensed physician, nurse practitioner, or physician’s assistant.

(6) “Treatment-in-place service” means an encounter between an ambulance provider and beneficiary which takes place in response to a 911 call where an assessment or treatment is provided by the ambulance provider to the beneficiary but transport of the beneficiary is not performed.

B. Treatment-in-place services, as provided for by this Section, shall be a covered service under the medical assistance program.

C. Initiation and facilitation of treatment-in-place services may be performed by ambulance providers on site to beneficiaries, with no transport, and may include the use of audio and video telecommunication systems that permit real-time communication between the ambulance provider and a qualified medical practitioner. However, audio and video telecommunications between the ambulance provider and a qualified medical practitioner shall not be required in order for the ambulance provider to be reimbursed for treatment-in-place services by the medical assistance program.

D. Treatment-in-place services shall only be provided in accordance with the ambulance provider’s medical direction and established protocols. Any medical assessment or services rendered by EMS practitioners shall be consistent with the practitioner’s scope of practice.

E. All treatment-in-place services provided by ambulance providers during the initiation and facilitation of the treatment-in-place encounter shall be covered at the associated basic life support, emergency base rate, or the advanced life support, Level I emergency base rate provided for in the Medicaid fee schedule, depending on level of response and services rendered.

F. The Louisiana Department of Health shall promulgate rules and regulations as necessary for the implementation of the provisions of this Section.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 371

SENATE BILL NO. 229
BY SENATOR BASS

AN ACT
To authorize and provide for the transfer of certain state property; to authorize the transfer of state property in Bossier Parish; to provide for the property description; to provide for reservation of mineral rights; to provide terms and conditions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. The Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and the commissioner of administration, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, are hereby authorized and empowered to convey, transfer, assign, lease, or deliver any interest, excluding mineral rights, the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and the commissioner of administration may have to all or any portion of the following described parcels of property in Bossier Parish:

Alden Plantation in Bossier Parish, Louisiana, described as Sections 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 in Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, more particularly described as follows:

The Southeast Quarter; the South half of the Northeast Quarter lying South of the North Right of Way line of U.S. Highway 80; and the West Half lying South of the North Right of Way line of U.S. Highway 80, all in Section 17; and

All of Section 18 lying South of the centerline of U.S. Highway 80; and

A tract located in Sections 18 and 19, described as follows: begin at a point in the Southwest Quarter of Section 1R, which point is 2014.94 feet North and 181.00 feet East of the Southwest corner of Section 19; run thence North parallel to the West Section line of Section 19, to a point on a line located 30.00 feet South of the center line of Old Dixie Overland Highway as the said highway existed on March 4, 1918; run thence northeasterly on the line located 30.00 feet South of the center line of the Old Dixie Overland Highway as it existed on March 4, 1918, to the East section line of Section 18; run thence South on the East section line of Sections 18 and 1R to the point where the East section line of Section 19 intersects the north right of way line of the V.S.&P. Railroad; run thence southwesterly along the North right of way line of the V.S.& P. Railroad to a point located 502.20 feet West of Mile Post No. 162 on the V.S.& P. Railroad, which point is also located 2109.95 feet East and 680.17 feet North of the Southwest corner of Section 19; run thence North a distance of 2730.07 feet along a line parallel to the West section line of Section 19 to a point in the center of Alligator Bayou; run thence South 87 degrees 22 minutes West 210.90 feet; run thence South 58 degrees 15 minutes West 350.00 feet; run thence North 74 degrees 30 minutes West 469.26 feet to a point on the center line of Alligator Bayou; run thence South 965.40 feet on a line parallel to the West section line of Section 19, to a concrete monument; and run thence South 69 degrees 35 minutes West 1033.30 feet to the point of beginning; and

All of Section 20 lying North of the North right of way line of the V.S. & P. Railroad Company; and

All of Section 21 lying South and West of Red Chute Bayou, to the centerline of said Bayou, and North of the North right of way line of the V.S. & P. Railroad; and all that part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 21 lying North and East of Red Chute Bayou, to the centerline of said Bayou, less the North 431.00 feet thereof; and the Northwest Quarter of the northeast Quarter of Section 21, less two (2.00) acres in the Southwest corner sold by A. M. O’Neal to Red Chute Baptist Church of Bossier, by deed dated January 7, 1921, recorded in Book 55, page 257, records of Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

Being the same property described in that certain Credit Sale Deed, dated July 31, 1958, by and between Roger E. Wheless, as Vendor, and Emmett R. Hook, et al, as Vendee, and being recorded at Conveyance Book 286, Page 619, of the records of the Clerk of Court, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

LESS & EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACTS:

(1) That certain four-acre tract of land in Section 19, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, more fully described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of said Section 19, run thence North along the West line of said section a distance of 4579.22 feet to a point on the South right of way line of U.S. Highway 80; run thence North 69 degrees 34 minutes East along U.S. Highway 80 a distance of 41830 feet to an iron pipe set in the East high bank of Alligator Bayou, the point of beginning of tract herein described; continue thence North 69 degrees 34 minutes East along U.S. Highway 80 a distance of 320.00 feet; run thence South 20 degrees 26 minutes East a distance of 391.25 feet; run thence South 69 degrees 34 minutes West a distance of 692.60 feet; run thence North a distance of 730 feet to a point in the East high bank of said Alligator Bayou; turn thence North 42 degrees 34 minutes East a distance of 239.00 feet; run thence North 17 degrees 09 minutes a distance of 162.80 feet; run thence North 01 degrees 03 minutes East a distance of 157.10 feet to the point of beginning, containing 4.00 acres, more or less, and being the same property described in that certain Cash Sale Deed dated June 18, 1964, by and between Emmett IL Hook, et al, as Vendor and Lacy Trailer Manufacturing Co., Inc., as Vendee, and recorded at Conveyance Book 387, Page 583, of the records of the Clerk of Court, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

(2) Those certain rights of way for Interstate 20 and Interstate 220 expropriated by the Louisiana Department of Highways, and being more fully described in that certain Order of Expropriation dated May 26, 1971, and being recorded at Conveyance Book 471, Page 217, of the records of the Clerk of Court, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

(3) A parcel of land in Section 20, more fully described as follows: From the Northeast corner of said Section 20 run South 00 degrees 27 minutes 54 seconds West 41.54 feet; run thence North 84 degrees 44 minutes 50 seconds East 405.77 feet; thence North 00 degrees 31 minutes 41 seconds West 150.00 feet to a point

on the centerline of 1-20, being the P.T. curve, said curve having an angle of 16 degrees 21 minutes 28 seconds, Tangent 1097.99 feet, radius 7639.44 feet; run thence westerly along the arc of said curve, being the centerline of said 1-20, 2181.04 feet to the P.C. of said curve; thence South 15 degrees 58 minutes 39 seconds East 150.00 feet; thence South 65 degrees 26 minutes 14 seconds West 623.75 feet; thence South 24 degrees 33 minutes 46 seconds East 50.00 feet to the point of beginning of the tract herein described; run thence South 65 degrees 26 minutes 14 seconds West 413.50 feet; thence South 29 degrees 16 minutes 57 seconds West 440.90 feet; thence South 00 degrees 03 minutes 39 seconds West 399.70 feet; thence South 17 degrees 01 minutes 46 seconds East 182.60 feet; thence North 82 degrees 59 minutes 24 seconds East 482.60 feet; thence North 59 degrees 08 minutes 24 seconds East 201.90 feet; thence North 49 degrees 04 minutes 54 seconds East 250.25 feet; thence North 40 degrees 13 minutes 44 seconds East 64.60 feet; thence North 24 degrees 33 minutes 46 seconds West 828.60 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1630 acres, more or less.

A parcel of land in Section 19; more fully described as follows: From a 2-inch iron pipe marking the Southwest corner of said Section 19, run North 00 degrees 31 minutes 22 seconds East a distance of 413.81 feet to the centerline of the LC. Railroad; run thence North 85 degrees 22 minutes 09 seconds East 182.00 feet; thence north 00 degrees, 31 minutes 22 seconds East 1991.91 feet to a point on the South right of way line of Interstate 20; thence North 74 degrees 10 minutes 21 seconds East 329.10 feet; thence North 72 degrees 15 minutes 48 seconds East 300.17 feet; thence North 74 degrees 10 minutes 21 seconds East 1450.00 feet; thence North 15 degrees 49 minutes 39 seconds West 20.00 feet; thence North 74 degrees 10 minutes 21 seconds East 566.67 feet (the preceding five courses being along the south right of way line of Interstate 20); thence South 38 degrees 49 minutes 40 seconds East 637.05 feet; thence South 23 degrees 29 minutes 40 seconds East 260.00 feet; thence South 07 degrees 09 minutes 40 seconds East 625.00 feet; thence South 08 degrees 20 minutes 20 seconds West 539.70 feet; thence South 21 degrees 09 minutes 40 seconds East 49.10 feet to the point of beginning of the tract herein described; run thence South 21 degrees 09 minutes 40 seconds East 187.60 feet; thence South 57 degrees 50 minutes 40 seconds East 408.90 feet; thence North 86 degrees 32 minutes 50 seconds East 329.25 feet; thence North 79 degrees 42 minutes 50 seconds East; 244.25 feet; thence South 71 degrees 57 minutes 10 seconds East 164.20 feet (the preceding ten courses being along the centerline of Alligator Bayou); thence North 14 degrees 04 minutes 30 seconds East 170.83 feet; thence North 46 degrees 54 minutes 50 seconds East 292.11 feet; thence North 61 degrees 34 minutes 20 seconds East 236.34 feet; thence North 47 degrees 32 minutes East 191.67 feet; thence North 18 degrees 59 minutes East 163.67 feet; thence, North 01 degrees 37 minutes 40 seconds West 217.40 feet; thence North 16 degrees 02 minutes 30 seconds West 154.04 feet; thence North 34 degrees 21 minutes West 300.00 feet (the preceding eight courses being along the centerline of Flat River) run thence South 57 degrees 50 minutes 40 seconds West 1865.41 feet to the point of beginning, containing 30.50 acres, more or less.

The two above described tracts being the same property described in that certain Cash Sale Deed, dated April 20, 1972, by and between Emmett R. Hook, et al, as Vendor, and Southern Paving Corporation, as Vendee, and being recorded at Conveyance Book 483, Page 632, of the records of the Clerk of Court, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

(4) A parcel of land located in Section 19, more fully described as follows: From a 2-inch iron pipe marking the Southwest corner of said Section 19, run North 00 degrees 31 minutes 22 seconds East a distance of 413.81 feet to the centerline of I.C. Railroad; thence North 85 degrees 22 minutes 09 seconds East 182.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 31 minutes 22 seconds East 1991.91 feet to a point on the south right of way line of Interstate 20; thence North 74 degrees 10 minutes 21 seconds East 329.21 feet; thence North 72 degrees 15 minutes 48 seconds East 300.17 feet; thence North 74 degrees 10 minutes 21 seconds East 1450.00 feet; thence North 15 degrees 49 minutes 39 seconds West 20.00 feet; thence North 74 degrees 10 minutes 21 seconds East 566.67 feet (the preceding five courses being along the south right of way line of Interstate 20); run thence South 38 degrees 49 minutes 40 seconds East 637.05 feet; thence South 23 degrees 29 minutes 40 seconds East 260.00 feet; thence South 07 degrees 09 minutes 40 seconds East 625.00 feet; thence South 08 degrees 20 minutes 20 seconds West 103.00 feet to the point of beginning of the tract herein described (the preceding four courses being along the centerline of Alligator Bayou); run thence South 08 degrees 20 minutes 20 seconds West 436.70 feet; thence South 21 degrees 09 minutes 40 seconds East 49.10 feet (the preceding two courses being along the centerline of Alligator Bayou); run thence North 57 degrees 50 minutes 40 seconds East 1865.41 feet; thence North 34 degrees 21 minutes, West 134.92 feet; thence North 38 degrees 34 minutes 10 seconds West 247.00 feet (the preceding two courses being along the centerline of Flat River); run thence South 57 degrees 50 minutes 40 seconds West 1539.70 feet to the point of beginning, containing 15.00 acres, more or less, and being the same property described in that certain Cash Sale Deed dated October 2, 1972, by and between Emmett R. Hook, et al, as Vendor and Southern Paving Corporation, as Vendee, and being recorded at Conveyance Book 493, Page 96, of the records of the Clerk of Court, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

(5) A tract of land containing 302.075 acres, more or less, located in Section 17, being more fully described as follows: From the common corner of Sections 16, 17, 20 and 21, run North 00 degrees 30 minutes 45 seconds East along the line common to Sections 16 and 17, a distance of 353.32 feet to the point of intersection with the North right of way line of Interstate 20 and being the point of beginning of the tract herein described; said point being in a curve to the left; thence traversing said North right of way line of Interstate 20 and Interstate 220, run southwesterly along said curve to the left a distance of 314.50 feet; run thence South 85 degrees 15 minutes 03 seconds West a distance of 1050.43 feet;

run thence South 79 degrees 42 minutes 56 seconds West a distance of 768.32 feet; run thence North 74 degrees 04 minutes 50 seconds West a distance of 940.76 feet; run thence North 57 degrees 02 minutes 52 seconds, West a distance of 469.84 feet; run thence North 42 degrees 10 minutes 16 seconds West a distance of 438.63 feet; run thence North 17 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 1430.52 feet to the point of intersection with the South right of way line of U.S. Highway 80; run thence North 47 degrees 16 minutes 27 seconds East along said South right of way line of U.S. Highway 80 a distance of 1098.28 feet; run thence North 52 degrees 59 minutes 27 seconds East a distance of 502.49 feet; run thence North 47 degrees 16 minutes 26 seconds East a distance of 200.00 feet; run thence North 41 degrees 33 minutes 26 seconds a distance of 502.49 feet; run thence North 47 degrees 16 minutes 27 seconds East a distance of 188.77 feet; run thence South 89 degrees 44 minutes 13 seconds East a distance of 2358.28 feet to the point of intersection with the East line of Section 17; run thence South 00 degrees 30 minutes 45 seconds West along said East line of Section 17, a distance of 3632.31 feet to the point of beginning, containing 302.075 acres, more or less, and being the same property described in that certain Cash Sale Deed, dated April 5, 1973, by and between Emmett R. Hook, et al, as Vendor, and Louisiana Downs, Inc, as Vendee, and being recorded in Conveyance book 499, Page 74, of the records of the Clerk of Court, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

(6) A tract of land containing 40.00 acres, more or less, located in Sections 17, 18, 19 and 20, more particularly described as follows: From the Southwest corner of Section 19, run North 00 degrees 30 minutes 13 seconds, West, along the West line of Section 19 a distance of 413.81 feet to the point of intersection with the centerline of the Illinois Central Railroad main line; run thence South 85 degrees 22 minutes 09 seconds East along said centerline of the Illinois Central Railroad main line a distance of 182.00 feet; run thence North 00 degrees 30 minutes 13 seconds East a distance of 2335.08 feet to the point of intersection with the North right of way line of Interstate 20; thence traversing said North right of way line of interstate 20, run North 74 degrees 10 minutes 21 seconds East a distance of 1009.18 feet; run thence North 00 degrees 31 minutes 51 seconds East a distance of 292.65 feet; run thence South 7.1 degrees 58 minutes 09 seconds East a distance of 469.26 feet; run thence North 65 degrees 36 minutes 33 seconds East a distance of 570.64 feet; run thence South 00 degrees 32 minutes 41 seconds West a distance of 123.08 feet; run thence North 74 degrees 10 minutes 21 seconds East a distance of 1962.64 feet; run thence North 15 degrees 49 minutes 39 seconds West a distance of 50.00 feet; run thence North 74 degrees 10 minutes 21 seconds East a distance of 1150.00 feet; run thence North 67 degrees 56 minutes 48 seconds East a distance of 309.65 feet to the point of beginning of the tract herein described; run thence North 15 degrees 49 minutes 39 seconds West a distance of 1462.35 feet to the point of intersection with the centerline of Musselshell bayou; run thence North 71 degrees 04 minutes 21 seconds East along said centerline of Musselshell Bayou a distance of 184.68 feet; run thence, North 83 degrees 44 minutes 20 seconds East a distance of 293.81 feet; run thence North 49 degrees 08 minutes 53 seconds East a distance of 858.09 feet; run thence North 39 degrees 29 minutes 17 seconds West a distance of 595.30 feet to the point of intersection with the South right of way line of U.S. Highway 80, said point being in a curve to the left having a radius of 3063.88 feet; run thence northeasterly, along said curve to the left a distance of 63.83 feet; run thence North 47 degrees 16 minutes 27 seconds East a distance of 306.62 feet to the point of intersection with the West right of way line of Interstate 220; thence traversing said West right of way line of Interstate 20 and Interstate 20, run South 17 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 1250.11 feet; run thence South 03 degrees 51 minutes 29 seconds West a distance of 215.41 feet; run thence South 26 degrees 03 minutes 42 seconds West a distance of 1236.15 feet; run thence South 52 degrees 22 minutes 16 seconds West a distance of 269.26 feet; run thence South 67 degrees 36 minutes 48 seconds West a distance of 243.61 feet to the point of beginning, containing 40.00 acres, more or less, and being the same property described in that certain Cash Sale Deed, dated April 5, 1973, by and between Emmett R. Hook, et al, as Vendor, and John F. Wolcott, as Vendee, being recorded at Conveyance Book 499, Page 60, of the records of the Clerk of Court, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

(7) A tract of land located in Section 19, more fully described as follows: From a monument marking the, Southwest corner of said Section 19, run North 00 degrees 31 minutes 22 seconds East a distance of 413.81 feet to a point in the centerline of the Illinois Central Railroad, run thence North 85 degrees 22 minutes 09 seconds East a distance of 182.00 feet; run thence North 00 degrees 31 minutes 22 seconds East a distance of 1585.12 feet to a concrete monument, being the point of the beginning of the tract herein described; run thence North 00 degrees 31 minutes 22 seconds East a distance of 406.79 feet to a point in the south right of way line of Interstate 20, run thence North 74 degrees 10 minutes 21 seconds East a distance of 329.21 feet, run thence North 72 degrees 15 minutes 48 seconds East a distance of 300.17 feet, run thence North 74 degrees 10 minutes 21 seconds East a distance of 382.86 feet (the preceding three courses being along the south line of said Interstate 20), run thence South 00 degrees 31 minutes 51 seconds West a distance of 339.69 feet to a concrete monument; run thence South 70 degrees 02 minutes 41 seconds West a distance of 1033.58 feet to the point of beginning, containing 8.30 acres, more or less, and being the same property described in that certain Cash Sale Deed, dated March 3, 1978, by and between Emmett R. Hook, et al, as Vendor, and Bryan Ardis Frame, et al, as Vendee, and being recorded at Conveyance Book 603, Page 82, of the records of the Clerk of Court, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

(8) A tract located in Section 21, more fully described as follows: Begin at an existing iron pin at the Northeast corner of Section 21; Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, and run West 13215 feet to a set A” iron rod for the point of beginning; thence run South 0 degrees 25

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minutes 07 seconds East 1320.04 feet to a set 5/8" iron rod; thence run West 1070.50 feet to a set 5/8" iron rod; thence run North 0 degrees 25 minutes 07 seconds West 333 feet to A set 5/8" iron rod; thence, run West 252 feet to a set 5/8" iron rod; thence run South 0 degrees 25 minutes 07 seconds East 2104.82 feet to a set 5/8" iron rod on the top bank of Red Chute Bayou; thence run along the top bank of Red Chute Bayou for the next eighteen (18) calls; thence run North 44 degrees 49 minutes 18 seconds West 335.30 feet; thence run North 26 degrees 48 minutes 24 seconds West 62.57 feet; thence run North 25 degrees 22 minutes 00 seconds West 657.73 feet; thence run North 38 degrees 26 minutes 02 seconds West 360.94 feet; thence run North 23 degrees 58 minutes 18 seconds West 52.23 feet; thence run North 11 degrees 36 minutes 06 seconds West 55.0 feet; thence run North 21 degrees 30 minutes 40 seconds West 220.47 feet; thence run North 38 degrees 44 minutes 17 seconds West 389.80 feet; thence run North 29 degrees 24 minutes 44 seconds West 491.77 feet; thence run North 83 degrees 11 minutes 58 seconds West 566.30 feet; thence run North 74 degrees 23 minutes 09 seconds West 52.92 feet; thence run North 88 degrees 00 minutes 10 seconds West 230.23 feet; thence run South 80 degrees 40 minutes 38 seconds West 93.72 feet; thence run, South 87 degrees 56 minutes 56 seconds West 45.14 feet; thence run North 61 degrees, 39 minutes 52 seconds West 155.57 feet; thence run North 40 degrees 06 minutes 37 seconds West 563.50 feet; thence run North 34 degrees 49 minutes 10 seconds West 160.51 feet; thence run North 8 degrees 57 minutes 57 seconds West 149.26 feet to a set 5/8" iron rod on the South right-of-way of Interstate 20; thence run South 89 degrees 02 minutes 47 seconds East 300.31 feet along said right-of-way to a set A" iron rod at the intersection of said right-of-way and the West line of Section 21; thence run South 0 degrees 25 minutes 07 seconds east 381 feet to a set 518" iron rod; thence run east 2645 feet to a set 5/V iron rod; thence run North 0 degrees 25 minutes 07 seconds West 431 feet to an existing iron pin; thence run East 1322.5 feet to the point of beginning, containing 122.00 acres, more or less, and being the same property described in that certain Cash Sale Deed, dated October 28, 1998, by and between JPIL Beaird Partnership, et al, as Vendor, and Newt Brown Contractor, Inc., as Vendee, being recorded on December 21, 1998, at Conveyance Book 1172, Page 371, of the records of the Clerk of Court, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

(9) A tract of land located in Sections 18 & 19, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier City, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, being more fully described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of said Section 19, run thence North 00 degrees 28 minutes 08 seconds East a distance of 2766.05 feet; run thence South 89 degrees 31 minutes 52 seconds East a distance of 181.00 feet to the point of beginning of tract herein described, said point also located on the northerly right of way line of Interstate 20; thence leaving said northerly right of way line run North 00 degrees 28 minutes 08 seconds East a distance of 783.42 feet; run thence North 69 degrees 59 minutes; 16 seconds East a distance of 1365.87 feet; run thence North 20 degrees 00 minutes 17 seconds West a distance of 692.19 feet; run thence North 69 degrees 57 minutes 04 seconds East a distance of 173.44 feet; run thence North 20 degrees 02 minutes 55 seconds West a distance of 300.00 feet to a point on the southerly right of way line of U.S. Highway 80; run thence along said southerly right of way line North 69 degrees 57 minutes 04 seconds East a distance of 150.00 feet; thence leaving said southerly right of way line run South 20 degrees 02 minutes 55 seconds East a distance of 300.00 feet; run thence North 69 degrees 57 minutes 04 seconds East a distance of 688.75 feet; run thence North 20 degrees 02 minutes 55 seconds West a distance of 340.00 feet to a point on the southerly right of way line of U.S. Highway 80; run thence along said southerly right of way line North 69 degrees 57 minutes 04 seconds East a distance of 165.00 feet; thence leaving said southerly right of way line run South 20 degrees 02 minutes 55 seconds East a distance of 1933.05 feet to a point on the northerly right of way line of Interstate 20; run thence along said northerly right of way line South 74 degrees 10 minutes 21 seconds West a distance of 805.00 feet; thence leaving said northerly right of way line run North 00 degrees 30 minutes 59 seconds East a distance of 122.37 feet; run thence South 65 degrees 34 minutes 51 seconds West a distance of 570.64 feet; run thence North 73 degrees 59 minutes 51 seconds West a distance of 469.26 feet; run thence South 00 degrees 30 minutes 09 seconds West a distance of 291.42 feet to a point on the northerly right of way line of Interstate 20; run thence along said northerly right of way line South 74 degrees 10 minutes 21 seconds West a distance of 1010.40 feet to the point of beginning of tract, containing 70.115 acres, more or less, and being the same property described in that certain Cash Sale Deed dated May 25, 2001, by and between JPIL Beaird Partnership, et al, as Vendor, and The State of Louisiana, as Vendee, being recorded on May 31, 2001 in Conveyance Book 1235, Page 585, of the records of the Clerk of Court, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

(10) A tract of land located in Section 18 and 19, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier City, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, being more fully described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of said Section 19, run thence North 00 degrees 28 minutes 08 seconds East a distance of 2766.05 feet; run thence South 89 degrees 31 minutes 52 seconds East a distance of 181.00 feet to a point located on the northerly right of way line of Interstate 20; Thence leaving said northerly right of way line run North 00 degrees 28 minutes 08 seconds East a distance of 783.42 feet; run thence North 69 degrees 59 minutes 16 seconds East a distance of 1,365.87 feet; run thence North 20 degrees 00 minutes 17 seconds West a distance of 692.19 feet; run thence North 69 degrees 57 minutes 04 seconds East a distance of 173.44 feet; run thence North 20 degrees 02 minutes 55 seconds West a distance of 300.00 feet to a point on the southerly right of way line of U.S. Highway 80; run thence along said southerly right of way line North 69 degrees 57 minutes 04 seconds East a distance of 150.00 feet to the point of beginning of tract herein described, continue along said southerly right of way line North 69 degrees 57 minutes 04 seconds East a distance of 688.75 feet,

thence leaving said southerly right of way line run south 20 degrees 02 minutes 55 seconds East a distance of 300.00 feet, run thence South 69 degrees 57 minutes 04 seconds West a distance of 688.75 feet, run, thence North 20 degrees 02 minutes 55 seconds West a distance of 300.00 feet to the point of beginning of tract, containing 4.743 acres, more or less, all as further shown hereon, and being subject to any and all servitudes, easements, and/or rights of way of record or of use. Said property having such shape, measurements, form dimensions and boundaries as are shown on a plat of survey prepared by Charles G. Coyle, dated January 31, 2007, which survey is made a part hereof by reference thereto, and being the same property described in that certain Cash Sale Deed, dated March 16, 2007, by and between JPIL Partnership, et al, as Vendor, and The State of Louisiana, as Vendee, being recorded at Conveyance Book 1400, Page 552, of the records of the Clerk of Court, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

(11) Being described as a 64.058 acre, more or less, tract of land in Sections 18 and 19, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, and more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Southwest corner of said Section 19 which is monumented with a 2" iron pipe; thence proceed North 00 degrees 28 minutes 08 seconds East along the west line of said Section 19 for a distance of 2713.13 feet; thence proceed North 74 degrees 10 minutes 21 seconds East for a distance of 3014.12 feet to the northerly right of way line of Interstate No. 20 and the Point of Beginning of the tract herein described which is monumented with a iron pipe; thence proceed North 20 degrees 02 minutes 55 seconds West for a distance of 1933.06 feet to the southerly right of way line of U.S. Highway No. 80 and a 2" iron pipe; thence proceed North 69 degrees 54 minutes 50 seconds East along said right of way line for a distance of 1315.80 feet to a 5/8" iron rod; thence proceed North 78 degrees 26 minutes 50 seconds East along said right of way line for a distance of 101.12 feet to a 5/8" iron rod; thence proceed North 69 degrees 54 minutes 50 seconds East along said right of way line for a distance of 181.24 feet to the centerline of Flat River; thence proceed South 09 degrees 10 minutes 18 seconds West along said centerline for a distance of 264.94 feet; thence proceed South 04 degrees 05 minutes 10 seconds East along said centerline for a distance of 201.55 feet; thence proceed South 14 degrees 07 minutes 15 seconds East along said centerline for a distance of 193.97 feet; thence proceed South 17 degrees 30 minutes 39 seconds East along said centerline for a distance of 295.15 feet; thence proceed South 37 degrees 06 minutes 03 seconds East along said centerline for a distance of 319.82 feet; thence proceed South 12 degrees 06 minutes 25 seconds East along said centerline for a distance of 373.42 feet; thence proceed South 12 degrees 16 minutes 41 seconds West along said centerline for a distance of 120.54 feet; thence proceed South 12 degrees 31 minutes 12 seconds West along said centerline for a distance of 372.80 feet to the northerly right of way line of said Interstate No. 20; thence proceed South 74 degrees 10 minutes 21 seconds West along said northerly right of way line for a distance of 1159.37 feet to the Point of Beginning of the tract herein described, containing 64.058 acres, more or less, and being the same property described in that certain Cash Sale Deed, dated December 17, 2007, by and between JPIL Beaird Partnership, et al, as Vendor, and The City of Bossier City, et al, as Vendee, being recorded at Conveyance Book 1425, Page 554, of the records of the Clerk of Court, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

(12) The following tracts of land:

TRACT 1

A certain tract of land containing 22.510 acres, more or less, located in Section 19, Township 18 North, Range 12 West of the Louisiana Prime Meridian, Northwestern Land District, in the City of Bossier City, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the southwest corner of said Section 19 and proceed North 00° 30' 24" East along the west line of said Section 19 a distance of 2,766.05 feet; thence proceed South 89° 29' 36" East a distance of 181.00 feet to the southwest corner of a 70.115 acre tract of land described in Conveyance Book 1235, Page 585 of the records of Bossier Parish, Louisiana; thence proceed North 00° 30' 24" East along the west line of said tract a distance of 783.42 feet to a found ½" iron pipe and the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence leaving said tract continue North 00° 30' 24" East a distance of 640.82 feet to the southwest corner of a 4.0 acre tract described in Conveyance Book 387, Page 583 of the records of Bossier Parish, Louisiana; thence proceed North 70° 01' 54" East a distance of 693.59 feet to a found ½" rebar at the southeast corner of said 4.0 acre tract; thence proceed North 20° 14' 17" West a distance of 391.25 feet to a found ½" iron pipe at the northeast corner of said tract, said point lying on the south right of way of US Highway 80, as recorded in Conveyance Book 252, Page 24 of the records of Bossier Parish, Louisiana; thence proceed North 69° 56' 18" East along said south right of way a distance of 623.06 feet to a set ½" iron pipe at the intersection of said south right of way with the west line of said 70.115 acre tract; thence proceed South 20° 03' 42" East along said 70.115 acre tract a distance of 300.00 feet to a found ½" iron pipe; thence proceed South 69° 56' 18" West along said 70.115 acre tract a distance of 173.44 feet to a found ½" iron pipe; thence proceed South 19° 57' 22" East along said 70.115 acre tract a distance of 692.19 feet to a set ½" iron pipe; thence proceed South 70° 01' 35" West along said 70.115 acre tract a distance of 1365.87 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING;

And

TRACT 2

A certain tract of land containing 1.552 acres, more or less, located in Section 19, Township 18 North, Range 12 West of the Louisiana Prime Meridian, Northwestern Land District, in the City of Bossier City, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the southwest corner of said Section 19 and proceed North 00° 30' 24" East along the west line of said Section 19 a distance of 2,766.05 feet; thence proceed South 89° 29' 36" East a distance of 181.00 feet to the southwest

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comer of a 70.115 acre tract of land described in, Conveyance Book 1235, Page 585 of the records of Bossier Parish, Louisiana; thence proceed North 00° 30' 24" East along the west line of said tract a distance of 783.42 feet to a found ½" iron pipe; thence continue North 00° 30' 24" East a distance of 648.32 feet to a set ½" iron pipe on the easterly high bank of Alligator Bayou and the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continue North 00° 30' 24" East a distance of 409.18 feet (passing a ½" iron pipe set for reference at 148.59 feet) to a set ½" iron pipe on the south right of way of US Highway 80, as recorded Conveyance Book 252, Page 24 of the records of Bossier Parish, Louisiana; thence proceed North 69° 56' 18" East along said right of way a distance of 225.99 feet to the northwest corner of a 4.0 acre tract described in Conveyance Book 387, Page 583 of the records of Bossier Parish, Louisiana; thence proceed along the west side of said 4.0 acre tract and the easterly high bank of Alligator Bayou, the following three courses and distances:

South 01° 28' 53" West a distance of 157.10 feet;
South 17° 34' 53" West a distance of 162.80 feet;
South 42° 59' 53" West a distance of 238.51 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING,
LESS AND EXCEPT that portion of the 1.552 acres which lies between the ordinary low water lines of Alligator Bayou, which is subject to claim by the State of Louisiana, and being the same property described in that certain Cash Sale Deed, dated May 19, 2023, by and between JPIL Beaird Partnership, et al, as Vendor, and the State of Louisiana, as Vendee, being recorded under instrument #1312020 of the records of the Clerk of Court, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

Section 2. The Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and the commissioner of administration are hereby authorized to enter into such agreements, covenants, conditions, and stipulations and to execute such documents as necessary to properly effectuate any conveyance, transfer, assignment, lease, or delivery of title, excluding mineral rights, to the property described in Section 1 of this Act, and as more specifically described in any such agreements entered into and documents executed by and between the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and the commissioner of administration in exchange of consideration proportionate to the appraised value of the property. Any sale conducted pursuant to this Act shall be in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 41:140(D).

Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 372

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), relative to requiring the inclusion of certain licensing numbers in written communications; to regulate insurance adjusters, public adjusters, and insurance appraisers; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 22:1674.1(A)(22), 1706(H)(12), and 1807.16(D)(5) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1674.1. Standards of conduct; acknowledgment required
A. The following standards of conduct shall be binding on all claims adjusters:

(22) An adjuster shall include his Louisiana license number in all electronic communications to the insured other than text messages composed and sent as part of his business or employment.

§1706. Standards of conduct of public adjuster

H. Public adjusters shall also adhere to all of the following general requirements:

(12) A public adjuster shall include his Louisiana license number in all electronic communications to the insured other than text messages composed and sent as part of his business or employment.

§1807.16. Appraiser obligations

D. An appraiser has a duty to do all of the following:

(5) Include his Louisiana license number in all electronic communications to the insured other than text messages composed and sent as part of his business or employment.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.

THE ADVOCATE
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A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 373

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.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:410(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
§410. Form of license; photograph, signature of licensee, anatomical gift statement, declaration of life-sustaining procedures, interest in bone marrow donation, and additional information on license

~~B.(1)(a) The Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall give the widest possible dissemination to the anatomical donation program relating to eyes, kidneys, entire bodies, etc., and shall make whatever provisions are feasible and desirable, through its drivers licensing examining offices, to enable persons desiring to make such anatomical donations to confirm their desires and intentions through the use of suitable documents to be maintained and issued in all driver's license examining offices. Additionally the license issued by the department shall contain an indication thereon whether or not the named applicant has elected to make an anatomical gift pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter or R.S. 17:2351 et seq., said indication to be by placing an "X" in the appropriate box marked "Yes" or "No" under or adjacent to the term "anatomical gift".~~

~~(b) The following information shall be made available free of charge to applicants for a driver's license on a form to be promulgated by the department and maintained on file with the department:~~

~~(i) An anatomical gift statement indicating the organs donated for the purpose of transplantation or transplantation research;~~

~~(ii) A space for indicating any limitation or special wish of the donor; and~~

~~(iii) The signature of the donor and the witnesses to the signature of the donor.~~

~~(c) If the applicant elects not to execute an anatomical gift statement at the time of application, the statement shall remain blank when presented to the licensee so it can be executed by the licensee at any time after the license is issued. No other form or statement shall be required for the purpose of providing for the donation of organs.~~

The Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall make provisions through its driver's license examining offices that enable persons desiring to make anatomical donations to confirm their desires and intentions through the use of suitable documents to be maintained and issued in all driver's license examining offices. The department shall provide to each applicant for a driver's license or identification card information presented in equivalent form and manner, without characterization, recommendation, or emphasis favoring authorization or refusal, regarding the option to make or refuse an anatomical gift, and shall provide the applicant the opportunity to indicate authorization for an anatomical gift, refusal to make an anatomical gift, or no selection. Any indication made by an applicant under this Subparagraph shall be recorded in a manner prescribed by the department and shall have the effect provided by law governing anatomical gifts, refusals, and donor registries. Additionally, the license issued by the department shall contain a clear indication of whether the named applicant has authorized an anatomical gift, refused to make an anatomical gift, or made no selection, displayed by placement of an "X" or other clearly visible marking in the appropriate box corresponding to the applicant's selection under or adjacent to the term "anatomical gift". No applicant shall be required to make a selection as a condition of issuance or renewal of a driver's license or identification card.

(b) The following information shall be made available, without charge, to each applicant on a form promulgated by the department and maintained on file by the department:

(i) A statement describing the option to make an anatomical gift for transplantation or transplantation research and the option to refuse to make an anatomical gift.

(ii) A space for the applicant to indicate authorization for an anatomical gift, refusal to make an anatomical gift, or no selection, including any limitation or special instruction the applicant chooses to express.

(iii) A space for the signature of the applicant and, where required by law, any required witness or attestation.

(c) If an applicant makes no selection under Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph at the time of application or renewal, no authorization or refusal shall be inferred. The absence of a selection shall not constitute authorization for an anatomical gift, a refusal to make an anatomical gift, or a revocation of any prior authorization or refusal, and shall have no independent legal effect under R.S. 17:2351 et seq.

Section 2. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Driver's License

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Anatomical Gift Consent Clarity Act”.

Section 3. If any provision or item of this Act, or the application thereof, is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications of the Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision, item, or application and to this end the provisions of this Act are hereby declared severable.

Section 4. This Act shall become effective on June 1, 2027.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 374

SENATE BILL NO. 253

BY SENATOR MCMATH AND REPRESENTATIVES BAYHAM, BERAULT, CARVER AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 37:23.5, relative to peptides; to provide for the regulation of peptides by licensing boards; to provide requirements for providers and compounding pharmacies; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 37:23.5 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§23.5. Peptides; prohibited regulations

A. No professional or occupational licensing board shall prohibit a healthcare provider with prescriptive authority from providing patients with peptides shipped from either of the following:

(1) A FDA-registered 503B outsourcing facility that is in compliance with 21 U.S.C. 353b.

(2) A 503A compounding pharmacy that is in compliance with 21 U.S.C. 353a and applicable United States Pharmacopeia - National Formulary chapters.

B. No professional or occupational licensing board shall prohibit a Louisiana licensed pharmacist in a state permitted pharmacy from compounding and dispensing peptides as long as the Louisiana licensed pharmacist in the state permitted pharmacy is in compliance with 21 U.S.C. 353a and applicable United States Pharmacopeia - National Formulary chapters.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.

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Secretary of State

ACT No. 375

SENATE BILL NO. 255

BY SENATOR SELDERS AND REPRESENTATIVES ADAMS, BOYD, BRYANT, ROBBY CARTER, WILFORD CARTER, CHASSION, FREEMAN, GREEN, TRAVIS JOHNSON, KNOX, LAFLEUR, TERRY LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARTINEZ, MURRAY, NEWELL AND TAYLOR

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:2162(D)(2)(a)(i), relative to psychosocial rehabilitation services; to provide for educational requirements to provide psychosocial rehabilitation services; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 40:2162(D)(2)(a)(i) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2162. Specialized behavioral health rehabilitation services in the Louisiana medical assistance program

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D. In order to be eligible to receive Medicaid reimbursement, all behavioral health services providers shall ensure that any individual rendering PSR or CPST services for the licensed and accredited provider agency meets all of the following requirements:

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(2)(a) Any individual rendering PSR services for a licensed and accredited provider agency shall hold a minimum of one of the following:

(i) A bachelor’s degree from an accredited university or college in the field of counseling, social work, psychology, sociology, rehabilitation services, special education, early childhood education, secondary education, family and consumer sciences, **health sciences, therapeutic recreation,** criminal justice, or human growth and development.

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Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 376

SENATE BILL NO. 257

BY SENATOR MYERS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:325.4(B)(4), 333(B)(5), and 406(A)(3)(e), relative to

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fishing gear; to provide for commercial fishing gear; to provide for pompano and mullet strike nets; to provide for required information for tags issued; to remove certain requirements that a tag have the social security number of the holder of the tag; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 56:325.4(B)(4), 333(B)(5), and 406(A)(3)(e) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§325.4. Commercial taking of other saltwater finfish; exceptions; mesh size

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(4) Each pompano strike net shall have attached to it a tag issued by the department which states the name; **and** address; ~~and social security number~~ of the owner of the net and the permit number of the permit issued to commercially take black drum (also known as puppy drum), sheepshead, and flounder. ~~The department shall not issue any tag to a person who does not have a social security number.~~

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§333. Mullet; saltwater areas

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(5) Each mullet strike net shall have attached to it a tag issued by the department which states the name; **and** address; ~~and social security number~~ of the owner of the net and the permit number of the permit issued to commercially take mullet. ~~The department shall not issue any tag to a person who does not have a social security number.~~

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§406. Use of trammel net, seine, gill net, or webbing prohibited in the waters of Breton Islands and Chandeleur Islands; exceptions; penalty

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(e) Each pompano strike net shall have attached to it a tag issued by the department which states the name; **and** address; ~~and social security number~~ of the owner of the net and the permit number of the permit issued to commercially take pompano. ~~The department shall not issue any tag to a person who does not have a social security number.~~

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Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.

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Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 377

SENATE BILL NO. 260

BY SENATORS EDMONDS, CARTER, JENKINS, LUNEAU, MILLER AND MIZELL

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:2798(B)(1) and to enact R.S. 9:2798(D)(4) and R.S. 40:1087.2, relative to youth athletics; to provide for the Coach Safely Act; to provide for limitation of liability; to provide for definitions; to provide for an injury mitigation course; to provide for content of youth injury mitigation courses; to provide for posting of certain information on the internet; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 9:2798(B)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 9:2798(D)(4) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§2798. Limitation of liability of a volunteer athletic coach, manager, team volunteer ~~health care~~ **healthcare** provider, or official; definitions

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B.(1) The provisions of this Section shall not be applicable unless the volunteer athletic coach, manager, athletic trainer, team volunteer ~~health care~~ **healthcare** provider, or sports team official has participated in a safety orientation and training program established by the league or team with which he is affiliated **or a youth injury mitigation course.** Any safety orientation and training program established in compliance with this Subsection may include, as a condition of satisfactory completion, a course in child cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Participation in a safety orientation and training program by a coach, manager, athletic trainer, team volunteer ~~health care~~ **healthcare** provider, or sports team official may be waived by the league prior to the individual’s or person’s participation in the sporting activities or in the practice thereof upon submission of appropriate documented evidence as to that individual’s or person’s proficiency in first aid and safety, which may include a current certification in child cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

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D. For the purposes of this Section, the following phrases shall have the meanings hereafter ascribed to them:

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(4) “Youth injury mitigation course” means a course approved by the Louisiana Department of Health that includes instruction in all of the following:
(a) Emergency preparedness and planning and rehearsal for responding to traumatic injuries sustained during youth athletic activities.
(b) Concussions and head trauma.
(c) Heat and extreme weather-related injuries.
(d) Musculoskeletal overuse, physical conditioning, recovery, and training equipment usage.
(e) Heart defects and abnormalities leading to sudden cardiac death.
Section 2. R.S. 40:1087.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:
§1087.2. Youth injury mitigation courses; approval process
A. The Louisiana Department of Health shall establish and administer a process for approving courses that meet the requirements of a youth injury mitigation course.

B. Completion of an approved youth injury mitigation course may be used to satisfy the requirements of a safety orientation and training program in R.S. 9:2798. Each youth injury mitigation course shall include instruction on the following:

- (1) Emergency preparedness and planning and rehearsal for responding to traumatic injuries sustained during youth athletic activities.**
(2) Heat and extreme weather-related injuries.
(3) Musculoskeletal overuse, physical conditioning, recovery, and training equipment usage.
(4) Heart defects and abnormalities leading to sudden cardiac death.

C. Not later than one hundred eighty days after the effective date of this Section, the department shall publish and maintain on its official website a list of approved courses. The department shall annually review and update the list of approved injury mitigation courses.

D. The department may adopt rules, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, as necessary to carry out the provisions of this Section.

E. This Section shall not require the department to spend its funds to pay for the development of the training courses provided in this Section. The department may accept donated online courses, provided that the donated courses are approved by the department.

Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

Section 4. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the “Coach Safely Act”.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.

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Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 378

SENATE BILL NO. 290
BY SENATOR ABRAHAM
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3911(C)(5), relative to the data collection system; to provide relative to the process required for the state Department of Education to change certain information assigned to a student; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:3911(C)(5) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§3911. Data collection system; establishment

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C. The department shall:

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(5) Obtain concurrence of the city, parish, or other local public school system prior to ~~changing the assigning an~~ exit code ~~to a student that differs from the exit code~~ assigned to a student by the school system.

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.

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Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 379

SENATE BILL NO. 306
BY SENATORS EDMONDS, ALLAIN, BASS, CATHEY, CONNICK, FESI,
FOIL, HENRY, HODGES, LAMBERT, MCMATH, MIGUEZ, MIZELL,
MORRIS, MYERS, OWEN, PRESSLY, REESE, SEABAUGH, STINE,

TALBOT, WHEAT AND WOMACK AND REPRESENTATIVES ADAMS,
BOUDREAUX, BOYER, CHENEVERT, COX, HORTON AND WILEY
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:38.6 and Civil Code Art. 2315.14, relative to offenses affecting the free exercise of religion; to create the crime of obstruction or interference with the freedom of worship at a church or other place of worship; to provide for elements of the offense; to provide for penalties; to provide for definitions; to provide for liability for damages for offenses related to the obstruction of the freedom of worship in a church or other place of worship; to provide for injunctive relief; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for legislative purposes; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 14:38.6 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§38.6. Obstruction of the freedom of worship in a church or other place of worship

A. Obstruction of the freedom of worship at a church or other place of worship is committed when a person does any of the following:

(1) Uses force, the threat of force, physical obstruction, intentional injury, or attempted intentional injury, to intimidate or interfere with any person lawfully exercising or seeking to exercise the right of the free exercise of religion at a church or other place of worship that is protected by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America and by Article XII, Section 17 of the Constitution of Louisiana.

(2) Intentionally damages or destroys the property of a church or other place of worship.

(3) Willfully denies an attendee, clergy, or member of the staff of a church or other place of worship any of the following:

(a) Lawful freedom of movement on the property of the church or other place of worship.

(b) Lawful use of any property or facilities of a church or other place of worship.

(c) Lawful ingress and egress to and from the physical facilities of a church or other place of worship.

(4) Willfully refuses or fails to leave the private property of the church or other place of worship when requested to do so by the clergy, when the person is committing, threatening to commit, or inciting others to commit any disruptive activity that is intended to disrupt, impair, interfere with or obstruct the worship service in a church or other place of worship.

(5) Engages in a disruptive activity at a church or other place of worship.

B. For purposes of this Section:

(1) “Attendee” means a person who is lawfully present in a church or other place of worship, or is engaging in the lawful ingress and egress thereto.

(2) “Church or other place of worship” means any building, structure, or defined outdoor area that is owned, leased, or otherwise lawfully possessed by a religious organization that is used for organized religious worship or other religious activities.

(3) “Clergy” means the pastor of the church, a deacon, or other member of the religious organization who has authority over the administration of the church or other place of worship or has been designated by the religious organization with such authority.

(4)(a) “Disruptive activity” means intentional conduct occurring on the property of a church or other place of worship during a worship service that materially and substantially interferes with the service, including interruption of the service or obstruction of access to any area used in connection with the service, such as a sanctuary, chapel, nursery, children’s ministry area, or other designated worship-related space.

(b) “Disruptive activity” does not include behavior otherwise prohibited by Subsection A of this Section.

(5) “Religious organization” means an entity that is operated for religious purposes and qualifies for exemption from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (Public Law 99-514, 26 U.S.C. Section 501).

(6) “Worship service” means a regularly scheduled religious meeting or assembly held at a church or other place of worship for the purpose of worship or religious observance.

C.(1) Whoever commits obstruction of the freedom of worship in a church or other place of worship shall be fined not more than two thousand five hundred dollars, or imprisoned for not less than fifteen days nor more than six months, or both.

(2) For a second or subsequent offense, the offender shall be fined not more than twenty-five thousand dollars, or imprisoned with or without hard labor for not less than one year nor more than eighteen months, or both.

(3) In addition to any other penalty imposed pursuant to this Subsection, when the offense results in bodily injury of a lawful attendee, member of the clergy, or staff member, the offender shall be sentenced to not less than two years and not more than ten years at hard labor.

D. Any person who knowingly finances, funds, or otherwise provides material support or assistance to another person with the intent to facilitate, promote, or cause a violation of this Section shall be deemed to be a principal pursuant to R.S. 14:24 and shall be subject to the same penalties as the person who directly commits the violation of this Section.

Section 2. Civil Code Art. 2315.14 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

Art. 2315.14. Liability for damages caused by offenses related to obstruction of freedom of worship in a church or other place of worship

A. In addition to general and special damages, a prevailing plaintiff shall be awarded court costs and reasonable attorney fees upon proof that the injuries on which the action is based were caused by conduct prohibited by R.S. 14:38.6

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resulting in the injury to the person, obstruction of the freedom of worship in a church or other place of worship, or damage to property, regardless of whether the defendant was arrested, charged, or prosecuted for such conduct.

B. Nothing in this Article shall be construed to limit any other cause of action or remedy provided by law.

C. As used in this Article, a defendant includes any person who knowingly aided, abetted, financed, funded, solicited, conspired, or otherwise provided material support or assistance for conduct prohibited by R.S. 14:38.6.

D.(1) Recoverable damages pursuant to this Article may include but are not limited to damages for physical injury, mental anguish, emotional distress, property damage, lost income, interference with the free exercise of religion, and any other damages authorized by law.

(2) In addition to any other remedy provided by law, a court may grant temporary restraining orders, preliminary injunctions, permanent injunctions, or declaratory relief, as well as court costs and reasonable attorney fees, to prevent the conduct, or to prevent the continuation of the conduct, that is prohibited by R.S. 14:38.6.

Section 3. The legislature finds and declares that:

(1) The free exercise of religion and the right of individuals to assemble for worship services is protected by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America and Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of Louisiana.

(2) In 2023, the legislature and the people of Louisiana adopted Article XII, Section 17 of the Constitution of Louisiana which provides that “(t)he freedom to worship in a church or other place of worship is a fundamental right that is worthy of the highest order of protection”.

(3) The intentional interference with a scheduled worship service undermines these fundamental rights to the free exercise of religion and the freedom to worship in a church or other place of worship by disrupting the orderly practice of religion and can create a danger to persons attending the worship service.

(4) The right to engage in a peaceful protest is essential to a free society of people, and that right extends to public places that are traditionally open to political speech and debate, including public streets, sidewalks, and parks with minimal constitutional restrictions; however, that right has never been interpreted to authorize the trespass or disruptive activity on private property, such as a church or other place of worship or at a home.

(5) Prevention of the willful disruption of worship services and religious activities is a matter of statewide concern.

(6) It is a compelling interest of this state to protect the ability of its people to meet and assemble for the exercise of religious worship and other religious activities guaranteed by the Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America as well as Article I, Section 8 and Article XII, Section 17 of the Constitution of Louisiana.

(7) It is imperative to a free society and the survival of a constitutional republic that the state of Louisiana protects attendees in churches or other places of worship so that the attendees are free from intentional acts that materially interfere or disrupt a scheduled worship service or other religious activity that is conducted on the private property that is set aside by the religious organization for constitutionally protected religious assemblies.

Section 4. The legislature declares that the purpose of this Act is to enact protections that may be enforced at the state level, by state law enforcement authorities, in a similar manner that federal law enforcement authorities, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 248(a)(2), are able to protect the free exercise of religion at a place of religious worship by prohibiting the use of force, threats of force, or physical obstruction to injure, intimidate, or interfere with any person exercising their right to worship at a church or other place of worship.

Section 5. If any provision or item of this Act, or the application thereof, is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications of the Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision, item, or application and to this end the provisions of this Act are hereby declared severable.

Section 6. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.

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Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 380

SENATE BILL NO. 314

BY SENATOR SELDERS AND REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:2724(B)(2)(a) and R.S. 40:31.3(C) and (D) and to enact R.S. 40:31.3(E), relative to community psychiatric support and treatment services; to provide for limited scope certified social worker license to provide community psychiatric support and treatment services; to provide for applicability; to provide relative to the adolescent school health initiative; to provide policy requirements; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 37:2724(B)(2)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2724. Qualification; certified social worker

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(2)(a) At the end of the three-year certification period, a certified social worker who has provided CPST services pursuant to R.S. 40:2162 and who meets all the qualifications for licensure as a licensed master's social worker except for the provisions of R.S. 37:2707(A)(3) shall petition the board at least sixty days prior to the expiration of the certificate for an extension of the certification for the limited purpose of providing CPST services as defined in R.S. 40:2162. **Any certified social worker whose three-year certification period expired in calendar year 2025 shall be allowed to avail themselves of the rights provided for in this Paragraph. Any certified social worker who had a certification expire in calendar year 2025 shall have it renewed immediately to allow the individual to proceed with the CPST extension request provided for in this Paragraph.**

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Section 2. R.S. 40:31.3(C) and (D) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 40:31.3(E) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§31.3. Adolescent school health initiative; health centers in schools

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C. The office of public health shall develop a policy, at a minimum, that provides for all of the following:

(1) Healthcare providers who are licensed, certified, or registered by their applicable licensing, certification, or registration board, who provide documentation of having passed a criminal background check conducted by the Louisiana State Police, and who are in good standing with the applicable board shall not be required by a public school governing authority to complete an additional criminal background check in order to begin providing school-based health center services.

(2) School-based health center services shall be permitted during school hours if the student's parent or legal guardian has requested such services and a healthcare provider determines that evaluation or treatment is necessary during school hours to assist the student with a health condition, illness, or injury requiring evaluation or treatment.

(3) A public school governing authority shall not prohibit a health evaluation, assessment, or authorized treatment plan from being performed on school property in order to establish medical necessity or deliver medically necessary services.

(4) The determination of the need for health evaluation and school-based health center services shall be made by a healthcare provider acting within the scope of his professional license. No school employee who is not licensed to provide healthcare services shall determine whether a student may receive an evaluation or treatment by a healthcare provider.

D. Health centers in schools are prohibited from:

(1) Counseling or advocating abortion in any way or referring any student to any organization for counseling or advocating abortion.

(2) Distributing at any public school any contraceptive or abortifacient drug, device, or other similar product.

~~D-E.~~ The provisions of this Section shall be applicable only to the extent that funds are made available for this purpose from public or private sources.

Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.

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Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 381

SENATE BILL NO. 317

BY SENATOR REESE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 29:62(A) and 62(A)

(1), relative to the Louisiana Military Advisory Council; to provide for membership of the council; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. The introductory paragraph of R.S. 29:62(A) and 62(A)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§62. Membership; officers and terms of office

A. The council shall be composed of ~~nineteen~~ **twenty-one** members: **as follows:**

(1) ~~Six~~ **Eight** members of the council shall be comprised as follows:

(a) The governor of Louisiana, or his designee.

(b) The adjutant general of Louisiana, or his designee.

(c) The president of the Louisiana State Senate, or a state senator designated by the president.

(d) The speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives, or a state

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representative designated by the speaker.
(e) The secretary of Louisiana Economic Development, or his designee.
(f) The secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, or his designee.
(g) The chair of the Senate Select Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, or his designee.
(h) The chair of the House of Representatives Special Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, or his designee.

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Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.
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Secretary of State

ACT No. 382

SENATE BILL NO. 334
BY SENATOR CATHEY
AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 13:2575(A), relative to enforcement of ordinances by a municipality or parish; to provide relative to blighted or abandoned property; to provide relative to public health, housing, fire codes, building codes, zoning, vegetation, nuisances, environmental, historic district, and licensing and permits ordinances; to provide relative to procedures for administrative adjudication; and to provide for related matters.
Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 13:2575(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2575. Blighted or abandoned property; public health, housing, fire code, building code, and certain other ordinance violations; administrative adjudication; procedure; appeal; penalties
A.(1) Any municipality or parish may prescribe civil fines for blighted property, abandoned property, or violation of public health, housing, fire code, environmental, and historic district ordinances in the municipality or parish by owners of immovable property, their agents, tenants, or representatives pursuant to the procedures for administrative adjudication provided in this Chapter. For the purposes of this Chapter, “housing violations” shall encompass only those conditions in privately owned structures which are determined to constitute a threat or danger to the public health, safety or welfare, to the environment, or a historic district. In municipalities with a population of seventy thousand or more according to the latest federal decennial census, the term “housing violation” as used in this Chapter shall also encompass building codes, zoning, vegetation, and nuisance ordinances. However, nothing in this Section shall be construed to affect activities which occur on the premises of manufacturing facilities and which are regulated by Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.
(2) For purposes of this Chapter, “blighted property” shall have the same meaning as provided in R.S. 33:1374(B), and “abandoned property” shall have the same meaning as provided in R.S. 33:4720.59(D)(2).
(3) The procedures for administrative adjudication provided in this Chapter also may be used for the enforcement of ordinances concerning building codes, zoning, vegetation, nuisances, and licensing. Permits and such other ordinances may be determined by the governing authority of the parish or municipality.

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ACT No. 383

SENATE BILL NO. 351
BY SENATOR JACKSON-ANDREWS AND REPRESENTATIVES BOYD, BROUSSARD, CARRIER, FREEMAN, FREIBERG, DANA HENRY, LAFLEUR, TERRY LANDRY, MARCELLE, MARTINEZ, MILLER, MOORE, MURRAY, TAYLOR, WALTERS AND YOUNG
AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 17:407.30(D)(1) and 407.51(H)(1) and to enact R.S. 17:407.29.1, relative to the Child Care Assistance Program; to provide for a provisional eligibility process; to provide for approval by the Senate and House committees on education; to authorize the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to promulgate rules and regulations; to provide relative to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; and to provide for related matters.
Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:407.30(D)(1) and 407.51(H)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:407.29.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:
§407.29.1. Provisional eligibility: child care assistance program application
A. An expectant mother may apply for assistance from the Child Care Assistance Program, through the Department of Education, prior to birth of the child in order to preliminarily determine whether the applicant will be eligible.
B. The department shall develop a process to determine provisional eligibility of an applicant and to later confirm eligibility after the birth of the child. The process shall be subject to approval by the Senate and House committees on education, meeting separately or jointly.

C. The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act as necessary for the implementation of this Section.
§407.30. Louisiana Early Childhood Education Fund
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D.(1)(a) The fund shall be administered by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. Subject to legislative appropriation, monies in the fund shall be awarded annually to local entities approved by the ~~board~~ **State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education** for the purpose of funding projects that will expand the number of early childhood care and education quality slots for families who are eligible for the Child Care Assistance Program in Type III early learning centers that have at least one classroom with children age fifteen months or younger if a local entity provides funds from nonstate and nonfederal sources. No such award shall be made unless the local entity’s financial commitment to the project proposed for funding provides matching funds from nonstate and nonfederal sources at a rate of at least one-to-one.
(b) Each local entity shall establish eligibility criteria for the early childhood care and education quality slots financed by local funds that serve as the match for the award. At a minimum, only children whose family income makes them economically disadvantaged as defined by the ~~board~~ **State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education** shall be eligible for the slots.

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§407.51. Advisory Council
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H.(1) The council shall provide input and guidance to the ~~board~~ **State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education** and the department on matters pertaining to the development and implementation of rules, regulations, bulletins, policies, or standards related to all early care and education programs, including early learning centers, enrollment in early learning centers, the Cecil J. Picard LA 4 Early Childhood Program, the Child Care and Development Fund Block Grant, the Child Care Assistance Program, Early Head Start, and Head Start.

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Section 2. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the “Working Mothers’ Support Act”.
Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.
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Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 384

SENATE BILL NO. 404
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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:997 and to enact Part XIII of Chapter 5 of Title 22 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 22:1809.1 through 1809.16, relative to eye care providers; to provide for coverage of visual services; to provide for vision benefit managers and vision benefit plans; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for definitions; to provide for covered and noncovered services and materials; to provide for credentialing and contracting requirements; to provide for unfair trade practices; to provide for enforcement; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.
Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 22:997 is hereby amended and reenacted and Part XIII of Chapter 5 of Title 22 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 22:1809.1 through 1809.16, is hereby enacted to read as follows:
§997. Visual services, choice of practitioners
A. Whenever any medical eye care or vision care benefits are provided by or available through a **health benefit plan**, health maintenance organization, preferred provider organization, managed care organization, accountable care organization, **vision benefit plan**, **vision benefit discount plan**, or other plan or contract of insurance or any medical hospital service contract that are within the lawful scope of practice of a duly licensed optometrist as defined in R.S. 37:1041(C), there shall be no discrimination in the amount of either:
(1) Medical eye care or vision care benefits available to an insured, participant, **enrollee**, or other person entitled to such benefits, whether provided by an optometrist or physician, in instances where the services performed are within the lawful scope of practice of both professions.

(2) Reimbursements or payments **for covered services or covered materials** to the provider of such medical eye care or vision care services, whether performed by an optometrist or physician, in instances where the services performed are within the lawful scope of practice of both professions.

B. A duly licensed optometrist shall be entitled to participate in contracts or plans providing for medical eye care or vision care services as a healthcare provider or otherwise, to the same extent as a duly licensed physician, and there shall be no discrimination against any provider, whether an optometrist or physician, who is located within the geographic area of the **health benefit plan**, health maintenance organization, preferred provider organization, managed care organization, accountable care organization, **vision benefit plan**, **vision benefit discount plan**, or **other plan, agreement**, or contract of insurance. A health maintenance organization, preferred provider organization, managed care organization, accountable care organization, **vision benefit plan**, **vision benefit discount plan**, or **other plan or contract** of insurance, or any medical or hospital service contract shall not impose a co-payment, co-insurance amount, or any other fee on a covered participant or insured that is greater than the amount charged for the same service when provided by an allopathic physician or an osteopathic physician.

C. It shall be unlawful for a **health benefit plan**, health maintenance organization, preferred provider organization, managed care organization, accountable care organization, **vision benefit plan**, **vision benefit discount plan**, or **other plan, agreement**, or contract of insurance to require a duly licensed optometrist to participate as a provider in another medical, or vision care plan, **vision benefit plan**, or **other plan, agreement**, or contract as a condition of or requirement for participation by such duly licensed optometrist as a provider in any medical or vision care plan or contract.

D. The provisions, requirements, and prohibitions of this Section shall apply equally to any agent acting on behalf of a health maintenance organization, preferred provider organization, managed care organization, accountable care organization, vision benefit plan, vision benefit discount plan, or other plan or entity that offers an agreement or contract of insurance that provides medical eye care or vision care benefits.

E. As used in this Section, the definitions provided for in R.S. 22:1809.4 shall apply.

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PART XIII. VISION BENEFIT INSURANCE AND VISION DISCOUNT PLANS

§1809.1. Short title

This Part shall be cited as the “Louisiana Vision Plan Transparency and Fair Practice Act”.

§1809.2. Purpose

The purpose of this Part is to ensure patient access to eye care services and materials through transparent and fair business practices by vision benefit managers. Nothing in this Part shall be construed to expand or limit the scope of practice of any licensed healthcare professional. The provisions of this Part shall not apply to medical benefits provided by an insurer under a health benefit plan that is not a vision benefit plan or vision benefit discount plan as defined in this Part.

§1809.3. Legislative findings; access to eye care services

A. The legislature finds and declares that access to timely, affordable, and appropriate eye care services is a matter of public health and patient safety within this state.

B. The legislature further finds that:

(1) Vision benefit managers and vision benefit plans increasingly influence where patients may obtain eye care services and materials, which providers may participate in care delivery, and which treatments or materials may be practically available to patients.

(2) Business practices that steer patients to affiliated providers, restrict provider participation, limit access to independent laboratories or suppliers, or interfere with clinical judgment may reduce access to care, particularly in rural and underserved areas of this state.

(3) Independent eye care providers are essential to maintaining access to vision and medical eye care services for Louisiana residents, including in communities where alternative providers are limited or unavailable.

C. It is therefore the intent of the legislature that this Part be construed and applied primarily to:

(1) Protect patient access to eye care services and materials.

(2) Preserve the integrity of the doctor-patient relationship.

(3) Ensure that clinical and prescriptive decisions remain under the control of licensed healthcare professionals.

(4) Prevent practices that impair access to care through coercion, steering, or anti-competitive conduct.

(5) Support a competitive healthcare environment that serves the health needs of Louisiana residents.

D. The provisions of this Part are enacted pursuant to the state’s authority to regulate the professional delivery of healthcare services and to protect public health, safety, and welfare.

§1809.4. Definitions

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

(1) “Chargeback” means a dollar amount, fee, surcharge, rebate, or item of value that reduces, modifies, or offsets all or part of the patient responsibility, provider reimbursement, allowed amount, or fee schedule for a covered service or covered material.

(2) “Contractual discount” means a percentage reduction from a provider’s usual and customary rate for covered services and covered materials required

under a participating provider agreement.

(3) “Covered material” means a material for which reimbursement from an insurer, vision benefit manager, or subcontractor is provided to an eye care provider by an enrollee’s plan contract, or for which a reimbursement would be available but for the application of the enrollee’s contractual limitations of deductibles, copayments, or coinsurance, regardless of how the materials are listed or described in an enrollee’s benefit plan’s definition of benefits.

(4) “Covered service” means the professional work performed by an eye care provider for which reimbursement from an insurer, vision benefit manager, or subcontractor is provided to an eye care provider by an enrollee’s plan contract, or for which a reimbursement would be available but for the application of the enrollee’s contractual plan limitations of deductibles, copayments, or coinsurance, regardless of how the services are listed or described in an enrollee’s benefit plan’s definition of benefits.

(5) “De minimis” means equal to zero or an otherwise negligible amount.

(6) “Enrollee” means any individual participating in a health benefit plan, vision benefit plan, or vision benefit discount plan that is purchased by an individual or provided to an individual by an insurer, company, organization, group, employer, government assistance program, or any other entity that purchases or supplies coverage for a health benefit plan, vision care benefit plan, or vision benefit discount plan.

(7) “Eye care provider” means a licensed doctor of optometry practicing under the authority of R.S. 37:1041 or a licensed medical or osteopathic doctor as defined in R.S. 37:1262.

(8) “Fee schedule” means the document or system that lists the predetermined payment rates or allowed amounts for covered services or covered materials and determines how much eye care providers are reimbursed by the insurer or vision benefit manager and how much patients are charged by the insurer, vision benefit manager, or eye care provider.

(9) “Health benefit plan” means a policy, contract, or agreement offered by an insurer, third party administrator, or subcontractor to an enrollee to pay for, reimburse, discount, or offset healthcare costs.

(10) “Insurer” means an individual, corporation, partnership, company, organization, group, health maintenance organization, captive, risk-retention group, self-insurance group, optometric service and indemnity corporation, or other entity, whether organized for profit or not-for-profit, whether foreign or domestic, that conducts business in this state and that offers a vision benefit plan or provides coverage for vision-related services or vision-related materials to enrollees. An entity is considered an insurer for purposes of this Part irrespective of any of the following:

(a) Its corporate form or category of licensure, if applicable, including whether it is otherwise subject to insurance regulations or any other regulations.

(b) Whether it, either directly or indirectly reimburses, indemnifies, pays, or discounts the costs of vision services or vision materials.

(c) Whether it delegates, assigns, or contracts performance of any function regulated by this Part to an affiliate, subsidiary, contractor, intermediary, or network leasing entity.

(11) “Material” means an ophthalmic device including but not limited to lenses, devices containing lenses, artificial intraocular lenses, ophthalmic frames, and other lens mounting apparatus, prisms, lens treatments, and coatings, contact lenses, low vision devices, vision therapy devices, and prosthetic devices to correct, relieve, or treat defects or abnormal conditions of the human eye or the ocular adnexa, or any material allowed to be utilized by the Louisiana State Board of Optometry Examiners and the Louisiana Optometry Practice Act.

(12) “Nominal” means, when there is no corresponding reimbursement in the current year’s published Physician Fee Schedule released annually by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services or in the current year’s published state Medicaid fee schedule, an amount less than the reasonable compensation to the vision care provider rendering the covered service or covered materials, taking into account the provider’s direct and indirect costs, including the actual acquisition costs and actual pro rata overhead costs, and reasonable profit.

(13) “Optometrist” means a licensed doctor of optometry practicing under the authority of R.S. 37:1041.

(14) “Participating eye care provider” means an eye care provider that has entered into a contractual agreement or other business relationship with an insurer, vision benefit manager, third-party administrator, or subcontractor to provide covered services or covered materials.

(15) “Subcontractor” means an individual, company, organization, group, or other entity, including but not limited to an agent, servant, broker, wholesaler, distributor, partially-owned or wholly-owned subsidiary, or controlled organization that is contracted by the vision benefit manager to supply services or materials to another vision benefit manager, eye care provider, or enrollee to execute or fulfill the health benefit plan, vision benefit plan, or vision benefit discount plan of a vision benefit manager.

(16) “Third-party administrator” means an individual, company, organization, group, or other entity that provides services, including but not limited to administrative, operational, regulatory, human resource, compliance, and claim adjudication services for an insurer, vision benefit manager, individual, company, organization, group, or other entity under a contract or agreement.

(17) “Vision benefit discount plan” means a policy, contract, or agreement offered by an insurer or vision benefit manager to an enrollee that solely provides for a discount for vision care services or materials.

(18) “Vision benefit plan” means a policy, contract, or agreement offered by an insurer or vision benefit manager to an enrollee to pay for, reimburse, or offset health and vision care costs.

(19) “Vision benefit manager” means an individual, company, organization,

group, or other entity, including but not limited to insurers, third-party administrators, and subcontractors, that creates, promotes, sells, provides, advertises, or administers an integrated or stand-alone vision benefit plan, vision benefit discount plan, or other insurance policy or contract which provides vision benefits or discounts to an enrollee pertaining to the provision of covered services or covered materials.

§1809.5. Covered and noncovered services and materials

A. No contract or agreement between an insurer or vision benefit manager and an eye care provider may seek to or require that an eye care provider provide services or materials at a fee limited or set by the insurer or vision benefit manager unless the services or materials are defined and reimbursed as covered services or covered materials under the contract or agreement.

B. An insurer or vision benefit manager shall use only standardized codes, names, descriptions, and definitions published in the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System, including Current Procedural Terminology codes published by the American Medical Association and Level II codes published by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, to identify and describe all covered services and covered materials of the vision benefit plan to purchasers and enrollees of the vision benefit plan.

C. An insurer or vision benefit manager shall use only standardized codes, names, descriptions, and definitions published in the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System, including all Current Procedural Terminology codes published by the American Medical Association and all Level II codes published by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, to create and offer a fee schedule of allowed amounts for covered services and covered materials in a contract or agreement between the insurer or vision benefit manager and an eye care provider.

D. An insurer or vision benefit manager shall not misuse, misrepresent, or change the meaning of any of the standardized codes, names, descriptions, and definitions published in the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System, including all Current Procedural Terminology codes published by the American Medical Association and all Level II codes published by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Any such contractual language, policies, or procedures set by the insurer or vision benefit manager in violation of the foregoing shall be void and unenforceable.

E. All fee schedules in an agreement between an insurer or vision benefit manager and an eye care provider and all reimbursements paid by an insurer or vision benefit manager to an eye care provider for all covered services and covered materials shall not be nominal or de minimis. There shall be no limitation on the ability of an individual eye care provider or a group of eye care providers who practice under a single Employer Identification Number or Tax Identification Number to engage in direct negotiations with the insurer or vision benefit manager regarding reimbursement fee schedules, and agreeing to a different fee schedule than the fee schedule provided by the insurer or vision benefit manager to other participating providers or groups.

F. All fee schedule allowed amounts and all reimbursements paid by an insurer or vision benefit manager for each covered service and covered material shall be clearly and individually listed on a fee schedule made available to the eye care provider at all of the following times:

(1) At the time a contract or agreement is offered to the eye care provider by an insurer or vision benefit manager.

(2) Within ten business days from the date an application is made to become a participating eye care provider with the insurer or vision benefit manager by the eye care provider.

(3) At all times via electronic means.

G. A contract or agreement between an insurer or vision benefit manager and an eye care provider shall include a fee schedule that includes and individually identifies each covered service and covered material and its corresponding allowed amount, reimbursement amount paid to the eye care provider, and any form of a cost-sharing amount paid by the enrollee to the eye care provider.

H. Insurers or vision benefit managers shall not advertise, claim, or represent to purchasers or enrollees that services and materials provided by a participating eye care provider are covered or included, or covered or included with an additional deductible, copay, or coinsurance, if the insurer or vision benefit manager does not remit an actual payment to the participating eye care provider as full or partial reimbursement for the service or material.

I. A service or material provided by a participating eye care provider shall not be designated as a covered service or covered material by the insurer or vision benefit manager in the design of a health benefit plan or vision benefit plan if the reimbursement amount to the participating eye care provider is only comprised of an enrollee's payment to the participating eye care provider.

J. Insurers or vision benefit managers shall not condition application to a network or participation in a health benefit plan, vision benefit plan, or vision benefit discount plan by an eye care provider based on the eye care provider's usual and customary pricing or discounts on usual and customary pricing for services or materials that are not covered services or not covered materials. Any such contractual language, policies, or procedures set by the insurer or vision benefit manager in violation of the foregoing shall be void and unenforceable.

K. An insurer or vision benefit manager shall not make conditional a fee schedule proposed or made to an eye care provider of a health benefit plan, vision benefit plan, or vision benefit discount plan for covered services or covered materials based on the eye care provider's usual and customary pricing or discounts on usual and customary pricing for services or materials that are not covered services or not covered materials. Any such contractual language, policies, or procedures set by the insurer or vision benefit manager in violation of the foregoing shall be void and unenforceable.

L. A contract or agreement between an insurer or vision benefit manager and an eye care provider shall not contain a provision, fee schedule, or reimbursement amount requiring the eye care provider, taking into account any applicable deductibles, copays, coinsurances, discounts, rebates, or chargebacks, to provide covered services or covered materials to an enrollee at a financial loss. Any such contractual language, policies, or procedures set by the insurer or vision benefit manager in violation of the foregoing shall be void and unenforceable.

M. All fee schedule-allowed amounts in a provider agreement between an insurer or vision benefit manager and an eye care provider for all covered services and covered materials shall not be less than the current year's published Physician Fee Schedule released annually by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, unless either of the following occurs:

(1) In the event that a covered service or covered material does not have an allowed amount listed or if the allowed amount is listed at zero in the current year's published Physician Fee Schedule released annually by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the allowed amount for the covered service or covered material shall not be less than the current year's published state Medicaid fee schedule rate.

(2) In the event that a covered service or covered material does not have an allowed amount listed or if the allowed amount is listed at zero in the current year's published Physician Fee Schedule released annually by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services or in the current year's published state Medicaid fee schedule rate, the allowed amount for the covered service or covered material shall be reasonable, and not nominal or de minimis.

N. The period of time prescribed by a contract or agreement between an insurer or vision benefit manager and an eye care provider for the insurer or vision benefit manager to recover any reimbursement amount from an eye care provider shall be the same period of time allowed or required for any insurer or vision benefit manager to remit the applicable reimbursement following an eye care provider's submission of a clean claim for services rendered or materials furnished. The foregoing shall not limit an insurer or vision benefit manager's ability to conduct an audit of claims, in accordance with the insurer or vision benefit plan manager's written policies and applicable law, in the event that the insurer or vision benefit manager has a reasonable belief that the eye care provider has engaged in fraud, waste, or abuse.

O. An insurer or vision benefit manager shall not falsely represent the number of participating providers in a region nor the benefits that comprise a health benefit plan, vision benefit plan, or vision benefit discount plan to clients, groups, employers, purchasers, companies, enrollees, or prospective enrollees. Such acts are considered deceptive trade practices and subject to penalty under R.S. 22:1964.

P. An insurer or vision benefit manager shall not promote or use in any marketing or advertising that a covered service or covered material is "free", "no charge", or "complimentary" or any materially similar language to a client, group, employer, purchaser, company, enrollee, or prospective enrollee to purchase services, materials, supplies, or plans from the insurer, vision benefit manager, or affiliate of the insurer or vision benefit manager.

Q. An insurer or vision benefit manager shall not offer enrollees varying deductibles, copays, coinsurances, coverage amounts, rebates, gift cards, or other monetary or nonmonetary incentives to obtain covered services, covered materials, noncovered services, or noncovered materials at any of the following:

(1) At any particular participating eye care provider.

(2) At a retail establishment owned by, partially owned by, contracted with, or otherwise affiliated with the insurer or vision benefit manager.

(3) At any internet or virtual provider or retailer owned by, partially owned by, contracted with, or otherwise affiliated with the insurer or vision benefit manager.

R. An insurer or vision benefit manager shall not engage in marketing or advertising activities that may be misleading or deceptive to the public. Upon request by a jurisdictional enforcement agency, insurers and vision benefit managers shall submit all information regarding alleged savings and discounts offered by affiliates of the insurer or vision benefit manager.

S. An insurer or vision benefit manager shall remit to the participating eye care provider the contracted reimbursement amount for a covered service or covered material provided to an enrollee if the enrollee is verified to be eligible by the participating eye care provider through customary verification methods of the insurer or vision benefit manager to receive the covered service or covered material on the date of service.

T. A participating eye care provider is allowed, but not required, to offer an enrollee the opportunity to pay the participating eye care provider directly for covered services and covered materials if such direct payment would be less costly to the enrollee than the total out-of-pocket cost required under the terms of a health benefit plan or vision benefit plan. An eye care provider may not be subject to an audit, removed from participation in the network, or otherwise penalized or discriminated against in any manner for offering an enrollee the opportunity to pay the participating provider directly under the conditions of this Subsection.

U. An insurer or vision benefit manager shall not retroactively reverse a reimbursement or withhold a future reimbursement to an eye care provider who relied in good faith on an individual's presented coverage credentials and the customary verification methods of the insurer or vision benefits manager, if the insurer or vision benefit manager later determines that the enrollee was ineligible to receive covered services or covered materials on the date of service.

V. An insurer or vision benefit manager shall not require a participating eye care provider, purchaser, or enrollee of a health benefit plan, vision benefit plan,

or vision benefit discount plan to obtain prior authorization, preauthorization, precertification, or any similar mechanism that restricts the enrollee from receiving a covered service or covered material recommended by the eye care provider and requested by the enrollee.

W.(1) An insurer or vision benefit manager shall not, in the course of adjudicating a claim for reimbursement by a participating eye care provider for a covered service or covered material, alter, delete, substitute, or otherwise change any code or modifier submitted by the eye care provider, including downcoding, bundling, or reassigning to a different code, if such change would reduce payment or otherwise adversely affect the provider or enrollee.

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

(a) “Bundling” means to combine, substitute, or treat two or more distinct services, supplies, or materials reported on the same claim, date, or service as included within a single code, package, or global service, and denying, reducing, or disallowing separate reimbursement for one or more of the codes.

(b) “Downcoding” means to alter, delete, substitute, or assign a code that results in a lower level of service, a lower-valued code, or a reduced reimbursement amount relative to the code submitted by the eye care provider.

X. The provisions of this Section shall apply to any affiliate or subcontractor that is used by an insurer or vision benefit manager to supply covered services or covered materials to an eye care provider or enrollee and be subject to all applicable penalties as provided for in this Part.

Y. An insurer or vision benefit manager shall neither require nor request an eye care provider to opt-in or opt-out of the provisions set forth in this Section.

§1809.6. Credentialing; forced participation in panel prohibition; payment parity

A. No contract or agreement between an insurer or vision benefit manager and an eye care provider shall require an eye care provider to participate with, be credentialed by, or enter into a contract or agreement with any specific vision benefit plan or vision benefit discount plan as a condition for participation in the health benefit plan provider network of the insurer or vision benefit manager to provide covered services to the enrollees of the health benefit plan.

B. Any insurer or vision benefit manager issuing or renewing a health benefit plan, vision benefit plan, or vision benefit discount plan, which provides benefits for covered services or covered materials rendered by a medical doctor or an osteopathic doctor that is within the scope of practice of an optometrist, shall provide no less than the same reimbursement for covered services or covered materials to optometrists as allowed for those covered services or covered materials rendered by medical doctors or osteopathic doctors.

C. An insurer or vision benefit manager shall apply the same terms and conditions of participation for all eye care providers irrespective of their educational credentials, subject to the permitted scope of practice for the licensee under applicable state law.

D. An insurer or vision benefit manager shall not require an eye care provider to possess, offer, or sell materials or covered materials in their office as a condition of participation in the provider network of health benefit plan, vision benefit plan, or vision benefit discount plan. Any such contractual language, policies, or procedures set by the insurer or vision benefit manager in violation of the foregoing shall be void and unenforceable.

E. If an eye care provider enters into any subcontract agreement with another provider to provide licensed healthcare services to an enrollee or a covered dependent of an enrollee of a health benefit plan, vision benefit plan, or vision benefit discount plan where the subcontracted provider seeks reimbursement from the plan, or enrollee for the subcontracted services, the subcontract agreement must meet all requirements of this Section.

F. The provisions of this Section shall apply to any contract or agreement an insurer or vision benefit manager enters into with another entity to provide an enrollee with covered services or covered materials.

§1809.7. Unfair trade practices

A. It is prohibited for an insurer or vision benefit manager that offers multiple health benefit plans, vision benefit plans, or vision benefit discount plans to require an eye care provider, as a condition of participation in the network for a health benefit plan, vision benefit plan, or vision benefit discount plan, to participate in the network of any of the insurer's or vision benefit manager's other health benefit plans, vision benefit plans, or vision benefit discount plans. A contract provision or agreement violating this Subsection shall be void. The penalties and remedies provided for violation of provisions of this Part shall not waive, limit, or otherwise affect the applicability of the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, R.S. 51:1401 et seq., or any other law providing for civil or criminal penalties or remedies for unfair, deceptive, or unlawful business practices.

B. It is prohibited for an insurer or vision benefit manager that offers multiple health benefit plans, vision benefit plans, or vision benefit discount plans to withhold participation in the network of one or more of the insurer's or vision benefit manager's other health benefit plans, vision benefit plans, or vision benefit discount plans if the eye care provider is already participating in the network of one or more of the insurer's or vision benefit manager's health benefit plans, vision benefit plans, or vision benefit discount plans and seeks to participate in the network of the insurer's or vision benefit manager's other health benefit plans, vision benefit plans, or vision benefit discount plans.

C. This Section applies to all plan types that a health benefit plan, vision benefit plan, or vision benefit discount plan sells, administers, or offers, including but not limited to individually purchased plans and employer-sponsored plans.

§1809.8. Credentialing and contracting requirements; acceptance as participating eye care provider

A. An insurer or vision benefit manager shall include all of the following on

its website:

(1) A method for an eye care provider to submit an application for inclusion and credentialing as a participating provider in the health benefit plan, vision benefit plan, or vision benefit discount plan.

(2) A description of the credentialing requirements, which shall be reasonable, related to the delivery of covered eye care services, and applied in an objective, uniform, and nondiscriminatory manner.

B. An insurer's or vision benefit manager's application for inclusion and credentialing as a participating eye care provider in the health benefit plan, vision benefit plan, or vision benefit discount plan shall only require standardized information specified in the current version of the Louisiana Standardized Credentialing Application Form or the current format used by the Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare credentialing application.

C. An insurer's or vision benefit manager's application for inclusion and credentialing as a participating eye care provider in the health insurance benefit plan, vision benefit plan, or vision benefit discount plan shall impose the same application requirements on each eye care provider.

D. Not later than the thirtieth business day after the date the insurer or vision benefit manager receives an application from an eye care provider for inclusion as a participating provider in the health benefit plan, vision benefit plan, or vision benefit discount plan, the insurer or vision benefit manager shall inform the applicant of all defects and reasons known at the time by the insurer or vision benefit manager in the event that the application is deemed to be not correctly completed.

E. Not later than the fortieth business day after the date the insurer or vision benefit manager receives an application from an eye care provider for inclusion as a participating provider in the health benefit plan, vision benefit, or vision benefit discount planning, the insurer or vision benefit manager shall make available electronically to the eye care provider the proposed participating provider contract, including applicable fee schedules, provider handbooks, and provider manuals.

F. Not later than the ninetieth business day after the date the insurer or vision benefit manager receives an application from an eye care provider for inclusion as a participating provider in the health benefit plan, vision benefit plan, or vision benefit discount plan, the insurer or vision benefit manager shall complete the credentialing determination of the eye care provider, approve or disapprove the application of the eye care provider, and deliver electronically a proposed participating provider contract as provided for in this Section for acceptance and signature to the approved eye care provider.

G. If the application for inclusion and credentialing as a participating provider is denied by the insurer or vision benefit manager, the insurer or vision benefit manager shall deliver to the applicant a detailed explanation for the denial, both electronically and in writing via certified mail.

H. If the application for inclusion and credentialing as a participating provider is denied by the insurer or vision benefit manager, the eye care provider shall be allowed a reasonable period of time in which to appeal the decision to the insurer or vision benefit manager and provide in the appeal evidence that supports the reconsideration of the denied application. The insurer or vision benefit managers shall consider, and render a decision on the eye care provider's appeal submission within thirty days of the date of receipt of the submission by the insurer or vision benefit manager.

I. If the appeal to the application denial for inclusion and credentialing as a participating provider is denied by the insurer or vision benefit manager, the insurer or vision benefit manager shall deliver to the applicant a detailed explanation for the denial of the appeal, both electronically and in writing via certified mail.

J. If the appeal to the application denial for inclusion and credentialing as a participating provider is denied by the insurer or vision benefit manager, the applicant may appeal the decision to the commissioner and seek a ruling that allows the eye care provider to become a participating provider in the health benefit plan, vision benefit plan, or vision benefit discount plan.

K. An insurer or vision benefit manager, concurrent with the electronic delivery of the proposed participating provider contract to the approved eye care provider, shall provide the name, email address, and phone number of the representative of the insurer or vision benefit manager to allow the approved eye care provider the opportunity to do all of the following:

(1) Contact the representative before signing the contract or agreement.

(2) Discuss the proposed contract with the representative before signing the contract or agreement.

(3) Electronically send the representative modifications to the proposed contract or agreement before signing the contract.

L. In the event that the approved eye care provider sends the representative of the insurer or vision benefit manager modifications to the proposed participating provider contract, the insurer or vision benefit manager shall respond to the submission of the approved eye care provider within five business days. Each subsequent response made by the insurer, vision benefit manager, or approved eye care provider to the other party shall be responded to within five business days by the receiving party.

M. Once the insurer or vision benefit manager has approved and delivered electronically a proposed participating provider contract, the approved eye care provider has a total allotted time frame of ninety business days to reach agreement with the insurer or vision benefit manager and sign a participating provider contract or agreement. If the parties fail to reach an agreement and no participating provider contract is signed by the approved eye care provider within the allotted time frame, the insurer or vision benefit manager may retract the participating provider's contract or agreement.

N. Not later than the twentieth business day after the date the approved eye care provider signs a participating provider contract, the insurer or vision benefit manager shall include the credentialed and approved eye care provider as a participating provider in the health benefit plan, vision benefit plan, or vision benefit discount plan, and list the eye care provider without limitation in all of the plan directories that are available to enrollees and the public.

O. The earliest that an eye care provider may submit another application to an insurer or vision benefit manager, after a previous approval and subsequent unsuccessful attempt to sign a participating provider contract, is one hundred eighty calendar days from the date of the previous application.

P. The earliest that an eye care provider may submit another application to an insurer or vision benefit manager after a previous disapproval of an application is one hundred eighty calendar days from the date of the previous application.

Q. An insurer or vision benefit manager shall allow an eye care provider to become a participating provider in the network of a health benefit plan, vision benefit plan, or vision benefit discount plan if the eye care provider does all of the following:

(1) Meets the credentialing requirements of the insurer or vision benefit manager.

(2) Agrees in writing to the applicable provider agreement.

R. An insurer or vision benefit manager shall allow all eye care providers who practice under a single Employer Identification Number or Tax Identification Number to become participating providers in the network of a health benefit plan, vision benefit plan, or vision benefit discount plan if one eye care provider practicing in that practice does all of the following:

(1) Meets the credentialing requirements of the insurer or vision benefit manager.

(2) Agrees in writing to the applicable provider agreement.

S. An insurer or vision benefit manager shall not exclude an eye care provider from applying to or becoming a participating provider in the network of a health benefit plan, vision benefit plan, or vision benefit discount plan because of any of the following:

(1) The aggregate number of eye care providers in a state, county, city, zip code, or other geographically defined service area.

(2) The time, distance, or appointment availability for an enrollee to access a participating eye care provider.

(3) The eye care provider's professional designation, independent practice affiliation, or participation status in other health benefit plans, vision benefit plans, or vision benefit discount plans.

T. An insurer or vision benefit manager shall not deny participation to any eye care provider employed by or under contract with a federally qualified health center or rural health clinic, based on the practice setting, ownership structure, participation through the federally qualified health center or rural health clinic, or designation as a federally qualified health center or rural health clinic.

§1809.9. Transparency and disclosure requirements for insurers and vision benefit managers

A. An insurer or vision benefit manager shall disclose all of the following information publicly on its internet website and with all documents and document packages, including but not limited to proposals, responses to requests for proposals, sales documents, enrollment documents, benefit plan documents, purchaser contracts, enrollee contracts, and provider agreements that are presented to purchasers, potential purchasers, enrollees, potential enrollees, participating eye care providers, potential participating providers, and state agencies with jurisdictional, regulatory, or enforcement authority over its business:

(1) Its legal name and entity type.

(2) Its legal address and state in which the legal entity is formed or organized.

(3) The physical address, mailing address, electronic mail address, and phone number of its operational headquarters.

(4) The agencies, departments, committees, commissions, and other bodies that have jurisdictional, regulatory, or enforcement authority over the business.

(5) A statement that no jurisdictional, regulatory, or enforcement authority exists over its business, if none exists.

(6) The names, physical addresses, mailing addresses, electronic mail addresses, and phone numbers of all parent companies, related holding companies, wholly-owned subsidiary companies, and partially-owned subsidiary companies.

(7) All federal and state litigation in which the company is, or has been, a party to in the current year and during the preceding five years.

(8) All Department of Insurance formal complaints against the company in the current year and during the preceding five years by purchasers, enrollees, or eye care providers.

B. All information required to be disclosed by an insurer or vision benefit manager in Subsection A of this Section shall be conveyed in plain language and typed with a minimum of ten point font size and prominently displayed in all of the following:

(1) On the insurer's or vision benefit manager's website in a publicly accessible section titled "Required Transparency Information for Patients, Doctors, and Purchasers".

(2) In a separately created document titled "Required Transparency Information for Patients, Doctors, and Purchasers" that shall be included with all documents and document packages, including but not limited to proposals, responses to requests for proposals, benefit plan documents, sales documents, enrollment documents, purchaser contracts, enrollee contracts, and provider agreements.

C. An insurer or vision benefit manager shall provide notice to each

participating eye care provider of any proposed amendments to existing provider agreements, fee schedules, provider handbooks, provider manuals, or related policy documents via electronic mail.

D. A participating eye care provider shall be provided with a minimum of ninety calendar days from the time of distribution to review changes and respond, if necessary, to any proposed amendments from an insurer or vision benefit manager to existing provider agreements, fee schedules, provider handbooks, provider manuals, or related policy documents. Any such proposed amendments proffered by the insurer or vision benefit manager in violation of the foregoing shall be void and unenforceable.

E. Any proposed amendments to existing provider agreements, fee schedules, provider handbooks, provider manuals, or related policy documents by an insurer or vision benefit manager delivered to a participating eye care provider shall be all of the following:

(1) Enumerated in a cover letter.

(2) Marked with highlights or as tracked changes within the applicable agreements or documents, to clearly display all changes over any of the previous version.

(3) Structured to include implications of agreement or nonagreement by the participating eye care provider.

F. An insurer or vision benefit manager shall maintain all of the following:

(1) A phone number for company representatives to receive questions and communications from participating eye care providers at all times during standard business hours.

(2) The ability for an eye care provider to leave voice messages at all times.

(3) The ability for an eye care provider to have a live phone discussion with a company representative within twenty-four hours of an initial phone call or a voice message left with the insurer or vision benefit manager.

G. An insurer or vision benefit manager shall maintain a physical mailing address and an electronic mail address to company representatives to receive questions, disputes, and communications from participating eye care providers about all matters, at all times, including but not limited to proposed amendments to existing provider agreements, fee schedules, provider handbooks, provider manuals, and related policy documents, and will publish instructions for mail submission and electronic mail submission of questions, disputes, and communications in a place visible to participating eye care providers including on its website and in any provider agreements, provider handbooks, provider manuals, or related policy documents.

H. An insurer or vision benefit manager shall acknowledge receipt of an electronic mail message within one hour by use of a return electronic mail message with a communication tracking number and shall respond to the substantive questions or communications of the electronic mail message within seventy-two hours in writing by use of a return electronic mail message.

I. An insurer or vision benefit manager shall, at all times, make available to the eye care provider the most up-to-date provider agreements, fee schedules, provider handbooks, provider manuals, and related policy documents via website access.

J. Insurers or vision benefit managers shall not engage in marketing or advertising activities that are misleading or deceptive to the public. Such acts are considered an unfair practice or act in accordance with the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, R.S. 51:1401 et seq.

K. Upon request by a state agency with jurisdictional, regulatory, or enforcement authority over its business, insurers and vision benefit managers shall submit all information related to a health benefit plan, vision benefit plan, or vision benefit discount plan, including but not limited to proposals, responses to requests for proposals, benefit plan documents, sales documents, enrollment documents, purchaser contracts, enrollee contracts, provider agreements, and marketing and advertising activities for review.

§1809.10. Amending agreements; contracts; payment methods; security interests; arbitration expenses

A. An insurer or vision benefit manager shall not change or alter a contract or agreement, including terms, reimbursements, or fee schedules, entered into with a participating eye care provider unless the insurer or vision benefit manager complies with all of the following requirements at least ninety days before the date of the proposed change would take effect:

(1) A certified letter, or an electronic communication requiring an electronic signature proving receipt, detailing proposed changes is required to be sent to the eye care provider.

(2) A face-to-face or virtual meeting is required to discuss proposed changes, if requested by the eye care provider.

(3) The eye care provider shall either agree or not agree in writing to proposed changes. If the changes in the contract or agreement are not agreed to by the eye care provider then the current agreement shall continue and the insurer or vision benefit manager may not remove the eye care provider from a network panel or plan for not accepting the proposed changes to a contract or agreement.

(4) A new agreement is required to be established and agreed upon after three or more material changes, are made to an existing agreement between an eye care provider and an insurer or vision benefit manager.

(5) Any proposed amendment to an existing contract or agreement shall be presented to the participating eye care provider in a manner conducive to the provider's review. Proposed changes will be enumerated in a cover letter and clearly marked as tracked changes within the body of the applicable contract or agreement.

B. A contract or agreement between an insurer or vision benefit manager and an eye care provider shall not contain any provision requiring an optometrist to accept a reimbursement payment in the form of a virtual credit card or

any other payment method wherein a processing fee, administrative fee, percentage amount, or dollar amount is assessed for the provider to receive the reimbursement payment.

C. Termination of any contract or agreement shall be permissible only in the event of a material breach, wherein the eye care provider fails to remedy the alleged breach to the reasonable satisfaction of the insurer or vision benefit manager within thirty days of receipt of written notice specifying the alleged breach.

D. It shall be prohibited for an insurer or vision benefit manager to require an eye care provider to establish a security interest in all or part of their property and assets, including assets pertaining to their practice, in a sum equivalent to the funds owed to the insurer or vision benefit manager at termination. Any such contractual language, policies, or procedures set by the insurer or vision benefit manager in violation of the foregoing shall be void and unenforceable.

E. A contract or agreement between an insurer or vision benefit manager and an eye care provider shall not contain a provision obligating the eye care provider to equally share the expenses of arbitration. Each party shall bear their own arbitration costs, contingent upon a fee-shifting provision that grants prevailing party status.

F. An insurer or vision benefit manager shall not retaliate in any manner against an eye care provider for discussing, or attempting in good faith to negotiate, the terms and provisions of a provider agreement with the insurer or vision benefit manager.

G. An insurer or vision benefit manager shall not retaliate in any manner against an eye care provider for filing a complaint against the insurer or vision benefit manager with any state agency with jurisdictional, regulatory, or enforcement authority over the business of the insurer or vision benefit manager.

H. Should retaliation by an insurer or vision benefit manager occur against an eye care provider in violation of Subsections F or G of this Section, the commissioner may sanction the insurer or vision benefit manager, including fines and other remedies deemed appropriate, and provide an appropriate remedy for the aggrieved eye care provider.

§1809.11. Optical labs and suppliers

A. No contract or agreement between an insurer or vision benefit manager and an eye care provider shall restrict or limit, either directly or indirectly, the eye care provider's choice or use of sources and suppliers of covered or uncovered services or materials, including the choice or use of optical laboratories, provided by the eye care provider to an enrollee. Any such contractual language, policies, or procedures set by the insurer or vision benefit manager in violation of the foregoing shall be void and unenforceable.

B. An insurer or vision benefit manager shall not directly or indirectly do any of the following:

(1) Control or attempt to control the professional judgment, manner of practice, or practice of an eye care provider.

(2) Employ an eye care provider to provide a covered service or covered material.

(3) Withhold or recoup payment to an eye care provider for covered services or covered materials provided for an enrollee if the enrollee was shown to be eligible on the date that the covered services or covered materials were provided.

(4) Reimburse an eye care provider a different amount for covered services or covered materials because of the eye care provider's choice of any of the following:

(a) Optical laboratory.

(b) Source of supplier of any of the following:

(i) Contact lenses.

(ii) Ophthalmic lenses.

(iii) Ophthalmic glasses frames.

(iv) Covered or non-covered services or materials.

(c) Equipment used for patient care.

(d) Retail optical affiliation.

(e) Vision support organization.

(f) Group purchasing organization.

(g) Doctor alliance or group.

(h) Professional trade association membership.

(i) Electronic health record software, electronic medical record software, or practice management software.

(j) Third-party claim filing service, billing service, or electronic data interchange clearinghouse company.

(5) Restrict, limit, or influence an eye care provider's choice of sources or suppliers of services or materials, including optical laboratories used by the eye care provider to provide services or materials to the enrollee.

(6) Restrict, limit, or influence an eye care provider's choice of electronic health record software, electronic medical record software, or practice management software.

(7) Restrict, limit, or influence an eye care provider's choice of third-party claim filing service, billing service, or electronic data interchange clearinghouse company.

(8) Restrict or limit an eye care provider's access to an enrollee's complete plan coverage information, including in-network and out-of-network coverage details.

(9) Apply a chargeback to an enrollee or eye care provider if the chargeback is for a covered product or service for which the insurer or vision benefit manager does not incur the cost to produce, deliver, or provide to the enrollee or eye care provider.

(10) Require an eye care provider to disclose an enrollee's confidential or

protected health information unless the disclosure is expressly authorized by the enrollee, or permitted without authorization under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.

(11) Require an eye care provider to disclose or report a medical history or diagnosis as a condition to file a claim, adjudicate a claim, or receive reimbursement for a routine or wellness eye exam.

(12) Require an eye care provider to disclose or report an enrollee's glasses prescription, contact lens prescription, ophthalmic device measurements, facial photograph, or unique anatomical measurements as condition to file a claim, adjudicate a claim, or receive reimbursement for a claim, unless the information is needed for the vision benefit manager to manufacture, or cause to be manufactured, a covered product that is submitted on the applicable claim.

(13) Require an eye care provider to disclose any enrollee information, other than information identified on the version of the Health Insurance Claim Form approved by the National Uniform Claim Committee as of March 1, 2023, or its approved successor, as a condition to file a claim, adjudicate a claim, or receive reimbursement for a claim unless the information is needed for the vision benefit manager to manufacture, or cause to be manufactured, a covered product that is submitted on the applicable claim.

C. An insurer or vision benefit manager shall not solicit patients or referrals for supplies on behalf of itself or its affiliates by identifying participating eye care providers in an inaccurate or otherwise misleading manner, in any list of participating providers, or in any communications to purchasers or enrollees. All communications which distinguish between participating eye care providers, or which otherwise claim professional superiority or the performance of a professional service in a superior manner, based on any of the following characteristics, shall be readily subject to verification by the Department of Insurance:

(1) A discount or incentive offered by the participating eye care provider on services and materials that are not covered by the insurer or vision benefit manager.

(2) The dollar amount, volume amount, or percent usage amount of any material, product, or good purchased by the participating eye care provider.

(3) The brand, source, manufacturer, or supplier of a covered service or covered material utilized by the participating eye care provider.

D. This Section shall not prohibit advertising, provided that such advertising is not false, misleading, or deceptive and is readily subject to verification.

§1809.12. Extrapolation prohibited

A. An insurer or vision benefit manager shall not use extrapolation to complete an audit of a participating eye care provider. Any additional payment due to a participating eye care provider or any refund due to the insurer or vision benefit manager shall not be based on an extrapolation, but shall be based on the actual overpayment or underpayment, as determined after an investigation by the insurer or vision benefit manager, and participating eye care provider has been afforded, and has exhausted, all opportunities to appeal the insurer or vision benefit manager's findings, as set forth in the provider manual, policy document, or applicable law.

B. For purposes of this Section, "extrapolation" means a mathematical formula, process, or technique used by a vision benefit manager, or the vision benefit manager's agent, in the audit of an optometrist to estimate audit results or findings for a larger batch or group of claims not reviewed by the vision benefit manager.

§1809.13. Private right of action; eye care providers

Any eye care provider adversely affected by a violation of this Part may bring an action in a court of competent jurisdiction for injunctive relief against the insurer or vision benefit manager and, upon prevailing, in addition to such injunctive relief, shall recover monetary damages, including but not limited to direct, indirect, special, and punitive damages and penalties, of no more than ten thousand dollars for each violation, plus attorney fees and costs.

§1809.14. Relationship to other laws

The requirements of this Part are in addition to, and do not limit, any other requirement applicable to an insurer under state law. In the event of a conflict between this Part and another provision of law applicable to insurers, the provision that affords greater protection to eye care providers or plan enrollees shall control. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including any law that purports to be the sole body of law governing the insurer, an insurer shall comply with this Part, to the extent not preempted by federal law.

§1809.15. Authorization for enforcement

A. The Department of Insurance has jurisdiction to administer and enforce this Part with respect to any insurer or vision benefit manager. The department may do any of the following:

(1) Bring an action, issue orders, and impose remedies authorized by this Part against any insurer or vision benefit manager.

(2) Adopt rules to identify activities that constitute the administration, management, or control of vision benefits or materials.

(3) Coordinate enforcement with other state agencies that regulate insurers under other applicable law. The attorney general shall have concurrent enforcement authority for violations constituting unfair or deceptive acts or practices.

B. The Department of Insurance shall do all of the following:

(1) Provide a mechanism for aggrieved individuals, whether actively or formerly enrolled with a particular vision care plan, to submit complaints to the department for review, investigation, and as appropriate, discipline under applicable law.

(2) Enforce the state's insurance laws and the provisions of this Part using powers granted to the commissioner in this Title.

(3) Ensure that insurers and vision benefit managers comply with the requirements of this Part.

(4) Be entitled to seek an injunction against an insurer or vision benefit manager in a court of competent jurisdiction if the insurer or vision benefit manager does any of the following:

(a) Issues a coverage policy that does not comply with the requirements of this Part, uses fraudulent, coercive, or dishonest practices, or demonstrates incompetence, untrustworthiness, or financial irresponsibility in the conduct of business.

(b) Fails to deal equitably with any eye care provider or other persons or facilities which offer services or materials covered within an agreement or contractor policy issued pursuant to this Part.

(c) Fails to substantially comply with the insurance laws of this state or violates any regulation, rule, subpoena, or order of the commissioner.

C. The attorney general shall do all of the following:

(1) Enforce the provisions of this Part concerning discount card plans, using powers granted to the attorney general pursuant to this Title and the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, R.S. 51:1401, et seq.

(2) Be entitled to seek an injunction against an insurer or vision benefit manager in a court of competent jurisdiction.

§1809.16. Enactment provisions

A. The requirements of this Part shall apply to insurer or vision benefit manager policies, agreements, contracts, addenda, and certificates executed, delivered, issued for delivery, continued, or renewed in the state of Louisiana.

B. No insurer or vision benefit manager agreement may be longer than two years from the date that it was signed by both parties.

C. No insurer or vision benefit manager shall construe re-credentialing as re-contracting with a participating eye care provider. A provider contract or agreement shall be a distinctly separate document from any credentialing materials and shall be signed by the eye care provider and the insurer or vision benefit manager.

D. An insurer or vision benefit manager shall include a copy of the current plan provider manual referred to in a provider contract or agreement at the time a contract or agreement is sent to any provider and prospective provider, as well as any policies referenced in the contract or agreement.

Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall apply to all insurers and vision benefit managers upon the earlier of:

(A) The renewal of enrollee's current benefit plan or upon issue of a new benefit plan to any enrollee.

(B) The initiation of a new contract or agreement with an eye care provider or upon any modification of an existing contract or agreement with an eye care provider.

(C) January 1, 2027.

Section 3. If any provision or item of this Act, or the application thereof, is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications of the Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision, item, or application and to this end the provisions of this Act are hereby declared severable.

Section 4. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 385

SENATE BILL NO. 417
BY SENATOR ALLAIN
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 38:1759(B)(4), relative to the gravity drainage districts in St. Mary Parish; to provide for the composition of the board of commissioners of St. Mary Parish Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 2A; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 38:1759(B)(4) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1759. Appointment and terms of commissioners

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(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection A of this Section, the board of commissioners of St. Mary Parish Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 2A shall consist of seven members, subject to all other requirements of qualifications for office provided in Subsection A of this Section.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 386

SENATE BILL NO. 424
BY SENATOR FOIL
AN ACT

To enact Code of Civil Procedure Art. 1313(E), relative to service of pleadings; to provide relative to service of certain pleadings by electronic means; to provide for counsel of record; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Code of Civil Procedure Art. 1313(E) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

Art. 1313. Service by mail, delivery, or electronic means

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E. For the purposes of this Article, “counsel of record” means a counsel who has enrolled in the action for a party.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.

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Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 388

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.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 34:851.20(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§851.20. Identification number

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C.(1) Should the ownership of a motorboat, houseboat, or sailboat change, a new application form with a five dollar fee shall be filed with the commission, along with the registration fee required by this Section, and a new certificate of number and a decal, valid for three years, shall be awarded in the same manner as provided for in an original award of number.

(2)(a) An application for a certificate of number may be filed by the possessor of a motorboat, houseboat, or sailboat with a certificate of number that has lapsed for at least five years. The possessor shall submit an affidavit stating the following:

(i) Notice of the application has been provided by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the last holder of a certificate of number.

(ii) The applicant has been in possession of the boat for at least one year immediately preceding the date of application.

(b) Copies of the notice and return receipt shall be submitted to the commission with the affidavit.

(c) All documentation submitted to the commission pursuant to this Paragraph shall be in a form prescribed by the commission.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 389

SENATE BILL NO. 439
BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX AND REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION
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 authorize qualified healthcare providers to conduct cancer screening examinations and precancer screenings; 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.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 33:2581.4 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2581.4. Cancer screenings; certain firefighters and fire service employees
A. A classified firefighter employed as a full-time paid employee of a municipal or parish fire department or fire protection district and fire service employees employed by a nonprofit corporation under contract with a fire protection district shall be provided a cancer screening examination **and precancer screening** conducted by a physician **or a qualified healthcare provider**. The initial **cancer screening** examination shall be conducted not less than three years after the start of employment, and subsequent examinations shall be conducted during the course of employment in accordance with the following schedule:

(1) Every five years for firefighters and fire service employees who are not less than twenty years of age and not more than thirty-nine years of age.

(2) Every four years for firefighters and fire service employees who are not less than forty years of age and not more than forty-nine years of age.

(3) Every three years for firefighters and fire service employees who are fifty years of age or older.

(4) Every ten years for every firefighter and fire service employee beginning with the first ten years of employment and in ten-year intervals thereafter for precancer screening or testing.

B. The examination shall include but not be limited to screening for the following cancers:

- (1) Colon.
- (2) Lung.
- (3) Bladder.
- (4) Oral.
- (5) Thyroid.
- (6) Skin.
- (7) Blood.
- (8) Breast.
- (9) Cervical.
- (10) Testicular.
- (11) Prostate.

C. Effective January 1, 2027, precancer screenings for esophageal cancer shall be made available to every firefighter and fire service employee in accordance with the schedule provided in Subsection A of this Section, but terminable in all cases at the age of sixty.

D. Any firefighter or fire service employee who retires from active service, including a firefighter or fire service employee who retires due to a disability, shall be provided cancer **and precancer** screening examinations by his former employer pursuant to the schedule provided in Subsection A of this Section.

D-E. All costs associated with cancer screening **and precancer screening** examinations provided for in this Section shall be paid by the firefighter's or fire service employee's employer or former employer. No copayment, deductible, coinsurance, or any out-of-pocket expense shall be required for such examinations.

E-F. No firefighter or fire service employee shall be required to participate in cancer **or precancer** screening examinations.

F-G. The provisions of the Section shall not be applicable to any firefighter or fire service employee who resigned or was terminated by his employer.

G-H. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to require a personal health insurance company to pay for cancer **and precancer** screening examinations for firefighters or fire service employees that are conducted more frequently than such examinations are recommended in the most recently published recommendations established by the American Cancer Society or the National Comprehensive Cancer Network.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 390

SENATE BILL NO. 461
BY SENATOR LUNEAU
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 42:808(A)(12), relative to the office of group benefits; to provide for eligibility in group programs; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 42:808(A)(12) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§808. Eligibility in group programs

A. For the purposes of participating in life, health, or other programs sponsored by the Office of Group Benefits, an employee is defined as:

(12) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter to the contrary, active employees of entities created by rule or order of the Supreme Court of Louisiana

as part of its regulatory function over the practice of law, including the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board and the Committee on Bar Admissions, provided the court approves the entity's participation and the entity pays the employer share of premiums due solely from monies generated by the entity.

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Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 391

SENATE BILL NO. 466
BY SENATOR SEABAUGH
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 19:2, relative to expropriation of property by foreign entities; to provide for foreign powers; to provide for majority ownership; to provide for identification of foreign adversaries; to provide for geographic limitations; to provide for military bases; to provide relative to aircraft, airports, and other navigation and aerospace facilities; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 19:2 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2. Expropriation by state or certain corporations, limited liability companies, or other legal entities

A. Prior to filing an expropriation suit, an expropriating authority shall attempt in good faith to reach an agreement as to compensation with the owner of the property sought to be taken and comply with all of the requirements of R.S. 19:2.2. If unable to reach an agreement with the owner as to compensation, any of the following may expropriate needed property:

(1) The state or its political corporations or subdivisions created for the purpose of exercising any state governmental powers.

(2) Any domestic or foreign corporation, limited liability company, or other legal entity created for, or engaged in, the construction of railroads, toll roads, or navigation canals.

(3) Any domestic or foreign corporation, limited liability company, or other legal entity created for, or engaged in, the construction or operation of street railways, urban railways, or inter-urban railways.

(4) Any domestic or foreign corporation, limited liability company, or other legal entity created for, or engaged in, the construction or operation of waterworks, filtration and treating plants, or sewerage plants to supply the public with water and sewerage.

(5) Any domestic or foreign corporation, limited liability company, or other legal entity created for, or engaged in, the piping and marketing of natural gas for the purpose of supplying the public with natural gas as a common carrier or contract carrier or any domestic or foreign corporation, limited liability company, or other legal entity which is or will be a natural gas company or an intrastate natural gas transporter as defined by federal or state law, composed entirely of such entities or composed of the wholly owned subsidiaries of such entities. As used in this Paragraph, "contract carrier" means any legal entity that transports natural gas for compensation or hire pursuant to special contract or agreement with unaffiliated third parties.

(6) Any domestic or foreign corporation, limited liability company, or other legal entity created for the purpose of, or engaged in, transmitting intelligence by telegraph or telephone.

(7) Any domestic or foreign corporation, limited liability company, or other legal entity created for the purpose of, or engaged in, generating, transmitting, and distributing or for transmitting or distributing electricity and steam for power, lighting, heating, or other such uses subject to the following qualifications. Property located in Louisiana may be expropriated exclusively by an electric public utility as defined in R.S. 45:121 or an affiliated entity either for a transmission or generation project that is approved and included in a multistate regional transmission organization's or independent system operator's transmission expansion plan or identified by such regional transmission organization or independent system operator as necessary for the reliability of the electric system or necessary for the interconnection of a generator, or for generating plants, buildings, transmission lines, stations or substations, distribution lines, or other associated facilities if a majority of the electricity or steam power to be generated, transmitted, or distributed in connection with these intended facilities will be delivered to end-users located within Louisiana. The generating plants, buildings, transmission lines, stations, and substations expropriated or for which property was expropriated shall be so located, constructed, operated, and maintained as not to be dangerous to persons or property nor interfere with the use of the wires of other wire using companies or, more than is necessary, with the convenience of the landowners. The terms "Regional Transmission Organization" and "Independent System Operator" shall have the meanings provided by 16 U.S.C. 796. In the event that any provision or provisions of this Paragraph are declared invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining terms and provisions that are not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

(8) All persons included in the definition of common carrier pipelines as set forth in R.S. 45:251.

(9) Any domestic or foreign corporation, limited liability company, or other legal entity created for the purpose of, or engaged in, piping or marketing

of coal or lignite in whatever form or mixture convenient for transportation within a pipeline as otherwise provided for in R.S. 30:721 through 723.

(10) Any domestic or foreign corporation, limited liability company, or other legal entity created for the purpose of, or engaged in, the piping or marketing of carbon dioxide for use in connection with a secondary or tertiary recovery project for the enhanced recovery of liquid or gaseous hydrocarbons approved by the commissioner of conservation, or created for the purpose of, or engaged in, the transportation of carbon dioxide by pipeline for underground storage, including but not limited to through connecting to an existing pipeline transporting carbon dioxide for underground storage, whether owned or operated by the same entity, and which has received a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 30:1107(B). Property located in Louisiana may be so expropriated for the transportation of carbon dioxide for underground injection in connection with such projects located in Louisiana or in other states or jurisdictions.

(11) Any domestic or foreign corporation, limited liability company, or other legal entity created for the purpose of, or engaged in, the injection of carbon dioxide for the underground storage of carbon dioxide and that has received a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 30:1107(A). Property located in Louisiana may be so expropriated for the underground storage of carbon dioxide in connection with such storage facility projects located in Louisiana, including but not limited to surface and subsurface rights, mineral rights, and other property interests necessary or useful for the purpose of constructing, operating, or modifying a carbon dioxide storage facility. This Paragraph shall not allow for the expropriation of reservoir storage rights for geologic storage of carbon dioxide, except in connection with any project as to which R.S. 30:1108(B)(2) is applicable. This Paragraph shall have no effect on nor does it grant expropriation of the mineral rights or other property rights associated with the approvals required for injection of carbon dioxide into enhanced recovery projects approved by the commissioner under R.S. 30:4.

(12) Subject to any applicable limitations in this Section, any domestic or foreign corporation, limited liability company, or other legal entity created for the purpose of, or engaged in, any of the activities otherwise provided for in this Section.

(13) Any domestic corporation, any foreign corporation organized or incorporated under the laws of another state and authorized or registered to do business in this state, any limited liability company, or any other legal entity that is created for the purpose of, or that engages in, any activity involving the research, development, testing, operation, manufacture, or construction of aircraft, airports, or related aviation facilities, including but not limited to spaceflight activities, landing fields, landing strips, and navigation facilities, when the property utilized for such purposes consists of not less than twenty thousand contiguous acres and contains no residential structures.

B. No foreign power, alien, or corporation in which the majority of stock is controlled by any foreign power, alien, or alien corporation that is considered a foreign adversary as identified in 15 CFR 7.4(a) and identified in the database maintained by the United States Department of the Treasury, office of foreign assets shall expropriate property under the authority of this Section if the property to be expropriated is within fifty miles of a military base.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 392

SENATE BILL NO. 510
BY SENATOR MORRIS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 26:90(A)(3)(a) and 286(A)(3)(a), relative to alcoholic beverage permits; to provide for acts prohibited on licensed premises; to prohibit enticement of minors on premises with certain substances; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 26:90(A)(3)(a) and 286(A)(3)(a) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§90. Acts prohibited on licensed premises; suspension or revocation of permits

A. No person holding a retail dealer's permit, and no person permitted to sell alcoholic beverages at retail to consumers, and no agent, associate, employee, representative, or servant of any such person shall do or permit any of the following acts to be done on or about the licensed premises:

* * *

(3)(a) Intentionally entice, aid, or permit any person under the age of eighteen years to visit or loiter in or about any place where alcoholic beverages or beer, beer, or consumable hemp products as defined in R.S. 3:1481 are the principal commodities sold, handled, or given away. The provisions of this Section shall in no way prohibit the presence of any person under the age of eighteen years on or about a licensed premises for any function sponsored by a religious or charitable organization with tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States, or by a fraternal beneficiary society with tax exempt status under 501(c)(8) of the said code, and no alcoholic beverages are sold, handled, given away, or accessible during the presence of any such person.

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§286. Acts prohibited on licensed premises; suspension or revocation of permits

A. No person holding a retail dealer's permit, and no person permitted to sell alcoholic beverages at retail to consumers, and no servant, agent, or employee of the permittee shall do any of the following acts upon the licensed premises:

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(3)(a) Intentionally entice, aid, or permit any person under the age of eighteen years to visit or loiter in or about any place where alcoholic beverages or beer, beer, or consumable hemp products as defined in R.S. 3:1481 are the principal commodities sold, handled, or given away. However, the provisions of this Section shall in no way prohibit the presence of any person under the age of eighteen years on or about a licensed premises for any function sponsored by a religious or charitable organization with tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States, or by a fraternal beneficiary society with tax exempt status under 501(c)(8) of the said code, and no alcoholic beverages are sold, handled, given away, or accessible during the presence of any such person.

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Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 393

SENATE BILL NO. 522 (Substitute of Senate Bill No. 95 by Senator Edmonds)
BY SENATORS EDMONDS AND CARTER AND REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BOUDREAUX, CREWS, FREIBERG, OWEN AND VENTRELLA
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3983(A)(2)(a)(i) and to enact R.S. 17:3983(A)(2)(a)(v) and 3991.2 and R.S. 51:934, relative to vocational and technical education; to provide for charter schools; to authorize proposals for a vocational and technical education Type 2 charter school; to provide for resolutions from the State Board of Commerce and Industry; to provide for definitions; to provide for enrollment; to provide for charter governing authority board members; to provide for applications; to provide agreements; to provide for restrictions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:3983(A)(2)(a)(i) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17: 3983(A)(2)(a)(v) and 3991.2 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§3983. Chartering process by type; eligibility; limitations; faculty approval; parental approval

A.(1)

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(2)(a)(i) Each proposal for a Type 1 or Type 3 charter school shall first be made to the local school board with jurisdiction where the school is to be located, except as provided for in Item (ii), (iii), or (iv), or (v) of this Subparagraph, by submitting a written proposal. The applicant shall also provide notice of application submission for a Type 1 or Type 3 charter school to the state Department of Education. If, after review as required by R.S. 17:3982, the local school board denies the proposal, or if conditions placed on the proposal by the local school board as provided in Paragraph (B)(2) of this Section are not acceptable to the chartering group, then a proposal for a Type 2 charter school may be made to the state board.

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(v) The initial proposal for a vocational and technical education charter school, as provided in R.S. 17:3991.2, may be made to the state board as a proposal for a Type 2 charter school.

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§3991.2. Vocational and technical education charter schools; enrollment preferences; board membership

A. The legislature finds and declares that:

(1) The economic vitality of the state is dependent upon the education of its people, including its current and future workforce.

(2) The performance of Louisiana's public education system is critical in providing every Louisiana child with the ability to graduate, being equipped to enter college or the workplace, in order to obtain a rewarding and self-sustaining career and to contribute to society in meaningful ways.

(3) High-quality educational options are essential to the academic growth of Louisiana's students and the ability of the state to expand existing businesses, attract new businesses, and recruit and maintain a highly talented workforce.

(4) Manufacturing, industrial, technology, energy, utility, and other sectors are all dependent on a workforce that has vocational training and technical education.

(5) Providing students with access to classes or educational programs directly aligned with high-demand and high-wage jobs will help provide students with the experience and resources needed to help prepare them to be effective employees and productive citizens.

(6) Encouraging and enhancing innovative vocational and technical school curriculum models aligned with the state's workforce needs benefits the state and its students.

B.(1) Notwithstanding geographic or other requirements for enrollment

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contained in this Chapter, a charter agreement may provide, initially or by amendment, for enrollment of students in a vocational and technical education program.

(2)(a) Preference may be given to students whose parent or legal guardian is employed or resides within the economic sector that is designated by the State Board of Commerce and Industry through a resolution of support for the vocational and technical charter school, as provided in R.S. 51:934. Up to fifty percent of the school's maximum enrollment may be reserved for the enrollment preference.

(b) The charter agreement shall specify both the school's maximum enrollment and the maximum proportion set aside for implementation of this enrollment preference.

(3) In addition to the applicable requirements in R.S. 17:3991, the application must be accompanied by a resolution from the State Board of Commerce and Industry, as provided in R.S. 51:934, that includes the following:

(a) The specialty vocational and technical education classes or programs to be offered by the charter school and the manner in which they are aligned with high-demand and high-wage jobs or determined as STAR Jobs by Louisiana Works.

(b) The school's maximum total enrollment, as well as the maximum number of students that may be enrolled into each specialty vocational and technical education class or program.

(c) A statement that the charter school and any vocational and technical education classes or programs offered by the charter school are not aligned with any corporation or business entity that is identified in R.S. 18:1505.2(L)(3).

(4)(a) A charter agreement may provide, initially or by amendment, for board seats on its charter governing or management board to be held by various industry representatives who are employed by or retired from a business located within the economic sector or have served as an officer or director on the board of such business. Such membership is subject to all other provisions of law except those that are contrary to provisions in this Section and Chapter.

(b) For purposes of this Section, an industry representative may not be an officer, board member, or employee of any corporation or legal entity that is identified in R.S. 18:1505.2(L)(3).

C. For the duration of the enrollment preference specified in Paragraph (B)(1) of this Section, businesses located within the economic sector may enter into memorandums of understanding with the charter school and shall specify the methods by which the businesses may support the charter school, including but not limited to internships for students, career counseling, academic tutoring, or enrichment activities.

D.(1) An enrollment preference pursuant to Paragraph (B)(1) of this Section shall not be implemented in a way that displaces children enrolled at the school at the time the charter agreement or amendment providing for the preference is authorized.

(2) Enrollment at the school shall otherwise be as provided by this Chapter. E. As used in this Section, "STAR Jobs" or "Strategic Targeted Area Resource Jobs" means those employment opportunities identified by the Louisiana Works Commission that have high-demand, high-wage jobs and are listed on the commission's website on the date of the application.

Section 2. R.S. 51:934 is hereby enacted to read as follows:
§934. Resolutions of support for vocational and technical education charter schools; economic sectors

A. The legislature finds and declares that:
(1) Economic development and the economic vitality of the state are dependent upon an educated and highly trained workforce.

(2) Manufacturing, industrial, technology, energy, utility, and other sectors are all dependent on a workforce that has vocational training and technical education.

(3) High-quality educational options that include vocational and technical educations are essential to the academic growth of Louisiana's students and the ability of the state to attract businesses, maintain a highly talented workforce, and expand existing businesses.

B. A majority of the members of the State Board of Commerce and Industry may adopt a resolution in support of an application for a vocational and technical education charter school, pursuant to R.S. 17:3991.2 . If the State Board of Commerce and Industry adopts a resolution, the resolution shall include all of the following:

(1) An economic sector where jobs require vocational and technical education training classes and employment skills associated therewith.

(2) A list of the types of vocational and technical education training classes or skills that are needed for employment in the economic sector.

C. Unless otherwise indicated, the following definitions shall apply to this Section:

(1) "Economic sector" means the economic development district or the parishes or geographic area surrounding a location where manufacturing, industrial, technology, energy, utility, and other sector facilities are, or will be, located that require vocational and technical education to support employment at the facilities. However an economic sector may not be established to provide training for a corporation identified in R.S. 18:1505.2(L)(3).

(2) "Vocational and technical education charter schools" means those charter schools governed by R.S. 17:3991.2.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 394

HOUSE BILL NO. 67
BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 44:11.2(J), relative to the personal information of protected individuals; to provide for the publication of information of a protected individual in certain instances; to provide for the records of a district clerk of court; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 44:11.2(J) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§11.2. Limited access to personal information for protected individuals
* * *

J. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section, an individual who is recognized as a protected individual shall not be exempt from publication or removal of his personal information from records publicly posted by the office of the secretary of state, a district clerk of court, or the board of ethics. A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 395

HOUSE BILL NO. 77
BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:783(F)(13) and (14), relative to group insurance expenses of the office of the clerk of court; to provide for the payment of group insurance premiums for certain retirees of the Lincoln Parish Clerk of Court; to provide for the payment of group insurance premiums for certain retirees of the Lafourche Parish Clerk of Court; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 13:783(F)(13) and (14) are hereby enacted to read as follows:
§783. Expenses of clerk's office

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(13) The clerk of court of Lincoln Parish shall pay from the clerk's salary fund one hundred percent of the premium costs of the group life and accidental death and dismemberment, group health, accident, dental, hospital, surgical, or other medical expense insurance for any clerk or employee who was a covered employee, who elects to continue coverage, and who retires from the office of the Lincoln Parish Clerk of Court and begins receiving monthly benefits from the Louisiana Clerks' of Court Retirement and Relief Fund immediately upon retirement from active employment with at least twenty years of full-time service with the office of the Lincoln Parish Clerk of Court, and who is at least fifty-five years of age. The provisions of this Paragraph do not apply to any other insurance, such as supplemental insurance, that an employee may elect to purchase.

(14) The clerk of court of Lafourche Parish shall pay from the clerk's salary fund one hundred percent of the premium costs of the group life and accidental death and dismemberment, group health, accident, dental, hospital, surgical, or other medical expense insurance for any clerk or employee who was a covered employee, who elects to continue coverage, and who retires from the office of the Lafourche Parish Clerk of Court and begins receiving monthly benefits from the Louisiana Clerks' of Court Retirement and Relief Fund immediately upon retirement from active employment with at least twenty years of full-time service with the office of the Lafourche Parish Clerk of Court, and who is at least fifty-five years of age. The provisions of this Paragraph do not apply to any other insurance, such as supplemental insurance, that an employee may elect to purchase.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 396

HOUSE BILL NO. 127
BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFLEUR
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9097.38(B) and (F)(4), relative to East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide relative to the Victoria Farms Crime Prevention and Improvement District; to provide relative to the boundaries of the district; to provide relative to the parcel fee imposed within the district ; to provide relative to the authority of the district to change the amount of the fee; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of Louisiana.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 33:9097.38(B) and (F)(4) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
§9097.38. Victoria Farms Crime Prevention and Improvement District

* * *
B. Boundaries. The boundaries of the district ~~are coterminous with the boundaries of the Victoria Farms Subdivision as established in the official subdivision plat filed with the clerk of court for East Baton Rouge Parish shall include the area within the following perimeter: Airline Highway, Greenwell Street, Joor Road, and Greenwell Springs Road.~~

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F. Parcel fee. The district may impose and collect a parcel fee within the district subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this Subsection.

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(4) The fee shall be imposed only after its imposition has been approved by a majority of the registered voters of the district voting on the proposition at an election held for that purpose in accordance with the Louisiana Election Code. The amount of the fee may be changed by duly adopted resolution of the board, not to exceed the maximum amount authorized in this Subsection.

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 397

HOUSE BILL NO. 138
BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9097.29(E)(3), (F)(introductory paragraph), (1), and (3), (G), and (H) and to enact R.S. 33:9097.29(I) and (J), relative to East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide relative to the Parkwood Terrace Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Improvement District; to provide relative to the members of the governing board of the district; to provide relative to the powers and duties of the district; to provide relative to the parcel fee imposed within the district; to establish a maximum fee; to provide relative to the increase of the fee; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of Louisiana.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 33:9097.29(E)(3), (F)(introductory paragraph), (1), and (3), (G), and (H) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 33:9097.29(I) and (J) are hereby enacted to read as follows:
§9097.29. Parkwood Terrace Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Improvement District

* * *
E. Powers and duties. The district, acting through its board of commissioners, shall have the following powers and duties:

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(3) To receive and expend funds collected pursuant to ~~Subsection F~~ Subsections F and G of this Section and in accordance with a budget adopted as provided by ~~Subsection G~~ Subsection H of this Section.

* * *
F. Parcel fee. ~~The governing authority of East Baton Rouge Parish district may impose and collect a parcel fee within the district subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this Subsection.~~

(1) The amount of the fee shall be as requested by duly adopted resolution of the board. The fee, however, shall not be less than one hundred dollars per parcel per year and not more than one hundred fifty dollars per parcel per year for lots zoned for residential use.

* * *
(3)(a) The fee shall be imposed only after the question of its imposition has been approved by a majority of the registered voters of the district voting at an election held for that purpose in accordance with the Louisiana Election Code. ~~At least thirty days prior to any election held to approve imposition of a parcel fee, the board shall mail notification of the upcoming election to each registered voter of the district and to the owner of each parcel if the owner is not a registered voter of the district. During the term of the fee, the board may increase the fee one time during each subsequent calendar year, without election, not to exceed ten percent of the amount imposed during the previous calendar year; however, the amount of the fee shall not exceed the maximum amount authorized in this Subsection.~~ No other election shall be required except as provided by this Paragraph.

(b) The ~~initial~~ election on the question of the imposition of the fee shall be held at the same time as a regularly scheduled election in the parish of East Baton Rouge.

(c) ~~The fee shall expire ten years from its initial levy at the time provided in the proposition authorizing the fee, not to exceed ten years,~~ but may be renewed as provided in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph. If the fee is renewed, the term of the imposition of the fee shall be as provided in the proposition authorizing such renewal, not to exceed ten years.

G. Additional contributions. The district may solicit, accept, and expend additional voluntary contributions and grants to carry out its purposes.

G. H. Budget. (1) The board of commissioners shall adopt an annual budget in accordance with the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act, R.S. 39:1301 et seq.

(2) The district shall be subject to audit by the legislative auditor pursuant to R.S. 24:513.

~~H. I.~~ Miscellaneous provisions. (1) It is the purpose and intent of this Section that the additional law enforcement personnel and services provided by the district shall be supplemental to and not in lieu of personnel and services provided in the district by the city of Baker and the city of Baton Rouge and parish of East Baton Rouge.

(2) If the district ceases to exist, any funds of the district shall be transmitted to the governing authority of the city of ~~Baton Rouge and parish of East Baton Rouge Baker~~ and shall be used for law enforcement purposes in the area included within the district.

J. Indemnification and exculpation. (1) The district shall indemnify its officers and board members to the fullest extent permitted by R.S. 12:227, as fully as if the district were a nonprofit corporation governed thereby and as may be provided in the district's bylaws.

(2) No board member or officer shall be liable to the district or to any individual who resides, owns property, visits, or otherwise conducts business in the district for monetary damages for breach of his duties as a board member or officer, provided that this provision shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a board member or officer for any of the following:

(a) Acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law.

(b) Any transaction from which the board member or officer derived an improper personal benefit.

(3) To the fullest extent permitted by R.S. 9:2792 et seq., including R.S. 9:2792.1 through 2792.9, a person serving the district as a board member or officer shall not be individually liable for any act or omission arising out of the performance of his duties.

Section 2.(A) Except as provided in Subsection B of this Section, the provisions of this Act shall not affect the parcel fee levied within the Parkwood Terrace Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Improvement District on the effective date of this Act. The governing authority of East Baton Rouge Parish shall continue to levy the fee until such time as it expires, as provided in the proposition approved by a majority of the district's registered voters voting on the proposition at an election held on December 10, 2016.

(B) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection A of this Section, the board of commissioners of the Parkwood Terrace Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Improvement District may call an election for the purpose of submitting the question of the imposition of the fee authorized in this Act to the voters prior to the expiration of the fee. If the imposition of the fee is approved by a majority of the district's registered voters voting on the proposition at any such election, the governing authority of the district shall then begin to levy a parcel fee as provided in the proposition.

(C) At no time shall a property owner in the district be subject to an annual parcel fee, whether paid to the district or to the parish on behalf of the district or both, that exceeds the rate limits provided in R.S. 33:9097.29(F)(1) as amended by this Act.

Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana.

If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 398

HOUSE BILL NO. 247
BY REPRESENTATIVE CARRIER
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:2740.70.11 and to repeal R.S. 33:4574(B)(3), 4574.1.1(A)(3), and 4574.14, relative to Allen Parish; to create the Allen Parish Economic Development District; to provide relative to the boundaries, purpose, governance, and powers and duties of the district; to provide for district funding; to provide relative to the Allen Parish Tourist Commission; to provide relative to the governing board of the commission; to provide relative to the compensation of board members; to provide relative to taxes levied by the commission; to repeal provisions that provide for the creation of the commission; to abolish the commission; to provide relative to the funds and property of the commission; and to provide for related matters. Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of Louisiana.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 33:2740.70.11 is hereby enacted to read as follows:
§2740.70.11. Allen Parish Economic Development District
A. There is hereby created within the parish of Allen, as more specifically provided in Subsection B of this Section, a body politic and corporate which shall be known as the Allen Parish Economic Development District, referred

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to in this Section as the “district”. The district shall be a political subdivision of the state as defined in the Constitution of Louisiana.

B. The boundaries of the district shall encompass all of the territorial jurisdiction of the parish of Allen.C. The district is created to provide for cooperative economic and community development among the district, the parish, the state, and the owners of property in the district; to provide for tourism-related initiatives; to enhance the development of and improvement to the property within the area of the district; to develop stable and more extensive employment opportunities; to improve infrastructure; and to promote the overall welfare of the citizens of the district.

D.(1) In order to provide for the orderly development of the district and effect the purposes of the district, the district shall be administered and governed by a board of commissioners, referred to in this Section as the “board”, composed of five members as follows:

- (a) The president of the Allen Parish Industrial Development Board.
- (b) The president of the Oakdale Chamber of Commerce.
- (c) The president of the Kinder Chamber of Commerce.
- (d) The president of the governing authority of the parish of Allen.
- (e) The member of the Louisiana House of Representatives whose district encompasses all or the greater portion of the area of the district, or his designee.

(2) The members of the board shall serve during their terms of office. Any designee shall serve at the pleasure of the designating authority.

(3) The board shall elect from its members a president, a vice president, a secretary, a treasurer, and such other officers as it may deem necessary. The duties of the officers shall be fixed by the bylaws adopted by the board.

(4) The minute books and archives of the district shall be maintained by the secretary of the board. The monies, funds, and accounts of the district shall be in the official custody of the board.

(5) The board shall adopt such rules and regulations as it deems necessary or advisable for conducting its business affairs. It shall hold regular meetings as shall be provided for in the bylaws and may hold special meetings at such times and places within the district as may be prescribed in the bylaws.

(6) A majority of the voting members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The board shall keep minutes of all meetings and shall make them available through the secretary of the board to residents of the district.

(7) The members of the board shall serve without compensation; however, they may be reimbursed for expenses incurred while attending to the business of the board or the district.

E.(1) The district, acting by and through its board, shall have and exercise all powers of a political subdivision necessary or convenient for carrying out its objects and purposes, including but not limited to the following:

- (a) To sue and to be sued.
- (b) To adopt, use, and alter at will a corporate seal.
- (c) To adopt bylaws and rules and regulations.
- (d) To receive by gift, grant, or donation any sum of money, property, aid, or assistance from the United States, the state of Louisiana, or any political subdivision thereof, or any person, firm, or corporation.
- (e) To enter into contracts, agreements, or cooperative endeavors with the state and its political subdivisions or political corporations and with any public or private association, corporation, business entity, or individual.
- (f) To appoint officers, agents, and employees; prescribe their duties; and fix their compensation.
- (g) To acquire by purchase, gift, grant, donation, or lease property as may be necessary or desirable for carrying out the objectives and purposes of the board.
- (h) To perform any other necessary and ancillary acts to effectuate its functions, to perform its duties, or to give effect to its powers in accordance with this Section.

(2) The board shall not exercise any power, except the power to levy a occupancy tax as authorized in this Section, without the approval of the governing authority of the parish of Allen.

F.(1) The district may levy and collect a tax upon the paid occupancy of hotel rooms and overnight camping facilities located within the district. The occupancy tax shall not exceed three percent of the rent or fee charged for such occupancy.

(2)(a) The term “hotel” as used in this Section shall have the same definition as that contained in R.S. 47:301(6).

(b) The term “overnight camping facility” as used in this Section shall mean any commercial establishment providing space and utilities in order to accommodate recreational vehicles on a temporary, overnight basis.

(3) The person who exercises or is entitled to occupancy of the hotel room or overnight camping facility shall pay the occupancy tax at the time the rent or fee for occupancy is paid. “Person” as used in this Paragraph shall have the same definition as that contained in R.S. 47:301(8).

(4) The occupancy tax shall be in addition to all taxes levied upon the occupancy of hotel rooms and overnight camping facilities located within the city.

(5) The district may enter into a contract with any public entity authorized to collect sales or use taxes, under terms and conditions it considers appropriate, including payment of a reasonable collection fee for the collection of the occupancy tax authorized in this Subsection.

(6) Any monies received by the district shall be used exclusively for the benefit of the district.

G.(1) The board shall prepare or cause to be prepared a plan or plans

specifying the public improvements, facilities, and services proposed to be furnished, constructed, or acquired for the district and shall conduct public hearings, publish notice with respect thereto, and disseminate information as it, in the exercise of its sound discretion, deems appropriate or advisable and in the public interest.

(2) Any plan may specify and encompass any public services, capital improvements, and facilities which the parish of Allen is authorized to undertake, furnish, or provide under the constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, and the specified public services, improvements, and facilities shall be special and in addition to all services, improvements, and facilities which the parish is then furnishing or providing or may then or in the future be obligated to furnish or provide within the district.

(3) Any plan shall include an estimate of the annual and total cost of acquiring, constructing, or providing the services, improvements, or facilities set forth therein.

H.(1) The board shall adopt an annual budget in accordance with the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act, R.S. 39:1301 et seq.

(2) The district shall be subject to audit by the legislative auditor pursuant to R.S. 24:513.

I. All state officers and agencies are authorized at their discretion to render such services to the district within their respective functions as may be requested by the district. In addition, the district and such agencies are authorized to enter into such contracts, cooperative endeavor agreements, or other agreements necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of this Section.

Section 2. R.S. 33:4574(B)(3), 4574.1.1(A)(3), and 4574.14 are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Section 3. All remaining funds and property of the Allen Parish Tourist Commission shall be transferred to the Allen Parish Economic Development District. The funds shall be held in a separate account and shall be used for the purpose of attracting conventions and tourists into the area and former jurisdiction of the commission.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 399

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.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 42:1102(20)(b)(iv) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1102. Definitions

Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following words and terms, when used in this Chapter, shall have the following meanings:

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(b) “Reasonable transportation”, with reference to legislators only, means transportation:

(iv) Organized primarily for trade, cultural, diplomatic, educational, or humanitarian purposes to a foreign country if sponsored by the government of the foreign country or a civic, nonprofit, educational, or political organization. However, a legislator shall not accept reasonable transportation sponsored by a government or non-government person identified as a foreign adversary in 15 CFR 791.4.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 400

HOUSE BILL NO. 474
BY REPRESENTATIVES YOUNG AND CHASSION
AN ACT

To enact Subparts GGG and HHH of Part I of Chapter 1 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 47:120.401 and 120.402, relative to individual income tax return checkoffs for certain donations; to authorize the donation of income tax refund amounts to the Grambling University National Alumni Association; to authorize the donation of income tax refund amounts to the Louisiana Tech University Alumni Association; to provide for the administration and disbursement of donated monies by the secretary of the Department of Revenue; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Subparts GGG and HHH of Part I of Chapter 1 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 47:120.401

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and 120.402, are hereby enacted to read as follows:

SUBPART GGG. GRAMBLING UNIVERSITY NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

§120.401. Income tax checkoff; donation for Grambling University National Alumni Association

For tax years beginning on and after January 1, 2027, every individual who files an individual income tax return for the current tax year and who is entitled to a refund may designate on his current year return that all or any portion of the total amount of the refund to which he is entitled shall be donated to the Grambling University National Alumni Association in lieu of that amount being paid to him as a refund. The refund shall be reduced by the amount so designated. The designation shall be made at the time of the filing of the current year tax return and shall be made upon the income tax return form as prescribed by the secretary of the Department of Revenue. Donated monies shall be administered by the secretary and distributed to the Grambling University National Alumni Association in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 47:120.37. No donation made pursuant to the provisions of this Subpart shall be invalid for want of an authentic act.

SUBPART HHH. LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

§120.402. Income tax checkoff; donation for Louisiana Tech University Alumni Association

For tax years beginning on and after January 1, 2027, every individual who files an individual income tax return for the current tax year and who is entitled to a refund may designate on his current year return that all or any portion of the total amount of the refund to which he is entitled shall be donated to the Louisiana Tech University Alumni Association in lieu of that amount being paid to him as a refund. The refund shall be reduced by the amount so designated. The designation shall be made at the time of the filing of the current year tax return and shall be made upon the income tax return form as prescribed by the secretary of the Department of Revenue. Donated monies shall be administered by the secretary and distributed to the Louisiana Tech University Alumni Association in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 47:120.37. No donation made pursuant to the provisions of this Subpart shall be invalid for want of an authentic act.

Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall be applicable to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2027.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 401

HOUSE BILL NO. 515

BY REPRESENTATIVES MARCELLE, BRYANT, HEBERT, CHANCE
HENRY, AND JACKSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:2202(D), relative to sales of adjudicated property; to provide for procedures by which political subdivisions may sell adjudicated property; to authorize the direct sale of certain adjudicated property without public bidding; to provide for conditions and requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 47:2202(D) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2202. Minimum bid prices; sale of adjudicated property; sale of tax lien held by the political subdivision; sale of immovable property to enforce a tax lien held by a political subdivision; direct sales

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D.(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection A of this Section, the governing authority of each political subdivision may allow an adjoining landowner to purchase adjudicated property for any price set by the governing authority without public bidding at a public meeting of the governing authority; provided, that the governing authority of an applicable political subdivision determines that the adjoining landowner has maintained the adjudicated property for a period of one year prior to the sale. Such a sale shall be deemed a public sale under the provisions of this Subpart.

(2) The governing authority of each political subdivision may elect to sell adjudicated property with an appraised value of less than fifty thousand dollars directly to a buyer at a fixed price without public bidding, but only if the political subdivision offered the property at a public sale for purchase by the highest bidder in accordance with Subsection A of this Section within the previous twelve months. The price of each property offered for direct sale shall be established by resolution or ordinance of the governing authority. Any direct sale authorized by this Paragraph shall be deemed a public sale in accordance with the provisions of this Subpart.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 402

HOUSE BILL NO. 545

BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:3530(A)(1), relative to maximum charges by lenders; to provide for maximum origination fees on a consumer loan or revolving account; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 9:3530(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§3530. Fees; origination; notary, documentation; over-the-credit-limit fee
A.(1) A lender may charge an origination fee that does not exceed fifty seventy-five dollars on a consumer loan or revolving loan account.

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A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 403

HOUSE BILL NO. 735

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:1518.3 and to repeal Sections 5 through 8 of Act No. 93 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to the transfer of certain state property in Caddo Parish; to repeal authority granted to the commissioner of administration and the secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development to transfer certain property in Caddo Parish; to require the transfer of certain state property in Caddo Parish from the Department of Transportation and Development to the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport; to provide a property description; to provide terms and conditions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:1518.3 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1518.3. Transfer of property from the Department of Transportation and Development

A. In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 39:11 et seq., the following described property shall be transferred from the Department of Transportation and Development to the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport:

Four (4) certain tracts or parcels of land, together with all improvements situated thereon, consisting of Lots 52 through 66 of Salisbury Park Subdivision and Lots 50, 51 and 52 of Samford Place Subdivision, situated in Section 12, Township 17 North, Range 14 West, Northwestern Land District, Caddo Parish, being the same property identified as Parcel Nos. 28-3, UR-28-3, 50-5 and UR-50-5 in that certain Sale from Rountree Olds-Cadillac Company, Inc., a Louisiana Corporation, represented therein by Brenda B. Stinson, its Vice president, unto the State of Louisiana and the Department of Transportation and Development of the State of Louisiana, for use by the Office of Highways, represented therein by Falcon A. Morgan of said Department of Transportation and Development, dated September 23, 1987, and filed of record in the conveyance records of Caddo Parish on October 5, 1987, under Instrument No. 01161048.

B. The commissioner of administration and the secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development are authorized to execute such documents as necessary to properly effectuate the transfer required by this Section.

C. The transfer required by Subsection A of this Section shall be made effective July 1, 2026.

D. Upon completion of the transfer, the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center Shreveport shall cause documentation of the transfer to be recorded in the conveyance records for Caddo Parish.

Section 2. Sections 5 through 8 of Act 93 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 404

HOUSE BILL NO. 852

BY REPRESENTATIVES LYONS, CHASSION, AND ECHOLS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:120.37(B) and 120.391 and to enact R.S. 47:120.341(D), relative to individual income tax returns; to provide for tax checkoffs for certain donations; to require that the income tax checkoff for the Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Holden's Hope be inscribed on the income tax form; to provide requirements and limitations; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 47:120.37(B) and 120.391 are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 47:120.341(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

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§120.37. Refund designation on tax form

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B. Except as provided in R.S. 47:120.131, ~~and 120.141, 120.341, and 120.391,~~ when the total amount of tax refunds donated to any donee is less than ten thousand dollars per year for two consecutive years, designation of such donee shall be removed from the income tax form.

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§120.341. Income tax checkoff; donation for Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence

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D. Notwithstanding the limitations of R.S. 47:120.37(B), the designation of the donee shall be reinstated for the tax year beginning on January 1, 2026. Thereafter, if the total amount of tax refunds donated pursuant to this Section is less than five thousand dollars per year for two consecutive years, the designation shall be removed from the individual income tax return.

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§120.391. Income tax checkoff; donation for Holden’s Hope

A. For tax years beginning on and after January 1, 2023, every individual who files an individual income tax return for the current tax year and who is entitled to a refund may designate on his current year return that all or any portion of the total amount of the refund to which he is entitled shall be donated to Holden’s Hope, in lieu of that amount being paid to him as a refund, in which case the refund shall be reduced by the amount so designated. The designation shall be made at the time of the filing of the current year tax return and shall be made on the income tax return form as prescribed by the secretary of the Department of Revenue. Donated monies shall be administered by the secretary and distributed to Holden’s Hope in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 47:120.37. No donation made under the provisions of this Section shall be invalid for lack of an authentic act.

B. Notwithstanding the limitations of R.S. 47:120.37(B), the designation of the donee shall be reinstated for the tax year beginning on January 1, 2026. Thereafter, if the total amount of tax refunds donated pursuant to this Section is less than five thousand dollars per year for two consecutive years, the designation shall be removed from the individual income tax return.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 405

HOUSE BILL NO. 1044
BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 9:2801.3, relative to classification of separate property; to provide relative to future earnings as it relates to the community property regime; to provide relative to unearned portions of employment contracts; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 9:2801.3 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§2801.3. Award for future earnings; separate property

Future wages or earnings of a spouse set forth in an employment contract executed during the community property regime are the separate property of the contracting spouse for any unearned portions of the contract existing on the date the community property regime is terminated, including but not limited to any amounts later paid as severance pay or liquidated damages.

Section 2. It is the intent of the legislature to overrule Orgeron v. Orgeron, 413 So. 3d 390 (2025).

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 406

SENATE BILL NO. 22
BY SENATOR CARTER
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 11:1732(14)(a)(xiv), relative to participation in the Municipal Employees’ Retirement System of Louisiana; to provide for an additional employer in the system; to provide for membership of the office of the constable of the New Orleans Second City Court; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 11:1732(14)(a)(xiv) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1732. Definitions

The following words and phrases, as used in this Chapter, unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context, shall have the following meanings:

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(14)(a) “Employer” or “participating employer” shall mean:

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(xiv) Marshals or constables of city courts, if not otherwise eligible for membership in any other local, state, or statewide retirement system.

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature of the governor or,

if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signatures by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 407

SENATE BILL NO. 148
BY SENATOR STINE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:103(C)(1)(I), relative to the city of Lake Charles planning commission; to authorize the governing authority of the city of Lake Charles to pay members of the Lake Charles planning commission a per diem; to provide for the rate of per diem paid to commission members and the number of meetings for which per diem shall be paid; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 33:103(C)(1)(I) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§103. Planning commission; membership; appointment

C.(1)

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(I) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the governing authorities of the municipalities of Addis, Arcadia, Brusly, Delhi, Gramercy, Haughton, Haynesville, Iowa, Jena, Lake Arthur, **Lake Charles**, Lockport, and Many may pay a per diem to members of their respective municipal planning commissions for attending meetings of any such commission. The rate of per diem to be paid to such members and the number of meetings for which per diem shall be paid shall be established by ordinance of the governing authority of each municipality.

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A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 408

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.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 42:31 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 409

SENATE BILL NO. 234
BY SENATOR PRESSLY AND REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION
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.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:3384 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§3384. Medical school grading scale

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(LP), or Fail (F), or another tiered grading system with at least four such designations.

B. If any provision of this Section or the application thereof is held invalid as to any person or circumstance, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Section which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or applications.

Section 2. This Act shall be known as the “Medical School Letter Grade Act”.

Section 3. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval by the legislature or July 1, 2026, whichever is later.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 410

SENATE BILL NO. 277
BY SENATOR EDMONDS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95(H), relative to the illegal carrying of weapons; to provide for an exception for certain state officials to carry concealed weapons; to provide for an exemption for certain state officials to carry concealed weapons into the state capitol building; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 14:95(H) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
§95. Illegal carrying of weapons

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H.(1) Except as provided in Paragraph (A)(4) of this Section and in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, the provisions of this Section shall not prohibit active justices or judges of the supreme court, courts of appeal, district courts, parish courts, juvenile courts, family courts, city courts, federal courts domiciled in the state of Louisiana, and traffic courts; members of either house of the legislature; officers of either house of the legislature; the legislative auditor; designated investigative auditors; constables; coroners; designated coroner investigators; district attorneys and designated assistant district attorneys; United States attorneys and assistant United States attorneys and investigators; the governor; a designated assistant to the governor; the lieutenant governor; a designated assistant to the lieutenant governor; the secretary of state; a designated assistant to the secretary of state; the treasurer; a designated assistant to the treasurer; the commissioner of agriculture and forestry; a designated assistant to the commissioner of agriculture and forestry; the commissioner of insurance; a designated assistant to the commissioner of insurance; the attorney general; designated assistant attorneys general; city prosecutors; designated assistant city prosecutors; a United States representative from Louisiana and his designated, employed congressional staffer; a United States senator from Louisiana and his designated, employed congressional staffer; justices of the peace; parish presidents; and mayor-presidents from possessing and concealing a handgun on their person when such persons are qualified annually in the use of firearms by the Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training.

(2) Nothing in this Subsection shall permit the carrying of a weapon in the state capitol building with the exception of the following state officials, who may carry within the entirety of the state capitol building, if they are annually qualified in the use of firearms by the Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training:

(a) The attorney general and members of his Louisiana Bureau of Investigation security detail.

(b) Members of the legislature.

(3) Nothing in this Subsection shall permit the carrying of a weapon in the state capitol building, with the exception of the following state officials who may carry within the state capitol building except for within the chamber of the Senate, the chamber of the House of Representatives, and any legislative committee room, if the officials are annually qualified in the use of firearms by the Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training:

(a) The governor and a designated member of his staff.

(b) The lieutenant governor and a designated member of his staff.

(c) The secretary of state and a designated member of his staff.

(d) The treasurer and a designated member of his staff.

(e) The commissioner of agriculture and forestry and a designated member of his staff.

(f) The commissioner of insurance and a designated member of his staff.

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A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 411

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.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 39:1798.6(A)(2)(b) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1798.6. Powers

A. In addition to the powers granted it by the General Nonprofit Corporation Law, Title 12 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, the corporation shall have power to undertake any project, to provide for the financing thereof, and

in connection therewith:

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(2)(a)

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(b) To enter into, and to execute such agreements, covenants, conditions, and contracts as are necessary to properly effectuate leases or subleases by the Office Facilities Corporation, ~~for a period not to exceed twenty years, of for~~ portions of the property located in the First Municipal District of the City of New Orleans, Parish of Orleans, generally bounded by South Liberty Street, Julia Street, Le Rouge Street, Girod Street, LaSalle Street and Poydras Street (Sugar Bowl Drive), and commonly referred to as the New Orleans Centre property, including the office tower formerly known as the Dominion Tower, the retail property formerly known as the New Orleans Shopping Centre and the associated parking garage facility, for the purpose of accommodating various agencies of the state government, and provided that any such lease or sublease between the corporation and the owner of the New Orleans Centre property is perfected and entered into before July 1, 2010. Any such lease or sublease between the corporation and the owner of the New Orleans Centre property shall be subject to prior approval of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without the signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 412

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 for commission per diem; to allow the commission to fix per diem for members; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 34:1651(F) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1651. Greater Lafourche Port Commission; creation; members; election by divisions; vacancies; qualifications; officers; meetings; per diem; removal for excessive absences

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F. The commission may fix a per diem not to exceed ~~one~~ **two** hundred fifty dollars to be paid to members of the commission for each day the member attends a meeting of the commission and each day the member spends on business of the commission authorized by the commission, not to exceed six per diem payments per month.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 413

SENATE BILL NO. 482
BY SENATOR REESE AND REPRESENTATIVES BROUSSARD,
CARLSON, CARVER, MARTINEZ AND TAYLOR
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:2925(A)(1), (3), (6), and (7) and the introductory paragraph of 2926(A) and (B)(1) and to enact R.S. 17:2926(D), (E), and (F), relative to public middle and high school students; to provide with respect to individual graduation plans for students; to authorize the use of career coaches and career coaching vendors; to require the state Department of Education to publish certain information on the department's website; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:2925(A)(1), (3), (6), and (7) and the introductory paragraph of 2926(A) and (B)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:2926(D), (E), and (F) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§2925. Individual graduation plans

A.(1) By the end of the eighth grade, every student, with the assistance of his parent or legal guardian, ~~and school counselor,~~ **or career coach**, and for a student with an exceptionality as defined in R.S. 17:1942, except a student identified as gifted or talented and who has no other exceptionality, the student's Individualized Education Program team, if applicable, shall begin to develop an Individual Graduation Plan to guide the next academic year's course work and to assist the student in exploring educational and career possibilities and in making appropriate secondary and postsecondary education decisions as part of an overall postsecondary plan.

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(3) By the end of the tenth grade, each student's Individual Graduation

Plan, based on the student's academic record, talents, and interests, shall outline high school graduation requirements relevant to the student's chosen postsecondary goals. Each student, with the assistance of his parent or legal guardian, ~~and school counselor,~~ **or career coach**, shall choose the high school curriculum framework and related graduation requirements that best meet his postsecondary goals. Each student's Individual Graduation Plan or the student's Individualized Education Program, if applicable, shall include the recommended sequence of courses for successful completion of a standard diploma.

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(6) Upon completion of the review, the plan shall be signed by the student, his parent or legal guardian, ~~and the school counselor,~~ **or the career coach**.

(7) Prior to revising a student's Individual Graduation Plan, the school counselor **or career coach** shall meet with the student's parent or legal guardian either in person or virtually to explain the possible impacts the revisions to the plan might have on the student's graduation requirements and postsecondary education goals. Any revisions to a student's plan shall be approved in writing by the student's parent or legal guardian.

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§2926. Student counseling; training and professional

A. The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall develop an advisement policy for the middle and high school grades that local school districts ~~can~~ **may** use to equip school counselors **or career coaches** with the skills and information needed to:

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B.(1) The state Department of Education shall provide professional development and in-service training opportunities to school counselors **or career coaches** regarding development of individual graduation plans.

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D. Each city, parish, or other local public school board may provide for the individualized student planning and career coaching required by this Section through the use of school counselors or career coaches.

(1) No later than January 1, 2027, the state Department of Education shall publish on its website a list of high-quality career coaching vendors from which schools may select.

(2) Each city, parish, or other local public school board may form regional consortia to share the costs of contracting with career coaches.

E. Each city, parish, or other local public school board shall include a description of its plan to provide career coaching to each student as part of the pupil progression plan developed pursuant to R.S. 17:24.4.

F. The state Department of Education shall annually publish on its website a list of each city, parish, or other local public school board that have not spent more than ninety-five percent of the career development fund dollars appropriated for the previous fiscal year.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 414

HOUSE BILL NO. 225

BY REPRESENTATIVES BAYHAM AND MANDIE LANDRY

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article IV, Section 3(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide for the term limit for the office of the governor; to provide for a lifetime term limit; to provide that the limit is not limited to service in successive terms; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article IV, Section 3(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§3. Election; Term

Section 3.

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(B) Limitation on Governor. A person who has served as governor for more than one and one-half terms ~~in two consecutive terms~~ shall not be elected governor ~~for the succeeding term~~.

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Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 3, 2026.

Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election, there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as follows:Do you support an amendment to prohibit a person who has served more than one and one-half terms as governor from being elected as governor for any future term? (Amends Article IV, Section 3(B))

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 415

HOUSE BILL NO. 655

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRAUD

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 48:25, relative to the operation and control of ferries by the Department of Transportation and Development; to authorize the department to enter into contracts for the construction, operation, and maintenance of ferries and related facilities; to exempt contracts for the construction, operation, and maintenance of ferries and associated facilities from certain applicable provisions when in the best interest of the state; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters. Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 48:25 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§25. Operation or control of ferries, etc.

~~A. The department may take over, control, operate, maintain, and regulate such ferries, barges, or other similar means of transportation, including any related facilities, as it thinks determines necessary to provide adequate, safe, and efficient transportation to the public. It may prescribe and collect such ferry charges or transfer charges as it thinks necessary to maintain these services at rates reasonably anticipated to generate revenue in an amount that shall not exceed the cost of the services provided. To that end, if the department may let franchises or enter into contracts for these services in the name of the state, alone or jointly with the parishes or municipalities of the state, or with other states, or with the political subdivisions of other states.B. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, if the department determines it is in the best interest of the state, contracts for the operation or maintenance of department-owned ferries, barges, or similar means of transportation may be let on a cost-plus basis and shall not be subject to the provisions of R.S. 38:2221 or R.S. 48:255.4.~~

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

Approved by the Governor, May 27, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 416

HOUSE BILL NO. 1187

BY REPRESENTATIVE SAWYER

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:2297(D)(2), 2307(G), and 2317 and to enact R.S. 22:2292(A)(13), relative to emergency assessments of the Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation; to provide for definitions; to provide for the disposition of certain monies; to provide for deposit authorization of certain monies; to provide for certain prerequisites; to provide for administrative costs; to provide for reporting requirements; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 22:2297(D)(2), 2307(G), and 2317 are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 22:2292(A)(13) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§2292. Definitions; personal property; option to exclude

A. As used in this Part, unless the context otherwise requires:

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(13) "Excess emergency assessment monies" means monies derived from emergency assessments levied pursuant to R.S. 22:2307 that are no longer required to pay, secure, or otherwise satisfy bonds or other indebtedness payable from, or secured by, emergency assessment revenues, together with any amounts required under the related financing documents for fees, expenses, reserves, and similar obligations.

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§2297. Powers and duties of Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation

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D. The corporation shall:

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(2) Retain any profits or excess reserves generated, to be used to offset deficits incurred by the plans. Such retained funds shall be invested pursuant to the limitations set forth in this Title for insurers, except for the purpose of funding the Louisiana Fortify Homes Program, as provided for in R.S. 22:1483.1 and R.S. 22:2307.

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§2307. Plan deficits; financing

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G.(1) The corporation may pledge, assign, and grant a security interest in the assessments, insurance and reinsurance recoverables, surcharges, and other funds available to the corporation as the source of revenue for and to secure bonds or other indebtedness, including without limitation lines of credit or

other financing mechanisms issued or created under this Subsection pursuant to the procedures of Chapter 13 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, R.S. 39:1421 et seq., or to retire any other debt incurred as a result of deficits or events giving rise to deficits, or in any other way that the governing board determines will efficiently recover such deficits and use such funds to pay any current or other obligations on the bonds or other indebtedness even if no event of default has occurred under the bonds or other indebtedness. The purpose of the lines of credit or other financing mechanisms is to provide additional resources to assist the corporation in covering claims and expenses attributable to a catastrophe. As used in this Subsection, the term “assessments” includes regular assessments under Subsection B or C of this Section, and emergency assessments under Subsection E of this Section. Emergency assessments collected under Subsection E of this Section are not part of an insurer’s rates, are not premium, and are not subject to premium tax, fees, or commissions. However, failure to pay the emergency assessment shall be treated as failure to pay premium. The emergency assessments under Subsection E of this Section shall continue to be levied and collected and shall be used to make any payments due with respect to any bonds issued or other indebtedness incurred with respect to a deficit for which the assessment was imposed remains outstanding, even if no event of default has occurred under the bonds or other indebtedness, unless adequate protection and provision has been made for the payment of such bonds or other indebtedness pursuant to the documents governing such bonds or other indebtedness.

(2) After all bonds issued or other indebtedness incurred that are payable from, secured by, or otherwise related to emergency assessments levied pursuant to Subsection E of this Section have been paid in full or are no longer outstanding by reason of defeasance or other legally effective provision for payment, any excess emergency assessment monies may be retained for the payment of future debts or used for the purposes and in the manner provided for in R.S. 22:2317(B), including as funding for the Louisiana Fortify Homes Program, as provided in R.S. 22:1483.1.

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§2317. Refund and use of certain assessments

A. At the time of issuance or annual renewal of a property insurance policy, each insurer shall include the following with the policy sent to each insured:

(1) ~~Information~~ As applicable, information on the electronic link to the form designated by the Department of Revenue to receive a refund from the state after its payment by the insured ~~pursuant to R.S. 47:6025(A)(3)~~ for the amount of any surcharge, market equalization charge, or other assessment levied by the corporation pursuant to R.S. 22:2307 due to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

(2) ~~A~~ As applicable, a statement in fourteen-point or boldface type that any surcharge, market equalization charge, or other assessment levied by the corporation pursuant to R.S. 22:2307 due to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita is refundable.

B. ~~Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the corporation shall not transfer, donate, expand, or otherwise dispose of emergency assessment monies for purposes of this Subsection, unless and until all bonds or other indebtedness payable from or secured by emergency assessment revenues have been paid in full or are no longer outstanding by reason of defeasance or other legally effective provision for payment under the related financing documents.~~

C. Within ninety days of the provisions of Subsection B of this Section being satisfied, the governing board of the corporation shall adopt a resolution certifying the requirements of Subsection B of this Section have been satisfied and the amount, if any, of excess emergency assessment monies and directing the transfer of such monies for the purposes authorized pursuant R.S. 22:2307(G) and this Section.

D. Following certification pursuant to Subsection C of this Section, excess emergency assessment monies may be transferred to the Louisiana Fortify Homes Program Fund provided for in R.S. 22:1483.1, and such funds shall be used only for the purposes authorized pursuant to R.S. 22:1483.1.

E. Following the certification required by Subsection C of this Section, the corporation shall transfer excess emergency assessment monies, in accordance with the resolution adopted by the board of directors, to the state treasurer for deposit into the state treasury for deposit into the Louisiana Fortify Homes Program Fund, in accordance with R.S. 22:1483.1, for the exclusive purpose of funding the Louisiana Fortify Homes Program in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 22:1483.1.

F. The corporation may expend a reasonable amount of excess emergency assessment monies to pay actual, necessary, and documented costs associated with determining the excess emergency assessment monies, supporting the certification, and effectuating the transfer of monies pursuant to the provisions of this Section. The governing board shall approve such costs by resolution.

G. The corporation shall submit to the House and Senate committees on insurance and shall post on its public website all of the following:

(1) The board resolution required pursuant to Subsection C of this Section.

(2) A report within sixty days of the transfer of monies pursuant to Subsection E of this Section, stating the amount transferred, the administrative costs paid in accordance with Subsection F of this Section, and the date of transfer.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

Approved by the Governor, May 27, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 417

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 R.S. 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. Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 49:220.21, 220.23, and 220.24 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§220.21. Office of the state inspector general; policy and purpose

~~A. The prevention and detection of waste, inefficiencies, mismanagement, misconduct, abuse, fraud, and corruption in all departments, offices, agencies, boards, commissions, task forces, authorities, and divisions of the executive branch of state government as specifically provided in Title 36 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, all hereinafter referred to in this Part collectively as “covered agencies” and individually as “covered agency”, is an important responsibility of the state. The efficient and optimal execution of legislative will is an important responsibility of the executive branch. The executive branch is compelled to find efficiency and optimization, to detect waste, inefficiency, and mismanagement, and to prevent misconduct, abuse, fraud, and corruption in all departments, offices, agencies, boards, commissions, task forces, authorities, and divisions of the executive branch of state government as specifically provided in Title 36 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, referred to in this Part collectively as “covered agencies” and individually as “covered agency”.~~

B. In view of the responsibility of the state, it is the purpose of this Part to establish an independent office of the state inspector general in the office of the governor to examine and investigate the management and affairs of covered agencies.

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§220.23. State inspector general ~~and chief integrity officer~~; appointment; term; vacancy; compensation; removal

A.(4) There shall be a state inspector general, hereinafter referred to as the “inspector general” ~~and “chief integrity officer”~~, who shall be appointed by the governor with the consent of the Senate. No person appointed inspector general shall hold or be a candidate for any elective office, including elective political party office, or any other public office or political party office. ~~No person shall be appointed inspector general who has held any elective office or political party office within two years immediately preceding his appointment.~~ No former inspector general shall be eligible to qualify as a candidate for any elective office, including elective political party office, nor shall he assume any elective office or political party office within four years after the termination of his service as inspector general.

~~(2) If a vacancy exists in the office of the state inspector general for more than six months, then the holder of the next highest level administrative position in the office shall become the inspector general, subject to confirmation by the Senate.~~

~~(3) Not later than one year from the date of appointment, if not already certified, the inspector general shall obtain certification as a Certified Inspector General from the Association of Inspectors General.~~

B. The inspector general shall serve a six-year term.

C. The salary of the inspector general shall be fixed by the governor, which amount shall not exceed the amount approved for such position by the legislature while in session. The salary of the inspector general may not be reduced by the governor or the legislature during his term of office.

D.(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection B of this Section, the inspector general may be removed by the governor provided such removal is approved by a majority vote of each house of the legislature.

~~(2) In order to obtain the consent of a majority of the elected members of each house of the legislature, the clerk of the House of Representatives and the secretary of the Senate shall prepare and transmit a ballot to each member of the legislature by certified mail with return receipt requested, unless it is determined that the legislature will be in session in time for the ballots to be distributed to them and returned by them during the session. The ballot shall be uniform and include pertinent information as the clerk and secretary shall determine.~~

§220.24. Authority; duties; powers; standards; functions

A. The inspector general shall serve as the executive head and chief administrative officer of the office and shall have responsibility for the policies of the office, except as otherwise provided by this Part, and for the administration, control, and operation of the functions and affairs of the office.

B. The inspector general is authorized to examine and investigate the management and affairs of the covered agencies ~~concerning waste, inefficiencies, mismanagement, misconduct, abuse, fraud, and corruption, to find efficiency and optimization, to detect waste, inefficiency, and mismanagement, and to prevent misconduct, abuse, fraud, and corruption;~~ and he may conduct all necessary investigations ~~into such areas, including but~~

not limited to: **for the purpose of:**

~~(1) Misuse of state-owned automobiles, planes, watercraft, and all other movable and immovable property.~~

~~(2) Evidence of a pattern of excessive bills on state contracts.~~

~~(3) Unauthorized use of leave.~~

~~(4) Mismanagement of governmental operations.~~

~~(5) Waste or abuse of things of value belonging to or used by the covered agencies.~~

~~(6) Construction, operation, and maintenance of facilities.~~

~~(1) Eliminating wasteful spending.~~

~~(2) Improving government efficiency.~~

~~(3) Optimizing and modernizing government operations.~~

C.(1) The inspector general shall help prevent waste, inefficiency, mismanagement, misconduct, abuse, fraud, and corruption in covered agencies by periodically reviewing policies and procedures and monitoring operations and making recommendations for improvement.

(2) The inspector general shall receive complaints of waste, inefficiency, mismanagement, misconduct, abuse, fraud, or corruption in covered agencies and determine whether they warrant investigation by the inspector general or by appropriate federal, state, or local agencies or may conduct such investigations upon his own initiative. In order to accomplish this, the office of the inspector general shall maintain a toll-free fraud hotline number and web site **website** for anonymous reporting **complaints**.

~~(3) The inspector general shall investigate complaints of waste, inefficiencies, mismanagement, misconduct, abuse, fraud, and corruption and, when appropriate, recommend whether disciplinary action or further investigation by appropriate federal, state, or local agencies is warranted and take further action as appropriate.~~

~~(4) The inspector general shall report complaints of fraud, abuse, or corruption to such federal, state, or local agencies when there is evidence of what may be criminal activity and when otherwise appropriate and shall otherwise cooperate with such agencies in any further action.~~

~~(5) The inspector general shall make reports of his findings to the governor. Such reports shall be subject to the provisions of R.S. 44:1 et seq.~~

~~(6) The inspector general shall submit an annual report to the governor and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget at the end of each fiscal year that describes the accomplishments and contributions made by the office toward achieving the mission of helping to prevent and detect waste, fraud, and abuse in Louisiana government. Upon completion, as indicated by signature of the inspector general, all final reports of the inspector general immediately shall be filed with the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and shall include the response of the agency, if any. All such reports shall be provided to the staff of the governor's office and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget upon request.~~

D. The inspector general shall provide for an opportunity for agency response to respond prior to the release of a report unless the inspector general, in conjunction with a United States attorney, the state attorney general, district attorneys, or other prosecutorial agencies, determines that supplying the affected person or entity with such report will jeopardize a pending or potential criminal investigation. **(1) The inspector general shall submit an annual report to the governor and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget at the end of each fiscal year that describes the accomplishments and contributions made by the office toward achieving the mission of helping to prevent and detect waste, fraud, and abuse in Louisiana government.**

(2) The inspector general shall make reports of his findings to the governor. Such reports shall be subject to the provisions of R.S. 44:1 et seq. The inspector general shall provide for an opportunity for a covered agency to respond prior to release of a report unless the inspector general, in consultation with a United States attorney, the state attorney general, district attorney, or other prosecutorial agencies, determines that supplying the affected person or covered agency with such report will jeopardize a pending or potential criminal investigation. Upon completion, as indicated by the signature of the inspector general, all final reports of the inspector general shall be filed immediately with the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and shall include the response of the covered agency, if any.

E. All officers and employees of covered agencies shall extend full cooperation and all reasonable assistance to the inspector general.

F.(1) In the performance of his duties, the inspector general and any member of his staff designated by him may seek and obtain sworn testimony from any person using the same procedure as is provided for taking depositions provided for in ~~Article 1443 in the Code of Civil Procedure~~ **Article 1443**.

(2) In the performance of his duties, the inspector general or any member of his staff designated by him may compel the attendance of witnesses to be deposed under oath or the production of public and private records by issuing a subpoena. However, such a subpoena or subpoena duces tecum shall be issued only upon approval of a judge of the district court of the parish in which the office of inspector general is domiciled upon application in writing by the inspector general. ~~The judge shall issue a written decision within seventy-two hours after receipt of such application.~~ Any subpoena for production of private records shall be in compliance with all applicable constitutionally established rights and processes. The subpoena may be served by certified mail, return receipt requested, at the addressee's residence or business address, or by representatives appointed by the inspector general, or may be directed for service to the office of the state police. If a person refuses to obey a subpoena issued by the inspector general, upon application by the inspector general, the district court of the parish in which the office of

inspector general is domiciled may issue an order to the person requiring the person to appear before the court to show cause why an order shall not be issued ordering such person to obey the subpoena, and the person may be adjudged in contempt of court.

~~(3)G.~~ The inspector general shall have access to all records, information, data, reports, plans, projections, matters, contracts, memoranda, correspondence, and any other materials of a covered agency and shall be deemed to be an authorized representative and agent of each covered agency for the purposes of:

~~(a)(1)~~ Examining and investigating the records of all contractors, subcontractors, grantees, or subgrantees of covered agencies, which records relate to contracts, subcontracts, grants, or subgrants with a covered agency.

~~(b)(2)~~ Obtaining access to any records of a covered agency in the possession of a third party, including but not limited to bank account records.

~~G.H.~~ The inspector general and employees of the inspector general shall carry identifying cards.

~~H.I.~~ The office of the state inspector general shall adhere to professional standards for initiating and conducting audits, investigations, inspections, and reviews such as those promulgated by the Association of Inspectors General. ~~The office shall develop an operations manual that contains such standards and shall make it available to the public.~~

~~I.J.~~ The inspector general shall engage in prevention activities, including but not limited to reviewing legislation, rules, regulations, policies, procedures, and transactions; providing for training and education; and making recommendations to the governor and the legislature to strengthen public integrity laws.

~~J.K.~~ The office of the state inspector general is hereby designated as a law enforcement agency and conferred all investigative powers and privileges appurtenant to a law enforcement agency under state law as necessary and in furtherance of the authority, duties, powers, and functions set forth in this Part. These powers and privileges ~~shall not include arrest powers but~~ shall include access to computer systems, information maintained for the use of law enforcement personnel, and any information contained in the criminal history record and identification file of the Louisiana Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information. **These powers shall not include arrest powers.**

~~K.L.~~ Upon credible information of corruption or fraud, the office of the state inspector general shall notify the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Subsequent to notifying the appropriate law enforcement agency, the inspector general may assist the law enforcement agency in conducting the investigation. Upon detecting a violation of one of the provisions of the Code of Governmental Ethics, the office of the state inspector general may file a complaint with the Board of Ethics.

~~L.M.~~ The office of the state inspector general may conduct joint investigations and projects with other oversight or law enforcement agencies.

M.N. In order to fulfill the requirements of this Part, the inspector general shall have the authority to contract for such professional services, without public bid, as are reasonably necessary.

~~O.~~ The inspector general shall do all things necessary to carry out the functions set forth in this Part.

Section 2. R.S. 49:220.26 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

Approved by the Governor, May 28, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 418

HOUSE BILL NO. 87
BY REPRESENTATIVE MACK
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4305(B)(3), relative to Livingston Parish Gas Utility District No. 1; to provide relative to the members of the board of commissioners of the district; to increase the maximum per diem authorized to be paid to such members; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of Louisiana.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 33:4305(B)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§4305. Domicile; meetings; officers; bonds; depositories; compensation; rate fixing

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(3) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this Subsection or of any other provision of law, no member of the board of commissioners of Livingston Parish Gas Utility District No. 1 shall receive a salary for the performance of his duties as a member. Each member may receive a per diem for each meeting attended, up to fifty meetings per year, and for each day devoted to

the business of the district. The board shall fix the amount of the per diem in an amount not to exceed ~~seventy-five~~ one hundred twenty-five dollars per day. A member may be reimbursed for all proper expenses incurred in carrying out the business of the district. The board may fix reasonable additional compensation, commensurate with the additional duties performed, for a member who serves as secretary or treasurer or secretary-treasurer of the board.

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Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 419

HOUSE BILL NO. 108
BY REPRESENTATIVE COX
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:3041(B) and to enact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 401(A)(6), relative to juror qualifications; to prohibit persons convicted of crimes of violence or sex offenses from serving as jurors in criminal cases; and to provide for related matters.
Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 13:3041(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
§3041. Qualifications of juror in civil cases

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B. The qualifications of a juror in any civil case are as required by Article 401 of the Louisiana Code of Criminal Procedure, except that the prohibition against persons convicted of a crime of violence or a sex offense shall not apply to civil jurors.

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Section 2. Code of Criminal Procedure Article 401(A)(6) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
Art. 401. General qualifications of jurors
A. In order to qualify to serve as a juror, a person shall meet all of the following requirements:

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(6) Not have been convicted at any time of a felony crime of violence as defined in R.S. 14:2(B) or a felony sex offense as defined in R.S. 15:541(24).
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Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 420

HOUSE BILL NO. 115
BY REPRESENTATIVE BAMBURG
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:381(C)(38), relative to the village of Edgefield and Red River Parish; to provide for the abolition of the office of police chief and the police department in the village of Edgefield; to authorize the village to contract with other law enforcement entities in the parish for law enforcement services; and to provide for related matters.
Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of Louisiana.
Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 33:381(C)(38) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
§381. Municipal officers

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(38)(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the board of aldermen of the village of Edgefield may, upon recommendation of the mayor, abolish the office of chief of police of the village. No such action by the board shall be effective until the end of the term of the police chief in office at the time of that action or when a vacancy occurs in the office, whichever occurs first; however, if at the time of that action the office is filled by an officer temporarily appointed, the abolition of the office shall become effective as provided by ordinance.(b) If the office of chief of police is abolished and the municipal police department is abolished pursuant to R.S. 33:362(C), the mayor and board of aldermen may contract with or enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with any law enforcement entity or officer within Red River Parish for police services for the village.
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Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 421

HOUSE BILL NO. 195
BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:3399.20, relative to postsecondary education; to prohibit public postsecondary education institutions from prohibiting the possession of self-defense chemical spray on campus; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 17:3399.20 is hereby enacted to read as follows:
§3399.20. Self-defense chemical spray; possession on campus; exceptions
A. Except as provided in Subsection B of this Section, no public postsecondary education institution shall prohibit students from possessing self-defense chemical spray on campus. For purposes of this Section, “self-defense chemical spray” means a device carried solely for purposes of lawful self-defense that is compact in size, designed to be carried on or about the person, and contains not more than two ounces of chemical.B. A public postsecondary education institution may prohibit students from possessing self-defense chemical spray at any preschool, elementary school, or secondary school operated by the institution; at any patient care facility located on institutional property; and on campus in any building or at any event where armed security is provided or where such possession is prohibited by contract.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 422

HOUSE BILL NO. 217
BY REPRESENTATIVES CHANCE HENRY, BACALA, BAMBURG,
BILLINGS, BRYANT, CHASSION, COX, FISHER, HEBERT, JACKSON,
TRAVIS JOHNSON, MANDIE LANDRY, TERRY LANDRY, MARCELLE,
MARTINEZ, MCMAHEN, WALTERS, WYBLE, AND YOUNG AND
SENATORS BARROW, BOUDREAUX, JACKSON-ANDREWS, JENKINS,
AND PRICE
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:1703.2, relative to ad valorem taxes; to provide for ad valorem property tax exemptions; to authorize parishes to grant ad valorem tax exemptions for certain property; to provide for administration of the exemptions; to provide for definitions; to provide for limitations and requirements; to authorize the promulgation of rules; to provide for applicability; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 47:1703.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:
§1703.2. Exemption; optional exemption for certain rehabilitated property
A. The purpose of this Section is to provide for implementation of the optional ad valorem tax exemption authorized pursuant to Article VII, Section 21(P) of the Constitution of Louisiana for blighted or derelict property that has been rehabilitated. If implemented by a parish, the exemption shall apply to all millages imposed within the parish and shall be subject to the conditions, requirements, and limitations established in this Section.
B. For purposes of this Section, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Subsection:

(1) “Blighted property” means any immovable property that has been declared or certified as blighted and declared a public nuisance by a court of competent jurisdiction or an administrative hearing officer acting in accordance with applicable law.(2) “Derelict property” means any building or other structure which has any of the following characteristics:
(a) Is structurally unsafe.
(b) Does not have adequate egress.
(c) Constitutes a fire hazard.
(d) Is otherwise dangerous to human life.
(e) Because of existing use or condition, constitutes a hazard to public safety, health, or welfare by reason of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, obsolescence, fire hazard, or abandonment.

C. A parish governing authority may, by resolution, elect to implement the ad valorem tax exemption authorized in Article VII, Section 21(P) of the Constitution of Louisiana for blighted or derelict property that has been rehabilitated. Any parish governing authority that elects to implement the exemption shall establish all of the following:

(1) A process by which a property owner may apply for the exemption.
(2) Rehabilitation standards that a property must meet in order to qualify for the exemption.
(3) Criteria for approving an application for the exemption.
(4) Conditions for revocation of a previously approved exemption.
(5) Any other policies or procedures as may be necessary for administration of the exemption.
D. The terms of the exemption shall be as follows:
(1) For residential property, not more than seventy-five percent of the assessed value of the property may be exempted from ad valorem taxation for a period not exceeding twenty years.
(2) For a tract or lot of unimproved land, not more than twenty-five percent of

the assessed value of the property may be exempted from ad valorem taxation for a period not exceeding ten years. In order to qualify for the exemption, a tract or lot of unimproved land shall be adjacent to a tract or lot upon which a residential or commercial structure is situated. No property owner may be granted exemptions for more than two tracts or lots of unimproved land.

E. No property owner shall be eligible for any exemption authorized pursuant to this Section unless the owner holds title to the property identified in the application for the exemption.

F. The Louisiana Tax Commission may promulgate rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act as are necessary to implement the provisions of this Section.

G. Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the contrary, a parish or municipality may elect, by ordinance or resolution, to opt out of the property tax limitations established herein for properties that are:

(1) Located within a designated redevelopment area, blight elimination zone, or similar district established by the governing authority; and

(2) Subject to an adopted redevelopment plan that includes the use of property tax revenues to support public financing mechanisms, including but not limited to bonds, reimbursements, or other tools intended to address appraisal gaps or fund site preparation, infrastructure, or redevelopment costs.

H. For purposes of this Section, a redevelopment area may include any geographic area designated by the governing authority, including areas up to and including the full jurisdictional boundaries of the governing authority, as defined in the adopted redevelopment plan.

I. The governing authority may designate one or more public entities, nonprofit organizations, or qualified development entities to support the creation, implementation, or administration of redevelopment plans, to assist in accessing or deploying financing mechanisms authorized under such plans, and to facilitate or undertake redevelopment activities necessary to carry out such plans.

J. The duration, scope, and application of any such election shall be determined by the governing authority in accordance with the adopted redevelopment plan and applicable law.

K. Any governing authority or designated entity responsible for the administration or investment of property tax revenues pursuant to a redevelopment plan adopted under this Section that includes the use of such revenues to support the redevelopment of blighted or formerly blighted properties shall be subject to financial oversight, including periodic audits or financial reporting, in accordance with applicable law or as determined appropriate by the governing authority.

Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall apply to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2027.

Section 3. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027, but only if the proposed amendment of Article VII of the Constitution of Louisiana contained in the Act which originated as House Bill No. 214 of this 2026 Regular Session of the Legislature is adopted at a statewide election and becomes effective.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 423

HOUSE BILL NO. 245

BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:574.2(D)(8)(a) and (D)(9)(a)(i) and 574.22, relative to medical parole and medical treatment furlough; to provide notice to certain individuals before a hearing on medical parole or medical treatment furlough; to provide for medical parole for permanently disabled and terminally ill offenders; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 15:574.2(D)(8)(a) and (D)(9)(a)(i) and 574.22 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§574.2. Committee on parole, Board of Pardons; membership; qualifications; vacancies; compensation; domicile; venue; meetings; quorum; panels; powers and duties; transfer of property to committee; representation of applicants before the committee; prohibitions

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D. In accordance with the provisions of this Part, the committee on parole shall have the following powers and duties:

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(8)(a) To notify the district attorney of the parish where the conviction occurred and the attorney general. The notification shall be in writing and shall be issued at least ninety days prior to the parole hearing date and at least thirty days prior to a medical parole or medical treatment furlough hearing date. The district attorney of the parish where the conviction occurred and the attorney general shall be allowed to may review the record of the offender since incarceration, including but not limited to any educational or vocational training, rehabilitative program participation, disciplinary conduct, and risk assessment score. The district attorney and the attorney general shall be allowed to may present testimony to the committee on parole and submit information relevant to the proceedings.

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(9)(a)(i) To notify the victim, or the spouse or next of kin of a deceased victim, when the offender is scheduled for a parole hearing. The notification shall be in writing and sent by mail or electronic communications no less than at least ninety days prior to the parole hearing date and at least thirty days prior to a medical parole or medical treatment furlough hearing date. The notice shall advise the victim, or the spouse or next of kin of a deceased victim, of how to obtain information about their rights with regard to the hearing. The notice is not required when the victim, or the spouse or next of kin of a deceased victim, advises the committee in writing that such notification is not desired.

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§574.22. Parole ineligibility

No person committed to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections for an offense committed on or after August 1, 2024, shall be eligible for parole under pursuant to this Part except a person who satisfies the provisions of R.S. 15:574.4(D), (E), (F), (G), (H), (J), or (K), or R.S. 15:574.20(B) or (C).

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 424

HOUSE BILL NO. 265

BY REPRESENTATIVE MANDIE LANDRY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:283(C) and R.S. 15:541(24)(a), to enact R.S. 14:283(A)(4), (D), and (E), and to repeal R.S. 14:283(F) through (H), relative to video voyeurism; to provide for additional conduct that constitutes the crime of video voyeurism; to provide for exceptions; to provide for redesignation of certain citations; to provide relative to sex offender registration; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 14:283(C) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 14:283(A)(4), (D), and (E) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§283. Video voyeurism; penalties

A. Video voyeurism is any of the following:

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(4) The use of any camera, videotape, photo-optical, photo-electric, or any other image recording device or an unmanned aircraft system equipped with any camera, videotape, photo-optical, photo-electric, or any other image recording device for the purpose of observing, viewing, photographing, filming, or videotaping the body of a deceased person.

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C. The provisions of this This Section shall does not apply to any of the following:

(1) Any law enforcement officer in his official capacity while in the performance of his official duties.

(2) the The transference of such images by a telephone company, cable television company, or any of its affiliates, an Internet provider, or commercial online service provider, or to the carrying, broadcasting, or performing of related activities in providing telephone, cable television, Internet, or commercial online services.

(3) Any bona fide news or public interest broadcast, website, video, report, or event and shall not be construed to affect the rights of any news-gathering organization.

(4) The use of any camera, videotape, photo-optical, photo-electric, or other image recording device, or an unmanned aircraft system equipped with such devices, when used in connection with a lawful funeral service, memorial service, graveside service, or other end-of-life ceremony conducted by or with the consent of the decedent's next of kin or authorized representative.

F. D. A violation of the provisions Paragraph (A)(1), (2), or (3) of this Section shall be is considered a sex offense as defined in R.S. 15:541. Whoever commits the crime of video voyeurism shall be in violation of Paragraph (A)(1), (2), or (3) of this Section is required to register as a sex offender as provided for in Chapter 3-B of Title 15 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

G. E. For the purposes of this Section, “unmanned aircraft system” means an unmanned, powered aircraft that does not carry a human operator, can be autonomous or remotely piloted or operated, and can be expendable or recoverable.

H. This Section shall not apply to any bona fide news or public interest broadcast, website, video, report, or event and shall not be construed to affect the rights of any news-gathering organization.

Section 2. R.S. 15:541(24)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§541. Definitions

For the purposes of this Chapter, the definitions of terms in this Section shall apply:

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(24)(a) “Sex offense” means deferred adjudication, adjudication withheld, or conviction for the perpetration or attempted perpetration of or conspiracy to commit human trafficking when prosecuted under the provisions of R.S. 14:46.2(B)(2), R.S. 14:46.3 (trafficking of children for sexual purposes), R.S. 14:89 (crime against nature), R.S. 14:89.1 (aggravated crime against nature), R.S. 14:89.2(B)(3) (crime against nature by solicitation), R.S. 14:80 (felony

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carnal knowledge of a juvenile), R.S. 14:81 (indecent behavior with juveniles), R.S. 14:81.1 (pornography involving juveniles) which occurred prior to August 1, 2025, R.S. 14:81.2 (molestation of a juvenile or a person with a physical or mental disability), R.S. 14:81.3 (computer-aided solicitation of a minor), R.S. 14:81.4 (prohibited sexual conduct between an educator and student), R.S. 14:82.1 (prostitution; persons under eighteen), R.S. 14:82.2(C)(4) or (5) (purchase of commercial sexual activity), R.S. 14:83(B)(2) or (3) (soliciting for prostitutes), R.S. 14:92(A)(7) (contributing to the delinquency of juveniles), R.S. 14:93.5 (sexual battery of persons with infirmities), R.S. 14:106(A)(5) (obscenity by solicitation of a person under the age of seventeen), R.S. 14:283(A)(1), (2), or (3) (video voyeurism), R.S. 14:41 (rape), R.S. 14:42 (aggravated or first degree rape), R.S. 14:42.1 (forcible or second degree rape), R.S. 14:43 (simple or third degree rape), R.S. 14:43.1 (sexual battery), R.S. 14:43.2 (second degree sexual battery), R.S. 14:43.3 (oral sexual battery), R.S. 14:43.5 (intentional exposure to HIV), a second or subsequent conviction of R.S. 14:283.1 (voyeurism), or a second or subsequent conviction of R.S. 14:89.3 (sexual abuse of an animal), committed on or after June 18, 1992, or committed prior to June 18, 1992, if the person, as a result of the offense, is under the custody of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections on or after June 18, 1992. A conviction for any offense provided in this definition includes a conviction for the offense under the laws of another state, or military, territorial, foreign, tribal, or federal law which is equivalent to an offense provided for in this Chapter, unless the tribal court or foreign conviction was not obtained with sufficient safeguards for fundamental fairness and due process for the accused as provided by the federal guidelines adopted pursuant to the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006.

Section 3. R.S. 14:283(F) through (H) are hereby repealed in their entirety. Section 4. This Act shall be cited and referred to as the “Jacob Carter Dignity in Death Act”.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 425

HOUSE BILL NO. 280
BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:574.4(B)(2), (D)(1), (E)(1), (F)(1), (G)(1), and (J)(1), relative to parole eligibility of juvenile offenders; to provide relative to duplicative language with respect to qualifications for parole; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 15:574.4(B)(2), (D)(1), (E)(1), (F)(1), (G)(1), and (J)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
§574.4. Parole; eligibility; juvenile offenders

B.

(2) Except as provided in R.S. 15:574.22, any person serving a life sentence, with or without the benefit of parole, who has not been convicted of a crime of violence as defined by R.S. 14:2(B), a sex offense as defined by R.S. 15:541, or an offense, regardless of the date of conviction, which would constitute a crime of violence as defined by R.S. 14:2(B) or a sex offense as defined by R.S. 15:541, shall be eligible for parole consideration as follows:

(a) If the person was at least eighteen years of age and under the age of twenty-five years at the time he was sentenced to life imprisonment, he shall be eligible for parole consideration if all of the following conditions have been met:(i) The person has served at least twenty-five years of the sentence imposed.

(ii) The person has obtained a low risk level designation determined by a validated risk assessment instrument approved by the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections. The person has met the requirements listed in Subparagraphs (A)(4)(b) through (f) of this Section.

(iii) The person has not committed any major disciplinary offenses in the thirty-six consecutive months prior to the parole hearing date. A major disciplinary offense is an offense identified as a Schedule B offense by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections in the Disciplinary Rules and Procedures for Adult Offenders.

(iv) The person has completed the mandatory minimum of one hundred hours of pre-release programming in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 15:827.1, if such programming is available at the facility where the offender is incarcerated.

(v) The person has completed substance abuse treatment, if applicable and such treatment is available at the facility where the offender is incarcerated.

(vi) The person has obtained or completed at least one of the following:

- (aa) A literacy program.
- (bb) An adult basic education program.
- (cc) A job skills training program.
- (dd) A high school equivalency certificate.

(b) If the person was at least twenty-five years of age and under the age of thirty-five years at the time he was sentenced to life imprisonment, he shall be eligible for parole consideration if all of the following conditions have

been met:

(i) The person has served at least twenty years of the sentence imposed.

(ii) The person has obtained a low risk level designation determined by a validated risk assessment instrument approved by the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections. The person has met the requirements listed in Subparagraphs (A)(4)(b) through (f) of this Section.

(iii) The person has not committed any major disciplinary offenses in the thirty-six consecutive months prior to the parole hearing date. A major disciplinary offense is an offense identified as a Schedule B offense by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections in the Disciplinary Rules and Procedures for Adult Offenders.

(iv) The person has completed the mandatory minimum of one hundred hours of pre-release programming in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 15:827.1, if such programming is available at the facility where the offender is incarcerated.

(v) The person has completed substance abuse treatment, if applicable and such treatment is available at the facility where the offender is incarcerated.

(vi) The person has obtained or completed at least one of the following:

- (aa) A literacy program.
- (bb) An adult basic education program.
- (cc) A job skills training program.
- (dd) A high school equivalency certificate.

(c) If the person was at least thirty-five years of age and under the age of fifty years at the time he was sentenced to life imprisonment, he shall be eligible for parole consideration if all of the following conditions have been met:

(i) The person has served at least fifteen years of the sentence imposed.

(ii) The person has obtained a low risk level designation determined by a validated risk assessment instrument approved by the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections. The person has met the requirements listed in Subparagraphs (A)(4)(b) through (f) of this Section.

(iii) The person has not committed any major disciplinary offenses in the thirty-six consecutive months prior to the parole hearing date. A major disciplinary offense is an offense identified as a Schedule B offense by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections in the Disciplinary Rules and Procedures for Adult Offenders.

(iv) The person has completed the mandatory minimum of one hundred hours of pre-release programming in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 15:827.1, if such programming is available at the facility where the offender is incarcerated.

(v) The person has completed substance abuse treatment, if applicable and such treatment is available at the facility where the offender is incarcerated.

(vi) The person has obtained or completed at least one of the following:

- (aa) A literacy program.
- (bb) An adult basic education program.
- (cc) A job skills training program.
- (dd) A high school equivalency certificate.

(d) If the person was at least fifty years of age at the time he was sentenced to life imprisonment, he shall be eligible for parole consideration if all of the following conditions have been met:

(i) The person has served at least ten years of the sentence imposed.

(ii) The person has obtained a low risk level designation determined by a validated risk assessment instrument approved by the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections. The person has met the requirements listed in Subparagraphs (A)(4)(b) through (f) of this Section.

(iii) The person has not committed any major disciplinary offenses in the thirty-six consecutive months prior to the parole hearing date. A major disciplinary offense is an offense identified as a Schedule B offense by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections in the Disciplinary Rules and Procedures for Adult Offenders.

(iv) The person has completed the mandatory minimum of one hundred hours of pre-release programming in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 15:827.1, if such programming is available at the facility where the offender is incarcerated.

(v) The person has completed substance abuse treatment if applicable and such treatment is available at the facility where the offender is incarcerated.

(vi) The person has obtained or completed at least one of the following:

- (aa) A literacy program.
- (bb) An adult basic education program.
- (cc) A job skills training program.
- (dd) A high school equivalency certificate.

D.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any person serving a sentence of life imprisonment who was under the age of eighteen years at the time of the commission of the offense, except for a person serving a life sentence for a conviction of first degree murder (R.S. 14:30) or second degree murder (R.S. 14:30.1), shall be eligible for parole consideration pursuant to the provisions of this Subsection if all of the following conditions have been met:

(a) The offender has served twenty-five years of the sentence imposed.

(b) The offender has not committed any major disciplinary offenses in the thirty-six consecutive months prior to the parole hearing date. A major disciplinary offense is an offense identified as a Schedule B offense by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections in the Disciplinary Rules and Procedures for Adult Offenders. The offender has met the requirements listed in Subparagraphs (A)(4)(b) through (f) of this Section.

(c) The offender has completed the mandatory minimum of one hundred

hours of prerelease programming in accordance with R.S. 15:827.1.
(d) ~~The offender has completed substance abuse treatment as applicable.~~
(e) ~~The offender has obtained or completed at least one of the following:~~
(i) ~~A literacy program.~~
(ii) ~~An adult basic education program.~~
(iii) ~~A job skills training program.~~
(iv) ~~A high school equivalency certificate.~~
(f) ~~The offender has obtained a low-risk level designation determined by a validated risk assessment instrument approved by the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.~~
(g) ~~The offender has completed a reentry program to be determined by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.~~
(h) (c) If the offender was convicted of aggravated or first degree rape, he shall be designated a sex offender and upon release shall comply with all sex offender registration and notification provisions as required by law.

E.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary and except as provided in Subsection G of this Section, any person serving a sentence of life imprisonment for a conviction of first degree murder (R.S. 14:30) who was under the age of eighteen years at the time of the commission of the offense and whose indictment for the offense is on or after August 1, 2017, shall be eligible for parole consideration pursuant to the provisions of this Subsection if a judicial determination has been made that the person is entitled to parole eligibility pursuant to Code of Criminal Procedure Article 878.1(A) and all of the following conditions have been met:
(a) The offender has served twenty-five years of the sentence imposed.
(b) ~~The offender has not committed any major disciplinary offenses in the thirty-six consecutive months prior to the parole hearing date. A major disciplinary offense is an offense identified as a Schedule B offense by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections in the Disciplinary Rules and Procedures for Adult Offenders. The offender has met the requirements listed in Subparagraphs (A)(4)(b) through (f) of this Section.~~
(c) ~~The offender has completed the mandatory minimum of one hundred hours of prerelease programming in accordance with R.S. 15:827.1.~~
(d) ~~The offender has completed substance abuse treatment as applicable.~~
(e) ~~The offender has obtained or completed at least one of the following:~~
(i) ~~A literacy program.~~
(ii) ~~An adult basic education program.~~
(iii) ~~A job skills training program.~~
(iv) ~~A high school equivalency certificate.~~
(f) ~~The offender has obtained a low-risk level designation determined by a validated risk assessment instrument approved by the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.~~
(g) ~~The offender has completed a reentry program to be determined by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.~~

F.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary and except as provided in Subsection G of this Section, any person serving a sentence of life imprisonment for a conviction of second degree murder (R.S. 14:30.1) who was under the age of eighteen years at the time of the commission of the offense and whose indictment for the offense is on or after August 1, 2017, shall be eligible for parole consideration if all of the following conditions have been met:
(a) The offender has served twenty-five years of the sentence imposed.
(b) ~~The offender has not committed any major disciplinary offenses in the thirty-six consecutive months prior to the parole hearing date. A major disciplinary offense is an offense identified as a Schedule B offense by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections in the Disciplinary Rules and Procedures for Adult Offenders. The offender has met the requirements listed in Subparagraphs (A)(4)(b) through (f) of this Section.~~
(c) ~~The offender has completed the mandatory minimum of one hundred hours of pre-release programming in accordance with R.S. 15:827.1.~~
(d) ~~The offender has completed substance abuse treatment as applicable.~~
(e) ~~The offender has obtained or completed at least one of the following:~~
(i) ~~A literacy program.~~
(ii) ~~An adult basic education program.~~
(iii) ~~A job skills training program.~~
(iv) ~~A high school equivalency certificate.~~
(f) ~~The offender has obtained a low-risk level designation determined by a validated risk assessment instrument approved by the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.~~
(g) ~~The offender has completed a reentry program to be determined by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.~~

G.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any person serving a sentence of life imprisonment for a conviction of first degree murder (R.S. 14:30) or second degree murder (R.S. 14:30.1) who was under the age of eighteen years at the time of the commission of the offense and whose indictment for the offense was prior to August 1, 2017, shall be eligible for parole consideration pursuant to the provisions of this Subsection if a judicial determination has been made that the person is entitled to parole eligibility pursuant to Code of Criminal Procedure Article 878.1(B) and all of the following conditions have been met:
(a) The offender has served twenty-five years of the sentence imposed.
(b) ~~The offender has not committed any major disciplinary offenses in the thirty-six consecutive months prior to the parole hearing date. A major~~

disciplinary offense is an offense identified as a Schedule B offense by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections in the Disciplinary Rules and Procedures for Adult Offenders. The offender has met the requirements listed in Subparagraphs (A)(4)(b) through (f) of this Section.
(c) ~~The offender has completed the mandatory minimum of one hundred hours of pre-release programming in accordance with R.S. 15:827.1.~~
(d) ~~The offender has completed substance abuse treatment as applicable.~~
(e) ~~The offender has obtained or completed at least one of the following:~~
(i) ~~A literacy program.~~
(ii) ~~An adult basic education program.~~
(iii) ~~A job skills training program.~~
(iv) ~~A high school equivalency certificate.~~
(f) ~~The offender has obtained a low-risk level designation determined by a validated risk assessment instrument approved by the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.~~
(g) ~~The offender has completed a reentry program to be determined by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.~~

J.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, and except as provided in Subsections D, E, F, G, and H D through H of this Section, any person serving a term or terms of imprisonment that result in a period of incarceration of twenty-five years or more and who was under the age of eighteen years at the time of the commission of the offense shall be eligible for parole consideration pursuant to the provisions of this Subsection if all of the following conditions have been met:
(a) The offender has served at least twenty-five years of the sentence imposed.
(b) ~~The offender has not committed any major disciplinary offenses in the thirty-six consecutive months prior to the parole hearing date. A major disciplinary offense is an offense identified as a Schedule B offense by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections in the Disciplinary Rules and Procedures for Adult Offenders. The offender has met the requirements listed in Subparagraphs (A)(4)(b) through (f) of this Section.~~
(c) ~~The offender has completed the mandatory minimum of one hundred hours of prerelease programming in accordance with R.S. 15:827.1.~~
(d) ~~The offender has completed substance abuse treatment as applicable.~~
(e) ~~The offender has obtained or completed at least one of the following:~~
(i) ~~A literacy program.~~
(ii) ~~An adult basic education program.~~
(iii) ~~A job skills training program.~~
(iv) ~~A high school equivalency certificate.~~
(f) ~~The offender has obtained a low-risk level designation determined by a validated risk assessment instrument approved by the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.~~
(g) ~~The offender has completed a reentry program to be determined by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.~~

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 426

HOUSE BILL NO. 290
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:191(3)(b) and to repeal R.S. 49:191(1)(i), relative to the Department of the Treasury, including provisions to provide for the re-creation of the Department of the Treasury and the statutory entities made a part of the department by law; to provide for the effective termination date for all statutory authority for the existence of such statutory entities; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.
Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. Pursuant to R.S. 49:193, the Department of the Treasury and the statutory entities made a part of the department by law shall be re-created effective June 30, 2026, and all statutory authority therefor is continued in accordance with the provisions of Part XII of Chapter 1 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.
Section 2. All statutory authority for the existence of the Department of the Treasury and the statutory entities made a part of the department as re-created by Section 1 of this Act shall cease as of July 1, 2031, pursuant to R.S. 49:191. However, the Department of the Treasury may be re-created prior to such date in accordance with the provisions of Part XII of Chapter 1 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.
Section 3. The provisions of R.S. 49:193 are hereby superseded to the extent that those provisions are in conflict with the provisions of this Act.
Section 4. R.S. 49:191(3)(b) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
§191. Termination of legislative authority for existence of statutory entities; phase-out period for statutory entities; table of dates
Notwithstanding any termination dates set by any previous Act of the legislature, the statutory entities set forth in this Section shall begin to terminate their operations on July first of each of the following years, and all legislative authority for the existence of any statutory entity, as defined in R.S. 49:190, shall cease as of July first of the following year, which shall be the

termination date:

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(3) July 1, 2030:

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(b) The Department of the Treasury and all statutory entities made a part of the department by law.

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Section 5. R.S. 49:191(1)(i) is hereby repealed in its entirety.
Section 6. This Act shall become effective on June 30, 2026.
Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 427

HOUSE BILL NO. 319
BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM AND SENATOR BARROW
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 24:972(A)(11) through (22), to enact R.S. 24:972(F), and to repeal R.S. 24:972(A)(23) through (25), relative to the Louisiana Commission on Civic Education; to provide for the membership of the commission; to provide relative to the appointment of certain members; to remove certain members; to authorize certain persons to designate a member; to provide for quorum requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 24:972(A)(11) through (22) are hereby amended and reenacted by and R.S. 24:972(F) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
§972. Membership; meetings; compensation; staff
A. The commission shall consist of the following members:

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(11) One state coordinator of the Louisiana Legislators Back to School Program, ~~to represent the Senate program~~, appointed jointly by the president of the Senate;
~~(12) One state coordinator of the Louisiana Legislators Back to School Program, to represent the House of Representatives program, appointed by and the speaker of the House of Representatives.~~
~~(13) The state coordinator of Project Citizen, or his designee.~~
~~(14) (13) The executive director of the Public Affairs Research Council, or his designee.~~
~~(15) (14) The executive director of the Council Leaders for a Better Louisiana, or his designee.~~
~~(16) (15) One member to represent Louisiana Public Broadcasting, appointed by the executive director of the Louisiana Public Broadcasting Corporation.~~
~~(17) (16) One member to represent the League of Women Voters, appointed by the League of Women Voters of Louisiana.~~
~~(18) (17) One member to represent the Louisiana Press Association and one member to represent the Louisiana Association of Broadcasters, appointed by the president of each association.~~
~~(19) (18) One member to represent the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education, appointed by the president of its board of directors.~~
~~(20) One member to represent the Louisiana Association of Non-Profit Organizations, appointed by the chairman of the Louisiana Association of Non-Profit Organizations.~~
~~(21) (19) One member to represent the Louisiana Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, appointed by the president of the Louisiana Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.~~
~~(22) (20) The chairman of the Volunteer Louisiana Commission, or his designee.~~
~~(23) Any additional member who has expertise in civic education or civic involvement, as may be designated by three-fourths of the commission members present and voting. Such member shall serve at the pleasure of the commission.~~
~~(24) (21) One member to represent the Louisiana District Judges Association, appointed by the president of its board of directors.~~
~~(25) (22) The chief justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court or his designee.~~

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F. Ten members of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and all official action of the commission shall require the favorable vote of a majority of those members present and voting.
Section 2. 24:972(A)(23) through (25) are hereby repealed in their entirety.
Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 428

HOUSE BILL NO. 345
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 48:388.1(A)(2)(f), relative to the Class II and III Rail Infrastructure

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Improvement Program; to add rail infrastructure at ports as an eligible project for the program; and to provide for related matters.
Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 48:388.1(A)(2)(f) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
§388.1. Class II and III Rail Infrastructure Improvement Program
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(2) The program shall be made available to Class II and III railroads for rail improvement needs to maintain efficient rail service on the rail network and to implement recommendations in the Louisiana Freight Mobility Plan and State Rail Plan. Eligible projects include but are not limited to:

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(f) Rail infrastructure at ports.

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Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 429

HOUSE BILL NO. 354
BY REPRESENTATIVES VENTRELLA, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BAGLEY, BAMBURG, BAYHAM, BEAULLIEU, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOUDREAUX, BOURRIQUE, BOYER, BRASS, BROUSSARD, BRYANT, BUTLER, CARRIER, WILFORD CARTER, CARVER, CHASSION, CHENEVERT, COATES, COX, DESHOTEL, DEVILLIER, DEWITT, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, EGAN, FISHER, GEYMAN, GLORIOSO, GREEN, HEBERT, HILFERTY, ILLG, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, JORDAN, KERNER, KNOX, LACOMBE, LAFLEUR, JACOB LANDRY, LARVADAIN, MARTINEZ, MCFARLAND, MCMAKIN, MOORE, MURRAY, MUSCARELLO, NEWELL, OWEN, PHELPS, RISER, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, SPELL, STAGNI, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, TURNER, VILLIO, WALTERS, WYBLE, AND ZERINGUE AND SENATORS BARROW, BASS, CLOUD, EDMONDS, HARRIS, HENRY, HENSGENS, JACKSON-ANDREWS, KLEINPETER, LAMBERT, MIGUEZ, MILLER, MORRIS, PRESSLY, AND SEABAUGH
AN ACT

To redesignate the bridge located on Louisiana Highway 64 over the Amite River at the boundary of East Baton Rouge Parish and Livingston Parish as the “Caleb Easterling Memorial Bridge”; to provide for implementation; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. The bridge located on Louisiana Highway 64 spanning the Amite River at the boundary between East Baton Rouge Parish and Livingston Parish, commonly known as the Magnolia Bridge, which connects Greenwell Springs Road in East Baton Rouge Parish to Magnolia Bridge Road in Livingston Parish shall be known and is hereby redesignated as the “Caleb Easterling Memorial Bridge”.
Section 2. The Department of Transportation and Development or its contractors are hereby directed to erect and maintain appropriate signage reflecting this designation provided local or private monies are received by the department equal to the department’s actual costs for material, fabrication, mounting posts, and installation of the signage, not to exceed the sum of seven hundred fifty dollars per sign.
Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 430

HOUSE BILL NO. 362
BY REPRESENTATIVE NEWELL
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:9091.30, relative to Orleans Parish; to create the Regency Park Townhomes Crime Prevention and Security District; to provide relative to the boundaries, purpose, governance, and powers and duties of the district; to provide for district funding; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of Louisiana.
Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 33:9091.30 is hereby enacted to read as follows:
§9091.30. Regency Park Townhomes Crime Prevention and Security District
A. There is hereby created within the parish of Orleans, as more specifically provided in Subsection B of this Section, a body politic and corporate known as the Regency Park Townhomes Crime Prevention and Security District, referred to in this Section as the “district”. The district is a political subdivision of the state as defined in the Constitution of Louisiana.
B. The district is comprised of the area within the following perimeter: Morrison Road, Downman Road, Seabrook Place, and Countess Lane.
C. The district is established for the primary objective and purpose of promoting and encouraging the beautification, security, and overall betterment of the district.
D. (1) The district shall be governed by a board of

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commissioners, referred to in this Section as the “board”, composed of five voting members and one nonvoting member as follows:

(a) The president, secretary, and treasurer of the Regency Park Townhomes Association, referred to in this Section as the “association”.

(b) The governing board of the association shall appoint two members who shall be residents of the district.

(c) The manager of the Regency Park Townhomes who shall be a nonvoting member.

(2)(a) Board members serving pursuant to Subparagraph (1)(b) of this Subsection shall serve three-year terms after initial terms as follows: one member shall serve an initial term of three years and one shall serve an initial term of two years, as determined by lot at the first meeting of the board.

(b) The members serving pursuant to Subparagraphs (1)(a) and (c) of this Subsection shall serve during their terms of office.

(3) Any vacancy which occurs prior to the expiration of a term shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the manner of the original appointment.

(4) The board shall elect from its members a chairman, a vice chairman, a secretary, a treasurer, and other officers as it deems necessary. The duties of the officers shall be fixed by the bylaws adopted by the board.

(5) The secretary or the treasurer of the board shall maintain the minute books and archives of the district. The monies, funds, and accounts of the district shall be in the official custody of the board.

(6) The board may adopt rules and regulations for conducting its business affairs. Rules and regulations of the board relative to the notice and conduct of meetings shall conform to applicable law, including laws relative to open meetings. The board shall hold regular meetings and may hold special meetings at times and places within the district as prescribed in the bylaws.

(7) A majority of the voting members of the board constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business. The board shall keep minutes of all meetings and shall make them available through the secretary of the board to residents of the district.

(8) The members of the board shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses directly related to the governance of the district.

E. The district, acting through its board, shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) To sue and be sued.

(2) To adopt, use, and alter at will a corporate seal.

(3) To receive and expend funds collected pursuant to Subsections F and G of this Section and in accordance with a budget adopted as provided by Subsection H of this Section.

(4) To enter into contracts with individuals or entities, private or public.

(5) To provide or enhance security patrols in the district and to provide for improved lighting, signage, or matters relating to the security and beautification of the district.

(6) To enter into contracts and agreements with one or more other districts for the joint security, improvement, or betterment of all participating districts.

(7) To provide for services and make expenditures as the board deems proper for the upkeep and beautification of the district.

(8) To acquire or lease items and supplies that the board deems instrumental to achieving the purposes of the district.

(9) To procure and maintain liability insurance against any personal or legal liability of a board member that may be asserted or incurred based upon his service as a member of the board or that may arise as a result of his actions taken within the scope and discharge of his duties as a member of the board.

(10) To perform or have performed any other function or activity necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of the district or for the overall betterment of the district.

F.(1)(a) The governing authority of the city of New Orleans may impose and collect a parcel fee within the district subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this Subsection.

(b) The amount of the fee shall be as requested by duly adopted resolution of the board. The fee shall be a flat fee per parcel of land not to exceed three hundred dollars per year for each parcel.

(c) For purposes of this Section, “parcel” means a lot, a subdivided portion of ground, an individual tract, or a “condominium parcel” as defined in R.S. 9:1121.103.

(d) The owner of each parcel is responsible for payment of the fee.

(2)(a) The fee shall be imposed only after the question of its imposition has been approved by a majority of the registered voters of the district who vote on the proposition at an election held for that purpose in accordance with the Louisiana Election Code. The amount of the fee may be changed by duly adopted resolution of the board, not to exceed the maximum amount authorized in this Subsection. No other election shall be required except as provided by this Paragraph.

(b) The fee shall expire at the time provided in the proposition, not to exceed five years, but the fee may be renewed if approved by a majority of the registered voters of the district voting on the proposition at an election as provided in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph. Any election to authorize the renewal of the fee shall be held for that purpose in accordance with the Louisiana Election Code. If the fee is renewed, the term of the imposition of the fee shall be as provided in the proposition authorizing such renewal, not to exceed five years.

(3) The fee shall be collected at the same time and in the same manner as

ad valorem taxes are collected.

(4) Any parcel fee which is unpaid shall be added to the tax rolls of the city and shall be enforced with the same authority and subject to the same penalties and procedures as unpaid ad valorem taxes.

(5)(a) The city of New Orleans shall remit to the district all amounts collected not more than sixty days after collection.

(b) The district shall use the proceeds of the fee solely and exclusively for the purpose and benefit of the district; however, the city may retain one percent of the amount collected as a collection fee.

G. The district may solicit and accept additional voluntary contributions and grants to further the purposes of the district.

H.(1) The board of commissioners shall adopt an annual budget in accordance with the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act, R.S. 39:1301 et seq.

(2) The district shall be subject to audit by the legislative auditor pursuant to R.S. 24:513.

I.(1) It is the purpose and intent of this Section that any additional security patrols, public or private, or any other security or other services or betterments provided by the district shall be supplemental to and not be in lieu of personnel and services to be provided in the district by the state or the city of New Orleans or their departments or agencies or by other political subdivisions.

(2) If the district ceases to exist, the board shall transmit all district funds to the city of New Orleans, and such funds, together with any other funds collected by the city of New Orleans pursuant to this Section, shall be maintained in a separate account by the city and shall be used only to promote, encourage, and enhance the security of the area included in the district.

J.(1) The district shall indemnify its officers and board members to the fullest extent permitted by R.S. 12:227, as fully as if the district were a nonprofit corporation governed thereby, and as may be provided in the district’s bylaws.

(2) No board member or officer of the district shall be liable to the district or to any individual who resides, owns property, visits, or otherwise conducts business in the district for monetary damages for breach of his duties as a board member or officer, provided that the foregoing provision shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a board member or officer for any of the following:

(a) Acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law.

(b) Any transaction from which he derived an improper personal benefit.

(3) To the fullest extent permitted by R.S. 9:2792 et seq., including R.S. 9:2792.1 through 2792.9, a person serving the district as a board member or officer shall not be individually liable for any act or omission arising out of the performance of his duties.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 431

**HOUSE BILL NO. 382
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND
AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 42:802(D)(2), relative to the authority of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget; to provide for the review and approval of certain contract amendments by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 42:802(D)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§802. Powers and duties; Office of Group Benefits

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(2) Additionally, any adjustments to such contracts in the amount of one million dollars or more shall require the review and approval of the ~~oversight committees~~ Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget before the modified contracts may be implemented. Such adjustments shall indicate the fiscal impact to the plan of benefits as well as the rate structure, if any, over the subsequent three years or maximum contract period.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 432

HOUSE BILL NO. 406
BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:176.3, relative to interscholastic high school athletics; to require the state Department of Education to conduct a study on the direction and regulation of interscholastic high school athletics; to require certain study components; to require the department to submit a written report to certain legislative committees; to provide a report submission deadline; to provide for legislative findings; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1.(A) The legislature finds and declares that the direction and regulation of interscholastic high school athletics is a public purpose that should be conducted in a transparent manner that is fair for all students. The legislature further finds and declares that all laws, rules, and regulations relative to interscholastic high school athletics should align with academic priorities and foster an environment that places education at the forefront.

(B) The legislature finds and declares that House Concurrent Resolution No. 24 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature created a special committee of the legislature to conduct a comprehensive study of the Louisiana High School Athletic Association's policies, governance structure, and impact on public, private, and parochial schools and provided for the submission of a report of findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education not later than February 14, 2026.

(C) The legislature finds and declares that over the course of six months of meetings, the committee heard substantial testimony, received evidence, and discussed a wide variety of issues pertaining to interscholastic high school athletics, including the significant challenges associated with having high school athletics directed and regulated by a private entity that is not subject to laws applicable to public entities such as the laws pertaining to audit by the legislative auditor, the Open Meetings Law, and the Public Records Law and whose rules are not subject to legislative oversight and have the potential to be inconsistently applied with no recourse by parents, student-athletes, school systems, or the legislature. The committee found that the current governance structure can be devoid of elements of fairness, consistency, and compliance with the governing association's own regulations, which is detrimental to the elements of fairness and structure that Louisiana's students, schools, and parents deserve.

(D) The legislature finds and declares that the committee unanimously adopted the recommendation that interscholastic high school athletics be regulated and directed through a cooperative endeavor agreement between the state Department of Education and a nonprofit corporation as provided in an Act of the legislature.

(E) The legislature finds and declares that further study by the state Department of Education is needed for the purpose of advising the legislature about the potential implementation and impact of such an agreement in order to inform legislation to be filed during the 2027 Regular Session of the Legislature.

Section 2. R.S. 17:176.3 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§176.3. Interscholastic high school athletics; direction and regulation; study; report

A. The state Department of Education shall conduct a study on the feasibility of the direction and regulation of interscholastic high school athletics through a cooperative endeavor agreement with a nonprofit corporation which would be subject to the basic tenets of fairness, impartiality, and responsiveness expected by the state for the benefit of student athletes.

B. The department shall conduct the study based on all of the following assumptions:

(1) That such cooperative endeavor agreement would be subject to rules that the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, referred to in this Section as the "state board", would adopt for such purpose.

(2) That the nonprofit corporation would be subject to audit by the legislative auditor, the Open Meetings Law, and the Public Records Law, any exceptions to which regarding the confidentiality of student information would apply.

(3) That all interscholastic high school athletic competitions for public high schools and nonpublic high schools that receive state funds would be conducted in accordance with the provisions of applicable state law, state board rules, and the provisions of the cooperative endeavor agreement.

(4) That the provisions of the cooperative endeavor agreement would include, at a minimum, regulations pertaining to eligibility, student health and safety, penalties, appeals, administration, and game play.

(5) That no public high school or nonpublic high school that receives state funds would be permitted to be a member of, or participate in any competition sponsored by, any intrastate interscholastic extracurricular athletic association or organization.

(6) That the direction and regulation of interscholastic high school athletics in this manner would apply beginning with the 2028-2029 school year.

C. The department shall submit a written report of findings and conclusions to the House Committee on Education, the House Committee on Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Education, and the Senate Committee on Finance not later than March 1, 2027, that shall include, at a minimum, the following:

(1) Potential nonprofit corporations with which to execute such a cooperative endeavor agreement.

(2) A plan of action and potential timeline for how such a cooperative endeavor agreement would be implemented beginning with the 2028-2029

school year.

(3) Funding and cost considerations.

(4) Transitional considerations.

(5) Recommendations relative to legislation necessary to fully implement the direction and regulation of interscholastic athletics through such a cooperative endeavor agreement.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 433

HOUSE BILL NO. 445
BY REPRESENTATIVES FREIBERG, BERAULT, CARPENTER, EGAN,
FREEMAN, ILLG, LAFLEUR, LYONS, MARCELLE, MARTINEZ, TAYLOR,
THOMPSON, AND ZERINGUE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:4071(A), (B)(introductory paragraph), (E), (F), (H)(1), (2), (5), (6), (7), and (10), and (J) and 4072, to enact R.S. 36:309(E)(3), and to repeal R.S. 17:4071(B)(11), (15), (23), and (24) and R.S. 36:651(K)(6), relative to the Louisiana Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Advisory Council; to transfer the council from the Department of Education to Louisiana Works; to provide for the powers, duties, and functions of the council; to provide for the membership of the council; to authorize the council to meet via electronic means; to provide relative to the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education Fund; to provide for the powers, duties, and authority of the commissioner of higher education, the Board of Regents, and Louisiana Works relative to the council; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:4071(A), (B)(introductory paragraph), (E), (F), (H)(1), (2), (5), (6), (7), and (10), and (J) and 4072 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§4071. Louisiana Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Advisory Council; creation; membership; powers, duties, and functions

A. The Louisiana Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Advisory Council (LaSTEM) is hereby created under the auspices of ~~the Board of Regents~~ Louisiana Works to coordinate and oversee the creation, delivery, and promotion of STEM education programs, to increase student interest and achievement in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, to ensure the alignment of education, economic development, industry, and workforce needs, and to increase the number of women who graduate from a postsecondary institution with a STEM degree or credential.

B. The council shall consist of ~~twenty-nine members as follows~~ the following members:

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E. The council shall be chaired by the ~~commissioner of higher education secretary of Louisiana Works~~ or his designee. The secretary of Louisiana Economic Development or his designee shall serve as the ~~initial~~ vice chairman of the council. ~~Thereafter, the vice chairmanship shall alternate on a triennial basis between the state superintendent of education, or his designee, the secretary of Louisiana Economic Development or his designee, and the secretary of Louisiana Works or his designee.~~ The council may elect such other officers as it deems necessary.

F. The council shall meet ~~monthly~~ twice each year and at such other times as called by the chairman. ~~Beginning August 31, 2018, the council shall be required to meet only quarterly. The commissioner of higher education shall convene the first meeting of the council not later than September 15, 2017. Members of the council may attend and participate in a meeting via electronic means in accordance with R.S. 42:17.2.~~

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H. As funding allows, the council shall:

(1) Create a comprehensive, statewide STEM plan that ~~contains clear objectives to guide~~ guides the development of STEM education and aligned to STEM career opportunities and ~~aligns elementary, secondary, and postsecondary STEM curricula, programs, initiatives, and activities.~~

(2) Coordinate all state STEM education-related programs and activities to align to workforce needs.

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(5) Encourage industry and business entities to provide funding, resources, and technical assistance to ~~elementary, secondary, and postsecondary schools~~ to promote interest in STEM discipline courses and career opportunities.

(6) Connect STEM education resources, initiatives, and programs regionally and throughout the state.

(7) Establish an information clearinghouse, to be housed at ~~the Board of Regents~~ Louisiana Works, to identify and provide best practice resources for ~~both the secondary and postsecondary educational systems and to review and acquire STEM education-related instructional materials education and training.~~

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(10) Establish a competitive grants program to fund robotics competitions to provide ~~students at all appropriate grade levels~~ opportunities to improve science, technology, engineering, and mathematics skills by participating in events ~~sponsored by a science and technology development program known~~

as ~~FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics~~. The program may be funded through the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Education Fund and any other available public or private funds.

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J. The council, through the ~~Board of Regents~~ Louisiana Works, shall submit a status report regarding all actions taken to implement the provisions of this Section, including metrics that measure the success of implementing council activities and initiatives and any recommendations for legislation or policy changes, to the Senate Committee on Education, ~~the Senate Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations, and the House Committee on Education, and the House Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations~~ by January thirtieth of each year.

§4072. Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Education Fund
A. The Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education Fund, referred to in this Section as the “fund”, is hereby created in the state treasury as a special fund for the purpose of conducting student-focused, project-based, programs and competitions in STEM subjects, including robotics, coding, and design-build test projects, in grades prekindergarten through college level.

~~B.(1) The source of monies deposited into the fund shall be legislative appropriations. Monies in the fund shall be subject to appropriation by the legislature and shall be available exclusively for programs and initiatives prescribed by the Louisiana Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Advisory Council.~~

~~(2) The treasurer is hereby authorized to establish a separate account within the fund for the deposit of grants and donations received by the Louisiana Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Advisory Council. If the terms and conditions of the grant or donation or the agreements pertaining thereto require that the monies not be deposited into the treasury, the grant or donation may nevertheless be deposited into the fund. Monies in this separate account shall not be subject to legislative appropriation but shall be used by the council only to further their mission. After allocation of money to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund as provided in Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, the treasurer shall deposit into the fund any monies transferred or appropriated by the legislature. The treasurer shall also deposit into the fund any grants, donations, gifts, or other monies which may become available.~~

C. All unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund. Such monies shall be invested by the state treasurer in the same manner as monies in the state general fund, and interest earned on the investment of these monies shall be credited to the fund, after compliance with the requirements of Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund.

~~D. The council shall adopt a resolution stating which members or officers are authorized to withdraw money from the fund and the separate account in the fund, which resolution shall be submitted to the state treasury. Monies in the fund and the separate account shall only be used by the council to further their mission.~~

Section 2. R.S. 36:309(E)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
§309. Transfer of agencies to Louisiana Works

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E. The following agencies are transferred to and hereafter shall be within Louisiana Works and shall perform and exercise their powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities as provided by law:

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(3) Louisiana Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Advisory Council (R.S. 17:4071).

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Section 3. R.S. 17:4071(B)(11), (15), (23), and (24) and R.S. 36:651(K)(6) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 434

HOUSE BILL NO. 466
BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:2759, relative to ad valorem taxation in West Feliciana Parish; to authorize an ad valorem tax rebate program in the parish; to provide for functions of tax recipient bodies in the parish with respect to the rebate program; to make implementation of the rebate subject to approval by certain tax recipient bodies; to provide for other conditions and requirements; to provide for applicability; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of Louisiana.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 33:2759 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§2759. West Feliciana Parish; rebate of ad valorem taxes

A. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the West Feliciana Parish

Government, West Feliciana Parish School Board, and West Feliciana Parish Law Enforcement District may implement a rebate program through which taxpayers may be awarded a rebate of certain amounts of ad valorem taxes paid by property owners. The rebate program shall be subject to the conditions and requirements provided in this Section.

B. The rebate provided for in this Section may only be granted in the form of a credit against a subsequent year's ad valorem tax liability, expressed as a percentage of the tax liability, but only against taxes levied by the West Feliciana Parish Government, West Feliciana Parish School Board, and West Feliciana Parish Law Enforcement District.

C.(1) The president of West Feliciana Parish Government, the president of the West Feliciana Parish School Board, and the sheriff of West Feliciana Parish shall meet to determine the rebate, if any, to be issued.

(2) The meeting shall be called by the parish president, held at the parish council chambers on or before June thirtieth of each year, and conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law, with the parish president serving as the presiding officer.

(3) The percentage rebate shall only become effective upon the unanimous vote of the president of West Feliciana Parish Government, the president of the West Feliciana Parish School Board, and the sheriff of West Feliciana Parish at the meeting.

(4) The sheriff of West Feliciana Parish shall apply the percentage rebate approved, if any, on the final ad valorem tax bill for each property prior to issuing those bills.

Section 2. The first tax year in which rebates may be issued pursuant to the provisions of this Act shall be the tax year beginning on January 1, 2027.

Section 3. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 435

HOUSE BILL NO. 533
BY REPRESENTATIVE BERAULT
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 15:255(AA), relative to costs of court; to provide for the transfer of certain surplus monies in the Twenty-Second Judicial District Court; to provide for definitions; to provide for use of the monies; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 15:255(AA) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§255. Witness fees to off-duty law enforcement officers

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AA. In the Twenty-Second Judicial District, surplus monies in the special fund in St. Tammany Parish at the end of each calendar year shall be transmitted by the governing authority of St. Tammany Parish to the criminal court fund of the Twenty-Second Judicial District Court. As used in this Subsection, “special fund” means the special fund provided for in Subsection D of this Section, and “surplus monies” means the amount of money which is in the special fund at the end of each calendar year and which is in excess of the total amount paid from the special fund as witness fees for off-duty law enforcement officers in that calendar year. The surplus monies which are required to be transferred by this Subsection may be used for any purpose the other monies in the criminal court fund of the Twenty-Second Judicial District Court may be used. No money obligated to be paid to any officer or agency for an off-duty law enforcement court appearance shall be considered surplus monies pursuant to this Subsection.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 436

HOUSE BILL NO. 575
BY REPRESENTATIVES CARVER, ADAMS, BAMBURG, BAYHAM, BEAULLIEU, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOUDREAUX, BOYD, BOYER, BRAUD, BRYANT, BUTLER, CARLSON, CARPENTER, WILFORD CARTER, CHASSION, CHENEVERT, COATES, COX, CREWS, DESHOTEL, DEWITT, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, EGAN, FONTENOT, FREEMAN, FREIBERG, GLORIOSO, HEBERT, DANA HENRY, HORTON, ILLG, JORDAN, KERNER, KNOX, LACOMBE, LAFLEUR, JACOB LANDRY, TERRY LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MACK, MARCELLE, MARTINEZ, MCMAKIN, MELERINE, MILLER, MOORE, MURRAY, NEWELL, OWEN, SAWYER, SPELL, WALTERS, WILDER, AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:330(B)(4), relative to state property; to provide a preference for the purchase of certain surplus property by persons in the extended foster care program; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 39:330(B)(4) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as

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follows:
§330. Responsibility for property; bond for property manager; trade-ins for higher education boards and institutions and vocational-technical schools

B.

(4)(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (3) of this Subsection relative to surplus computer equipment, first preference in the acquisition of surplus computer equipment authorized for disposition shall be given to public elementary and secondary schools in the state, and community and technical colleges under the management and control of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana Community and Technical Colleges.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (3) of this Subsection relative to surplus vehicles, first preference in the acquisition of surplus vehicles authorized for disposition shall be given to persons who are eligible for and are participating in the extended foster care program established pursuant to R.S. 46:288.1 et seq.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026; if vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 437

HOUSE BILL NO. 606
BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIQUE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:210(3), (4), and (5), 210.3, 210.4(2), and 210.6(A) (1) and to enact R.S. 32:210(introductory paragraph) and 210.1(C), relative to personal delivery devices; to provide for definitions; to provide for responsibilities and rights of a personal delivery device; to provide for operation in pedestrian and nonpedestrian areas; to remove the requirement for the display of lights at night; to remove provision for crossing certain roadways; to provide for regulation by local governments; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 32:210(3), (4), and (5), 210.3, 210.4(2), and 210.6(A)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 32:210(introductory paragraph) and 210.1(C) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§210. Definitions
The following definitions shall apply for purposes of this Subpart:

(3) “Nonpedestrian area” shall consist of any bicycle lane, shoulder, or side of a divided highway, highway, roadway, or street where the posted speed limit is ~~thirty-five~~ fifty-five miles per hour or less.

(4) “Pedestrian area” means a sidewalk, crosswalk, school crosswalk, school crossing zone, ~~or~~ safety zone, parking lot, or any similar area.

(5) “Personal delivery device” means a powered device that travels at the speed of twenty miles per hour or less, is less than five hundred pounds, excluding cargo, is manufactured for transporting cargo and goods in a pedestrian area, nonpedestrian area, or supplementary areas, and is equipped with automated driving technology, including software and hardware, that enables the operation of the device with the remote support and supervision of a human being.

§210.1. Applicable law

C. A personal delivery device shall have the same legal rights and duties applicable to a pedestrian or bicyclist in the same circumstances, except for those duties that, by their nature cannot apply to a personal delivery device, or those that would unreasonably burden the operation of the personal delivery device.

§210.3. Device operation
A personal delivery device operated under this Subpart shall: A business entity may operate a personal delivery device in any pedestrian or nonpedestrian area of the state, provided the device:

(1) ~~Operate in a manner that complies with any provision under this Chapter that is applicable to pedestrians, unless the provision cannot apply to the device.~~

(2) (1) Yield ~~Yields~~ to or does not obstruct the right-of-way to all other lawful traffic, including pedestrian traffic.

(3) (2) ~~Not Does not~~ unreasonably interfere with other traffic, including pedestrian traffic.

(4) ~~Display the lights required by R.S. 32:301 et seq., if the personal delivery device is operated at night.~~

(5) (3) ~~Comply~~ Complies with any applicable regulations adopted by local authority, provided those regulations are not inconsistent with this Subpart.

(6) (4) ~~Not Does not~~ transport hazardous materials regulated under the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5103 and required to be placarded under 49 CFR Part 172, Subpart F.

(7) (5) ~~Be Is~~ monitored or controlled by an agent of the business entity meeting the requirements of R.S. 32:210.2(A).§210.4. Areas of Operation
A personal delivery device operated under this Subpart may be operated either:

(2) At a speed not to exceed twenty miles per hour in a nonpedestrian area, ~~provided that the personal delivery device shall not cross any divided highway, highway, roadway, or street with a posted speed limit in excess of thirty-five miles per hour at an intersection.~~

§210.6. Local authority regulation
A.(1) Personal delivery devices may be ~~prohibited~~ regulated by local resolutions or ordinances if the local government determines that the ~~prohibition regulation~~ is in the interest of public safety and is not inconsistent with this Subpart.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided in Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 438

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.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 17:2943 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
§2943. Rules and regulations

A. The Board of Regents, in consultation with the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, shall adopt rules and regulations for the implementation of this Chapter.

B.(1) The Board of Regents, in coordination with Louisiana public postsecondary education institutions, shall establish and administer a uniform, statewide application process for high school students to apply to participate in dual enrollment programs.

(2) Each public postsecondary education institution shall participate in the process established in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, unless an institution provides written notice of non-participation to its management board.

(3) Each public postsecondary education management board, in coordination with the Board of Regents, shall coordinate and adopt institutional implementation plans to improve student access, efficiency, and cost savings to include, at a minimum, rules for notice of non-participation and re-entry into participation.

(4) Each public postsecondary education management board, in consultation with the Board of Regents, shall adopt a standard uniform dual enrollment tuition rate for all dual enrollment courses.

C. The Board of Regents, in consultation with the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, shall manage the grants pursuant to R.S. 17:2944, including but not limited to ~~application requirements, evaluation criteria, evaluation criteria and selection.~~

~~C. D.~~ Nothing in this Chapter is intended to prohibit a city, parish, and other local public school board from developing and continuing an interinstitutional articulation and transfer agreement with a public postsecondary education institution relative to dual enrollment.

Section 2. The provisions of R.S. 17:2943 as amended and reenacted by Section 1 of this Act shall be implemented no later than the beginning of the 2027-2028 school year.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 439

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.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 41:909 is hereby enacted to read as follows:
§909. Tensas Parish School Board: sale or exchange of school lands
A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, if the Tensas Parish School Board, on behalf of the state of Louisiana, determines that any school land, including but not limited to sixteenth section lands, school indemnity lands, or other immovable property located in Tensas Parish and as more specifically described in any agreements entered into and documents executed by the Tensas Parish School Board, is no longer needed for school purposes and that the best interest of the Tensas Parish school system would be served by the sale or exchange of such land, the school board may sell such lands or exchange it for other lands in Tensas Parish in accordance with this Section.
B. The Tensas Parish School Board shall obtain an appraisal of the land to be sold or exchanged from a certified, licensed appraiser and such appraisal shall be available for public inspection.C. If land is exchanged, the total consideration received by the Tensas Parish School Board, including the value of land received, shall be of equal or greater value than the land that the Tensas Parish School Board is to relinquish or exchange.
D. The Tensas Parish School Board shall reserve to the state all mineral rights and interests as required by law.
Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 440

**HOUSE BILL NO. 728
BY REPRESENTATIVE BRAUD
AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:1715(A), (C)(1), (2) and (4)(introductory paragraph) and (b) and 1736(A), (C), (D), and (E) and to enact R.S. 32:1715(D) and (E) and 1736(F) and (G), relative to requirements of out-of-state tow trucks conducting intrastate towing and implementing signage requirements on private properties; to provide for registration and authority requirements; to provide for signage requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 32:1715 (A), (C)(1), (2) and (4)(introductory paragraph) and (b) and 1736(A), (C), (D), and (E) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 32:1715(D) and (E) and 1736(F) and (G) are hereby enacted to read as follows:
§1715. Towing of motor vehicles in the state of Louisiana

A. It shall be unlawful for any tow truck or carrier to tow or to carry a vehicle on the highways and roadways of the state of Louisiana without the towing vehicle or carrier having displayed a Louisiana towing license plate and complying with the rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this Chapter.

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C. This Section shall not apply to:
(1) Car carriers operating within this state under interstate commerce, that are capable of carrying five or more vehicles, and have Interstate Commerce Commission authority are registered with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and possess a valid United States Department of Transportation Number.(2) Tow trucks that are registered in another state ~~with Interstate Commerce Commission authority that are registered with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and possess a valid United States Department of Transportation Number to operate within this state under interstate commerce.~~

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(4) Tow trucks registered in Louisiana that are owned by an owner of a garage, automotive mechanic shop, or other place where motor vehicles are repaired, are operated by an employee or an owner of such a shop, and are operated solely to transport motor vehicles to such shop for maintenance or repair work, but only when such owners or operators the tow trucks:

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(b) Obtain ~~the a~~ a Louisiana license plate as required by this Chapter.

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D. Tow trucks that are registered in another state and require registration within the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and possess a valid United States Department of Transportation Number, are prohibited from engaging in intrastate towing operations within the state of Louisiana. Tow trucks operating in intrastate commerce in the state are required to obtain a Louisiana towing license plate.

E. A tow truck operating in interstate commerce in this state shall provide documentation to the office of state police, including but not limited to a bill of lading that proves the carrier's fixed and persistent predetermined intent of interstate commerce transport at the time of dispatch prior to entry into the state. The documentation shall include the following:

- (1) The vehicle identification number of all vehicles being transported.
- (2) The address of the consignor and consignee.
- (3) The original location and destination of the vehicles being transported.

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§1736. Towing of motor vehicles from private property; definitions; billing invoices; uniform fees; penalties
A. For purposes of this Section, the following terms ~~shall have the meaning~~

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~~indicated unless the context clearly indicates otherwise following meanings:~~

(1) “Approved TRU signage” shall mean signage approved by the Louisiana State Police Towing and Recovery Unit that meets the specifications set forth by the unit.

(2) “Authorized representative” shall mean an individual that a property owner has delegated or inferred managerial responsibilities to regarding a particular property or premise. An authorized representative shall not be a tow truck owner or operator.

(3) “Parking space” shall mean the designated location in a parking area for the parking of a single vehicle.

(4) “Parking areas” shall mean areas used by the public as a means of access to and egress from, and for the parking of motor vehicles by patrons of a shopping center, business, factory, hospital, or institution. “Parking areas” shall also include housing and apartment complexes, private or public institutions of learning, and other similar locations.

(5) “Tagged for removal” shall mean the placement of a highly visible sticker or other similar tag, which contains the date, time, name of the tow company authorized to remove the vehicle, and the printed name and signature of the property owner or his authorized representative, in a conspicuous place on the motor vehicle by the property owner or his authorized representative. Such stickers or tags shall be clearly visible to drivers of passing vehicles and shall not damage, harm, or otherwise alter the appearance of the motor vehicle.

(6) “TRU” shall mean the Louisiana State Police Towing and Recovery Unit.

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C. The TRU shall promulgate rules related to the marking of parking spaces and areas, including the use of signs or other markings.

E. D.(1) Property owners who tow unauthorized vehicles from their property or parking areas shall place approved TRU signage in clearly visible locations at the entrances and exits to such property warning motorists that unauthorized vehicles may be towed. If the property has specific reserved or further restricted parking areas or parking spaces where vehicles are subject to be towed, the specific parking area or parking space that a vehicle is subject to be towed from must also be clearly marked warning the motorist their vehicle may be towed. Such warning shall include signage in each designated parking area or the marking of the individual parking spaces in these specific parking areas. A property owner or his authorized representative who enters into contracts or agreements with a tow truck company to engage in tow-related services and activities shall place signage in clearly visible locations at the entrances and exits to such property or parking areas warning motorists that unauthorized vehicles may be towed. The signage shall include the name, address, and phone number of the towing company in lettering no less than two inches in height.

(2) Tow truck company owners and drivers shall ensure that the property, parking areas, and spaces are clearly marked in accordance with this Section prior to the removal of any vehicle. Additionally, a copy of the written contract or agreement entered into between the property owner or his authorized representative and the tow truck company shall be maintained at the business office of the property owner and the business office of the tow truck company and in the tow truck.

(3) The written contract or agreement shall define the parking rules and reasons for towing. The written contract or agreement shall be dated and signed by all parties and include telephone contact numbers for the property owner or their authorized agent and the tow truck company owner, or their authorized agent. The written contract or agreements shall indicate the starting date of the towing service, and the specific date of termination of such agreement. The written contracts or agreements shall expire annually at 11:59 a.m. on June thirteenth of each year. The contracts or agreements shall include specific causes that would constitute a nonconsensual tow from the property. The contracts or agreements are nontransferable and all contractual agreements shall be with the current owner or the current owner's designee.

(4) Property owners meeting the requirements of this Subsection shall not be required to tag a motor vehicle for removal or sign the billing invoice prior to towing.

~~D. E.~~ All fees charged by a tow truck operator for the nonconsensual towing of a vehicle from private property or parking areas shall be uniform and shall be set in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the Louisiana Public Service Commission. If the tow truck operator charges any fee in excess of the uniform fee, the owner of the motor vehicle shall have a right and cause of action to recover the amount of the excess fee, storage costs, if applicable, reasonable attorney fees, and all court costs. The provisions of this Section shall be enforced by all state and local law enforcement officers and duly appointed officers of the Louisiana Public Service Commission. Tow truck operators shall make billing invoices available for inspection upon request by any law enforcement officer or duly appointed officer of the Louisiana Public Service Commission and shall provide such officers with a copy of any billing invoice, any contract for services, or the name, address, and phone number of any property owner or authorized representative.

~~E. F.(1) Any A tow truck operator, owner, or company representative who fails to comply with the provisions of this Section, who fails to provide a billing invoice which contains the information required by this Section to the redeemer of the motor vehicle, or who tows a vehicle in violation of this Section shall be in violation of the provisions of R.S. 14:68.4 and shall be subject to any applicable penalty prescribed by law, including but not limited to the revocation of the towing license, storage license, or both, if he~~

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does any of the following:
(a) Fails to comply with the provisions of this Section.
(b) Fails to provide to the redeemer of the motor vehicle a billing invoice which contains the information required by this Section.
(c) Tows a vehicle in violation of this Section.
(2) Lack of knowledge of the conduct of a tow truck company employee shall not be a defense for the tow truck company owner.
G. The office of state police, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, may adopt all rules as necessary to implement the provisions of this Chapter.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 441

HOUSE BILL NO. 738
BY REPRESENTATIVES MCMAKIN, BAYHAM, BOYD, CHASSION,
DESHOTEL, DEWITT, FREIBERG, MIKE JOHNSON, LARVADAIN,
LYONS, MARTINEZ, PHELPS, SAWYER, STAGNI, AND WALTERS
AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3394(B), (D), (E)(1), and (F)(1) and to enact R.S. 17:3394(F)(4) and (5), relative to disciplinary proceedings at public postsecondary education institutions; to provide relative to an appeals process; and to provide for related matters.
Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 17:3394(B), (D), (E)(1), and (F)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:3394(F)(4) and (5) are hereby enacted to read as follows:
§3394. Disciplinary proceedings

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B. Any student enrolled at an institution under the jurisdiction of the management board and accused of a violation of the disciplinary or conduct rules that carries a potential penalty of suspension of ten or more days, ~~deferred~~ suspension, or expulsion has the right to be represented, at the student's expense, by an attorney or a non-attorney advocate who may fully participate during any disciplinary proceeding or during any other procedure adopted and used by that institution to address an alleged violation of the institution's nonacademic rules or policies. This right applies to both the student who has been accused of the violation and the student who is the alleged victim, if applicable. Prior to scheduling a disciplinary proceeding, the institution shall inform the students in writing of their rights as provided by this Section.

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D.(1) An institution shall provide a student or student organization subject to a charge or disciplinary proceeding with a written notice of the charge not later than fourteen business days after receiving credible information, including but not limited to a police report or other documentation, sufficient to initiate formal disciplinary proceedings.

(2) A student or student organization subject to a charge or disciplinary proceeding by the institution is entitled, upon receiving notice of the charge, to The written notice shall include information of on any and all violations of the institution's nonacademic rules or policies and the disciplinary proceedings or charges that will occur as a result.

(3) This notice shall include but need not be limited to each and every section of the institution's rules or policies that the student or student organization is alleged to have violated and any evidence the institution used and collected in making the charge.

E. When a violation is punishable by suspension of ten or more days or expulsion, or when a violation by a student organization is punishable by suspension or removal of the organization from the institution, the disciplinary procedures contained in the code of student conduct shall include but need not be limited to the following:

(1)(a) Afford the accused student or organization the express presumption of innocence and set forth that the student or the organization may not be deemed guilty of the violation until the student or the organization formally acknowledges responsibility or the conclusion of a hearing where the institution has proven every element of the violation necessary to constitute guilt responsibility by clear and convincing evidence. The standard of establishing ~~guilt~~ responsibility through clear and convincing evidence shall not alter the burden of proof in hearings held pursuant to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 or R.S. 17:3399.11 et seq.(b)(i) Notwithstanding Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, in any disciplinary proceeding arising from physical conduct that resulted in serious bodily injury as defined in R.S. 14:2(C) or death, the institution shall establish responsibility by a preponderance of the evidence.

(ii) The preponderance standard shall apply only when the institution possesses objective and verifiable evidence that serious bodily injury or death occurred and that the alleged conduct is directly connected thereto.

(iii) Such evidence may include but is not limited to law enforcement reports, medical records, coroner reports, or other comparable documentation. The institution shall issue written findings identifying the objective evidence relied upon.

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F.(1) Any student or student organization that is found to be in violation

of the institution's nonacademic rules or policies shall be afforded an opportunity to appeal the institution's initial decision to an appellate entity that is an institutional administrator or body that did not make the initial decision. Such an appeal shall be filed within ~~ten~~ fourteen business days after receiving final notice of the institution's decision. The right to appeal the result of the institution's disciplinary proceeding also applies to the student who is the alleged victim, if applicable. The institution may designate the appellate entity as the final institutional authority on the matter; however, nothing in this Section shall preclude a court from granting a prevailing plaintiff equitable relief.

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(4)(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, sanctions imposed under this Section shall not take effect, be enforced, or be considered final until the later of:

(i) The deadline for filing an appeal has expired without an appeal being filed.

(ii) All institutional appeals have been completed, and any appellate decisions have been issued.

(b) Nothing in this Paragraph shall prohibit an institution from taking reasonable interim safety measures, including but not limited to housing adjustments, academic changes, or mutual no-contact directives, as long as such measures are not punitive sanctions within the meaning of this Section.

(5) The decisionmaker shall issue a written determination that includes:

(a) A statement of the factual basis for the violations.

(b) A summary of the evidence considered in making the determination.

(c) A description of any sanctions imposed.

(d) A statement of the procedures and timelines for appeal.

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Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 442

HOUSE BILL NO. 860
BY REPRESENTATIVE BRAUD
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2212(B)(2), relative to electronic bidding; to authorize the use of fillable electronic bid forms for electronic bidding; to provide relative to advertisement of bids; to provide for formatting of certain bid forms; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 38:2212(B)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2212. Advertisement and letting to lowest responsible and responsive bidder; public work; electronic bidding; participation in mentor-protégé program; exemptions; subpoena

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(2) Any Except as otherwise provided in this Section, any public entity advertising for public work shall use only the Louisiana Uniform Bid Form as promulgated in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act by the division of administration, office of facility planning and control. A public entity may use a fillable electronic bid form to facilitate the receipt of bids through an electronic bidding platform if the fillable electronic bid form includes all of the text and input fields contained in the Louisiana Uniform Bid Form. A public entity shall not add any bidder requirements or bidder input fields to a fillable electronic bid form that are not contained in the Louisiana Uniform Bid Form. Deviations in the formatting of a fillable electronic bid form used by a public entity from the formatting of the Louisiana Uniform Bid Form shall not constitute a violation of this Section. The bidding documents shall require only the following information and documentation to be submitted by a bidder at the time designated in the advertisement for bid opening: Bid Security or Bid Bond; Acknowledgment of Addenda; Base Bid; Alternates; Signature of Bidder; Name, Title, and Address of Bidder; Name of Firm or Joint Venture; Corporate Resolution or written evidence of the authority of the person signing the bid; and Louisiana Contractors License Number, and on public works projects where unit prices are utilized, a section on the bid form where the unit price utilized in the bid shall be set forth including a description for each unit; however, unit prices shall not be utilized for the construction of building projects, unless the unit prices and their extensions are incorporated into the base bid or alternates. If a public entity adds any additional requirements for information, unless mandated by state or federal requirements, the requirements shall be void and not considered in the award of the contract. Any timely change by a bidder to the bid prior to submission of the bid shall be scratched through and initialed by the bidder or the person who submits the bid. The change as initialed shall be binding.

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III,

Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.
Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 443

HOUSE BILL NO. 872
BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 56:8(160) and 325.5(D), relative to commercial menhaden reduction fishery vessels; to require vessels to use automatic identification systems; to provide definitions; to direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to organize and renumber certain definitions; and to provide for related matters.
Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 56:8(160) and 325.5(D) are hereby enacted to read as follows:
§8. Definitions
For purposes of this Chapter, the following words and phrases have the meaning ascribed to them in this Section, unless the context clearly shows a different meaning:

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(160) “Automatic identification system” means a very high frequency (VHF) radio-based tracking system that allows vessels to automatically exchange data, such as position, speed, and heading, with other vessels, shore stations, and satellites.

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§325.5. Commercial menhaden; harvest reporting; automatic identification system

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D.(1) All vessels engaged in commercial menhaden reduction fishing shall have installed and utilize an automatic identification system (AIS). This requirement shall apply to a carrier vessel or steamer, commonly called a mother ship, and to any purse boat actively engaged in fishing.(2) No vessel that is required to utilize an AIS under this Paragraph shall engage in fishing without a functioning AIS for more than two consecutive business days. For a group of vessels cooperating on a set as defined in R.S. 56:325.5, the AIS of at least two vessels shall be functioning at all times while actively engaged in fishing.

Section 2. The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby authorized and directed to alphabetize and renumber the definitions contained in R.S. 56:8 and to correct any cross-references to the renumbered Paragraphs if necessary, consistent with the provisions of this Act.
Section 3. This Act shall become effective on April 19, 2027.
Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 444

HOUSE BILL NO. 886
BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 56:325.5(D) and to repeal R.S. 56:325.5(A)(1)(c), relative to commercial menhaden harvest data reporting; to provide an exception to confidentiality for reports received by a legislative committee; to provide for rules and regulations providing for monthly reporting; and to provide for related matters.
Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 56:325.5(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
§325.5. Commercial menhaden harvest reporting

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D. Notwithstanding Paragraph (A)(3) of this Section or R.S. 56:301.4, any report received by a legislative committee pursuant to the requirement in Subsection B of this Section shall not be considered confidential.
Section 2. R.S. 56:325.5(A)(1)(c) is hereby repealed in its entirety.
Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 445

HOUSE BILL NO. 905
BY REPRESENTATIVES WRIGHT AND MARTINEZ
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3217(B)(1), relative to the Universities of Louisiana Maritime Academy; to provide for the name of the program; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 17:3217(B)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
§3217. University of Louisiana System
* * *
B.(1) A state maritime academy, the Universities of Louisiana Maritime Academy at Nicholls State University, is hereby established for the purposes of leveraging and coordinating existing maritime programs and facilities, providing for the training of merchant marine officers, and providing for additional educational pathways aligned with the workforce needs of the maritime industry.
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Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 446

HOUSE BILL NO. 916
BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:754(F)(3), relative to recordation of documents with the clerk of court; to provide for a fee for recording documents; to provide for the deposit of the funds; to authorize cooperative agreements; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.
Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 13:754(F)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
§754. Louisiana Clerks’ Remote Access Authority; membership; board of commission; statewide portal

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(3) An additional fee of five dollars shall apply to each recording subject to the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection. The member shall retain fifty cents of the fee provided for in this Paragraph. The remainder of the fee shall then be remitted to LCRAA by the tenth of the month. The LCRAA shall retain fifty cents of the fee and remit the remainder to the Court Modernization and Technology Fund, created pursuant to R.S. 39:100.211, to be dedicated for those purposes including cooperation with LCRAA concerning statewide court electronic filing integration. The Louisiana Supreme Court and appellate courts shall enter into cooperative agreements concerning the delivery of a single filing platform for the appellate courts with the goal of full integration between all appellate courts and the statewide LCRAA filing platform.

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Section 2. The additional fee for recordings required by R.S. 13:754(F)(3) as enacted by Section 1 of this Act shall apply on January 1, 2027, and thereafter.
Section 3. The LCRAA shall provide a report to the legislature no later than the start of the 2028 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana detailing the total dollars collected pursuant to R.S. 13:754(F)(3) and the progress made on the delivery of an integrated single filing platform between all appellate courts and the statewide LCRAA filing platform.
Section 4. The provisions of R.S. 13:754(F)(3) shall expire on August 1, 2029, unless extended by legislative Act.
Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 447

HOUSE BILL NO. 937
BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE AND SENATOR KLEINPETER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1484.2(A), 1484.3(6), (7), (8), and (14) through (25), 1484.4(A), (B)(introductory paragraph) and (3), (C)(1), and (D), 1484.5(A), (B)(1) and (3), 1484.6(B) through (E), 1484.8, 1484.9, 1484.11, 1484.13(A), (B)(3) through (7), (C)(2) and (3), 1484.14(A) and (D), 1484.16(7) and (10), 1484.18, 1484.19(1) through (3), 1484.20(1) through (4), 1484.22, 1484.23(A) and (B), 1484.24(C), 1484.25(introductory paragraph) and (2), 1484.26, 1484.27, and 1484.28 and to repeal R.S. 40:1484.3(26) and (27), 1484.6(F), 1484.7, 1484.13(B)(8), 1484.15, 1484.21, and 1484.23(E), relative to the regulation and safety of amusement rides and devices; to provide for definitions; to provide for registration of amusement rides; to repeal relative to inflatable amusement devices; to provide for third-party inspection; to provide for operation; to provide for penalties; to provide for set-up inspection by the fire marshal; to provide for licensing of inspectors; to provide for licensing of operators; to provide for firm licensing; to provide for application procedures; to provide for duties of the state fire marshal; to provide for licensing fees; to provide for prohibited acts; to provide for cease-and-desist orders; to provide for insurance requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 40:1484.2(A), 1484.3(6), (7), (8), and (14) through (25), 1484.4(A),

CODING: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underlined (House Bills) and underscored and **boldfaced** (Senate Bills) are additions.

(B)(introductory paragraph) and (3), (C)(1), and (D), 1484.5(A), (B)(1) and (3), 1484.6(B) through (E), 1484.8, 1484.9, 1484.11, 1484.13(A), (B)(3) through (7), (C)(2) and (3), 1484.14(A) and (D), 1484.16(7) and (10), 1484.18, 1484.19(1) through (3), 1484.20(1) through (4), 1484.22, 1484.23(A) and (B), 1484.24(C), 1484.25(introductory paragraph) and (2), 1484.26, 1484.27, and 1484.28 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1484.2. Purpose; administration and enforcement

A. The purpose of this Part is to regulate the testing, inspection, and operation of ~~inflatable amusement devices~~, amusement attractions; and amusement rides, to prohibit the use of such ~~devices~~, attractions; and rides when they have not been properly registered, have not received a proper and timely certificate of inspection, and have not received a set-up inspection as provided for in this Part.

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§1484.3. Definitions

As used in this Part, the following terms have the meanings specified in this Section except where the context expressly indicates otherwise:

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(6) “Audit” means an official inspection of an operator’s actions and documentation as it relates to the coordination of ~~inflatable amusement devices~~, amusement rides; and amusement attractions at an event ~~and a set-up inspector’s actions, documentation, and tagging as it relates to the set-up inspection of inflatable amusement devices, amusement rides, and amusement attractions at an event~~, including each operator’s ~~and set-up inspector’s~~ adherence to applicable statutes and rules.

(7) “Certificate of inspection” means a certificate or report prepared by a third-party inspector pursuant to his inspection which verifies that the ~~inflatable amusement device~~, amusement attraction; or amusement ride complies with all applicable adopted laws, rules, standards, and its corresponding manufacturer’s installation manuals, maintenance and service bulletins, and notices.

(8) “Certificate of registration” means a certificate issued by the office of state fire marshal upon receipt of a completed ~~and approved~~ registration application, current valid insurance as required by this Part, and a certificate of inspection.

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(14) “Fixed operation location” means an operating location wherein ~~amusement devices~~, amusement attractions; or amusement rides are operated for an indefinite period of time and are not often disassembled and reassembled.

(15) ~~“Inflatable amusement device” means any amusement attraction that incorporates a structural and mechanical system that employs a high-strength fabric or film that achieves its strength, shape, and stability by pretensioning with internal air pressure for activities including, but not limited to bouncing, climbing, sliding, or interactive play, which may or may not be enclosed.~~

(16) “Inspect” or “inspection” means the thorough physical examination and functional testing of an ~~inflatable amusement device~~, amusement attraction; or amusement ride and its component parts necessary to ensure that the ~~device~~, attraction; or ride complies with all applicable adopted laws, rules, standards, and corresponding manufacturer’s installation manuals, maintenance and service repair bulletins, or notices.

(17) ~~(16)~~ “Investigate” or “investigation” means the thorough physical examination of an ~~inflatable amusement device~~, amusement attraction; or amusement ride and its component parts by the office of state fire marshal in response to a complaint or an accident, which may or may not have resulted in injury or death, to determine the cause of the accident.

~~(18)~~ (17) “NAARSO” means the National Association of Amusement Ride Safety Officials.

(19) (18) “Operate” means to manage and coordinate an ~~inflatable amusement device~~, amusement attraction; or amusement ride at an event or a fixed operation location. The term includes management or coordination which may or may not be performed by the owner of the ~~inflatable amusements device~~, amusement attraction; or amusement ride.

(20) (19) “Operator” means a person or firm who may or may not own the ~~inflatable amusements devices~~, amusement attractions; or amusement rides who is managing, coordinating, or has the duty to control the operation of the ~~inflatable amusements devices~~, amusement attractions; or amusement rides at an event or a fixed operation location.

(21) (20) “Owner” means a person or firm, or the agent of a person or firm, who owns an amusement attraction; ~~or~~ amusement ride, ~~or more than two inflatable amusement devices~~; and at least one of the person’s or firm’s ~~inflatable amusement devices~~, amusement attractions; or amusement rides is utilized in this state.

(22) (21) “Ride operator” means the person or persons responsible for directly supervising, monitoring, and attending to the ~~inflatable amusement device~~, amusement attraction; or amusement ride, including but not limited to collecting tickets or money, ensuring the appropriate number of patrons are boarding and debarking a ride, ensuring riders are the appropriate height, latching and securing passengers, operating a ride, starting and stopping a ride, and monitoring patrons’ activities during a ride’s operation to ensure their safety.

(23) (22) “Set-up inspection” means a review of all necessary documents, including service and repair documents, the observation of and examination of the assembly, set-up, and operation of an ~~inflatable amusement device~~, amusement attraction; or amusement ride, and an inspection of the foundation, blocking, fuel containers, and mechanical and electrical conditions of such a

~~device, attraction, an attraction or ride.~~

(24) ~~“Set-up inspector” means the person licensed by the office of state fire marshal to conduct the set-up inspection prior to the opening of an amusement attraction or prior to the operation of an inflatable amusement device or amusement ride at each event.~~

(25) (23) “Temporary operation location” means an operating location where ~~inflatable amusement devices~~, amusement attractions; or amusement rides are operated for a finite period of time not to exceed thirty days.

(26) (24) “Testing” means the set-up and activation of an ~~inflatable amusement device~~, amusement attraction; or amusement ride for the purpose of analyzing such ~~device~~, attraction; or ride and its component parts for safety. This may be done in conjunction with an inspection.

(27) (25) “Third-party inspector” means a person licensed by the office of state fire marshal to ~~test and inspect inflatable amusement devices, perform annual testing and inspecting of~~ amusement attractions; and amusement rides.

§1484.4. Registration of ~~inflatable amusement devices~~, amusement attractions; and amusement rides; requirements

A. Any owner of an ~~inflatable amusement device~~, amusement attraction; or amusement ride shall register each of his ~~inflatable amusement devices~~, amusement attractions; or amusement rides with the office of state fire marshal prior to its use in this state. An owner shall renew the registration each year for each ~~inflatable amusement device~~, amusement attraction; or amusement ride being used in this state.

B. To register the ~~inflatable amusement device~~, amusement attraction; or amusement ride, the owner shall submit all of the following to the office of state fire marshal for approval:

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(3) A copy of the general liability insurance in which all ~~inflatable amusement devices~~, amusement attractions; or amusement rides being registered are listed on the submitted insurance declaration page.

C. Upon approval by the state fire marshal, a certificate of registration shall be issued as follows:

(1) Initial registration. Initial registration can occur at any time. A registration plate shall be issued bearing a permanent registration number. The registration plate shall be permanently affixed to the ~~inflatable amusement device~~, amusement attraction; or amusement ride in a conspicuous location.

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D. An owner shall notify the office of state fire marshal if a plate or decal is lost or damaged. Any plate or decal that is lost or damaged shall be decommissioned. Prior to receiving a new plate or decal, the owner shall submit an attestation that the plate was lost or return the damaged plate or decal to the office of state fire marshal and pay the required fee. The fee to replace a lost or damaged plate or decal is thirty dollars.

§1484.5. Third-party inspection of ~~inflatable amusement devices~~, amusement attractions; and amusement rides; certificate of inspection required; cease and desist orders

A. Except for the purpose of testing, training, or inspection, no ~~inflatable amusement device~~, amusement attraction; or amusement ride shall be operated in this state without a current certificate of registration, valid registration plate, and registration decal issued by the office of state fire marshal.

B.(1) Each ~~inflatable amusement device~~, amusement attraction; or amusement ride shall be inspected by a third-party inspector for safety and subjected to nondestructive testing, according to the manufacturer’s recommendations, if any, at least annually, in accordance with ASTM-F-24, as promulgated by the state fire marshal in conformity with the Administrative Procedure Act, and other applicable standards, regulations, manuals, manufacturers’ specifications, service bulletins, and notices.

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(3) If the third-party inspection shows that an ~~inflatable amusement device~~, amusement attraction; or amusement ride does not comply with all relevant provisions of this Part and the adopted standards, rules, regulations, and applicable manuals, service bulletins, and notices, the third-party inspector shall notify and submit the findings to the state fire marshal within ~~ten~~ five days of the inspection. The office of state fire marshal shall issue a cease and desist order to the operator or owner indicating that operation of the ~~inflatable amusement device~~, amusement attraction; or amusement ride, which does not comply, is to immediately cease in the state. The state fire marshal shall lift any cease and desist order and issue registration plates or registration decals, if applicable, for the ~~inflatable amusement devices~~, amusement attractions; or amusement rides only when the deficiencies have been remedied to the satisfaction of a third-party inspector and proof of satisfaction is submitted to and approved by the state fire marshal.

§1484.6. Operation of amusement rides and amusement attractions; notice; changes in schedule; certain required annual inspections; fines

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B.(1) Any operator who fails to notify the office of state fire marshal at least five days before commencing operations, or who fails to report any change in location or devices to the office of state fire marshal at least five days in advance, shall be fined fifty dollars per ride or attraction, per event.

(2) Any operator who ~~gives fails to provide~~ written or electronic notification to the office of state fire marshal of his intent to commence operation of the amusement ride or amusement attraction ~~fewer than five days prior to commencing operation~~ shall be fined as follows: two hundred fifty dollars per ride or attraction, per event.

- (a) ~~Fifty dollars per ride or attraction for the first offense.~~
- (b) ~~Seventy-five dollars per ride or attraction for the second offense.~~
- (c) ~~Two hundred dollars per ride or attraction for the third offense.~~
- (d) ~~Two hundred fifty dollars per ride or attraction for each additional offense thereafter.~~

(2) ~~In determining the number of offenses that have occurred, only offenses occurring over the three-year period preceding the offense at issue shall be considered.~~

C. ~~If, after the notification, the operator changes his schedule of locations or dates, he shall immediately notify the office of state fire marshal of the change. An operator shall pay a fine of two hundred fifty dollars for any change in schedule of location or date that occurs less than five days prior to the commencement of operation of the amusement ride or amusement attraction.~~

D. ~~Prior to operating any new amusement ride or amusement attraction, the operator shall notify the office of state fire marshal of his intent to commence operation, but shall not operate the amusement ride or amusement attraction until the owner has registered the amusement ride or amusement attraction as required in this Part.~~

~~E. (1) D. (1)~~ The state fire marshal or his designee may inspect all amusement rides or amusement attractions operating in the state at least once during the duration of the event at which the amusement ride or amusement attraction is being operated.

(2) During an office of state fire marshal inspection or audit, the operator shall submit to the state fire marshal or his designee the set-up inspection report and any other documentation relating to the set-up inspection or an annual inspection.

(3) In the case of amusement rides or amusement attractions operating at a fixed operation location, the state fire marshal or his designee shall inspect the amusement rides or amusement attractions no more than once annually, except in furtherance of an investigation arising from a reported ride accident or pursuant to a complaint. The inspection is to ensure compliance with the provisions of this Part and adopted standards, rules, regulations, and applicable manuals, service bulletins, and notices.

(4) The state fire marshal or his designee has free access to any premises in the state where an amusement ride or amusement attraction is being installed, built, repaired, or operated for the purpose of ascertaining whether such amusement ride or amusement attraction is being installed, built, repaired, or operated in accordance with the provisions of this Part and adopted standards, rules, regulations, and applicable manuals, service bulletins, and notices.

F. ~~E.~~ The state fire marshal or his designee has the authority to publish a listing of all noncompliant operators and make such list available to the public upon written demand.

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§1484.8. Set-up inspection; requirements; notification to the fire marshal
A. An operator shall have a set-up inspection conducted ~~by the office of state fire marshal~~ on all ~~inflatable amusement devices~~, amusement attractions, and amusement rides at least once prior to their operation at each event in the state.

B. ~~The set-up inspection may be conducted by a third-party inspector or an employee of the operator of the inflatable amusement device, amusement attraction, or amusement ride who is specially trained to perform a set-up inspection.~~

C. ~~If an inflatable amusement device, amusement attraction, or amusement ride is in compliance pursuant to the findings of a set-up inspection and corresponding adopted rules and regulations, the third-party inspector or set-up inspector shall affix a tag to the inflatable amusement device, amusement attraction, or amusement ride.~~

D. ~~If an inflatable amusement device, amusement attraction, or amusement ride is not in compliance pursuant to the findings of a set-up inspection and corresponding adopted rules and regulations, a third-party inspector or set-up inspector the fire marshal shall cease operation of the inflatable amusement device, amusement attraction, or amusement ride and notify the office of state fire marshal within two hours of the determination, and tag it accordingly.~~

E. ~~C.~~ The office of state fire marshal shall specifically adopt rules and regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act for enforcement of this Section.

§1484.9. License required to inspect ~~inflatable amusement devices~~, amusement attractions; and amusement rides; prohibitions

A. A person or firm shall not engage in the testing or inspection of an ~~inflatable amusement device~~, amusement attraction; or amusement ride for the purpose of providing an annual third-party inspection as required by this Part, unless the person or firm holds a current and valid license issued by the state fire marshal as provided in this Part.

B. No person or firm shall aid, abet, facilitate, or otherwise assist any unlicensed person or firm in the engagement of any testing or inspecting of an ~~inflatable amusement device~~, amusement attraction; or amusement ride when such person or firm knew or should have known the latter person or firm was unlicensed.

C. A person or firm shall not test or inspect an ~~inflatable amusement device~~, amusement attraction; or amusement ride if such person or firm is also the owner or operator of the same.

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§1484.11. License required to operate ~~inflatable amusement devices~~,

amusement rides, and amusement attractions; service and repairs by owners; prohibitions

A. A person or firm, not to include a ride operator as defined in this Part, shall not engage in the operation of an ~~inflatable amusement device~~, amusement attraction; or amusement ride unless the person or firm holds a current and valid license issued by the state fire marshal as provided in this Part.

B. No person or firm shall aid, abet, facilitate, or otherwise assist any unlicensed person or firm in the operation of an ~~inflatable amusement device~~, amusement attraction; or amusement ride when the person or firm knew or should have known the latter person or firm was unlicensed.

C. The state fire marshal may, by rule, allow the owner of an ~~inflatable amusement device~~, amusement attraction; or amusement ride, or an employee of the owner, to perform minor service and repairs of the ~~inflatable amusement device~~, amusement ride; or amusement attraction. The owner shall document such service or repair and assume responsibility for all such service or repair.

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§1484.13. Application for firm license; third-party inspection firm license; operating firm license; requirements to maintain; prohibitions; penalties

A. To engage in the ~~third-party~~ inspection or operation of an ~~inflatable amusement device~~, amusement attraction; or amusement ride, a firm shall apply for and obtain a license and the respective relevant endorsement for ~~third-party~~ inspection or operation. The ~~third-party~~ inspection endorsement authorizes the licensee to conduct any necessary testing.

B. An applicant for a third-party inspection firm license shall submit all of the following to the state fire marshal:

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(3) ~~An original A~~ certificate of insurance from the firm's insurance company documenting that the firm has general liability coverage in a minimum amount of one million dollars and lists the office of state fire marshal as certificate holder.

(4) ~~An original certificate of insurance documenting that the firm has "Errors and Omissions" coverage in a minimum amount of one million dollars.~~

(5) ~~An original A~~ certificate of insurance from the firm's insurance company documenting that the firm has a current and valid worker's compensation insurance policy as required by state law.

(6) (5) The name of the person who will serve as the contact for the firm.

(7) (6) The application fee authorized by this Part.

(8) (7) Proof of employment of a qualified individual with proper certification and training at each of its operating locations.

C. An applicant for an operating firm license shall submit the following to the state fire marshal:

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(2) ~~An original A~~ certificate of insurance from the firm's insurance company documenting that the firm has general liability coverage in a minimum amount of one million dollars and in which all ~~inflatable amusement devices~~, amusement attractions; or amusement rides subject to coverage are listed on the declarations page.

(3) ~~An original A~~ certificate of insurance documenting that the firm has a current and valid workers' compensation insurance policy as required by state law.

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§1484.14. Application for an individual license; requirements to maintain; prohibitions; penalties

A. To engage in the ~~third-party~~ inspection or operation of an ~~inflatable amusement device~~, amusement attraction; or amusement ride, an individual shall apply for and obtain a license and the respective relevant endorsement for ~~third-party~~ inspection or operation. The ~~third-party~~ inspection endorsement authorizes the licensee to conduct any necessary testing. Each individual license holder shall maintain his license on his person while engaging in any such activity and present his license for inspection upon demand of any employee of the office of state fire marshal, a fire department, or any law enforcement officer.

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D. An individual licensed as provided in this Section shall not contract his services as an independent contractor or agent with any other firm, whether such firm is engaged in testing, ~~third-party~~ inspection, or operation.

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§1484.16. Powers and duties of the state fire marshal
The state fire marshal shall:

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(7) Conduct inspections and perform audits to ensure compliance with this Part and investigate at reasonable times, and within reasonable limits and manner, ~~inflatable amusement devices~~, amusement attractions; or amusement rides in any area where they are assembled, maintained, stored, serviced, or in use. The state fire marshal or his designee, upon presenting credentials to an owner or operator, is authorized to act as described in this Paragraph without prior notice.

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(10) Investigate all accidents related to an ~~inflatable amusement device~~, amusement attraction; or amusement ride resulting in injury or death, or as requested by an operator, customer, patron, rider, or user.

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§1484.18. Fees; required renewal; penalties

A. ~~The fire marshal is authorized to assess and collect fees as provided in~~

this Part.

B. Fees for the registration of each inflatable amusement device, amusement attraction, or amusement ride are as follows:

(1) Initial Registration Fee:

(a) Inflatable amusement device: ~~_____~~ \$100.00

(b) Child or “Kiddie” amusement attraction or amusement ride: ~~\$100.00~~

(c) Adult amusement attraction or amusement ride: ~~_____~~ \$200.00

(2) Annual Renewal Fee:

(a) Inflatable amusement device: ~~_____~~ \$100.00

(b) Child or “Kiddie” amusement attraction or amusement ride: ~~\$100.00~~

(c) Adult amusement attraction or amusement ride: ~~_____~~ \$200.00

C. The licensing fees for a firm are as follows:

(1) Initial Fee:

(a) Inspection endorsement: ~~_____~~ \$500.00

(b) Operation endorsement: ~~_____~~ \$500.00

(2) Renewal Fee:

(a) Inspection endorsement: ~~_____~~ \$100.00

(b) Operation endorsement: ~~_____~~ \$100.00

D. The licensing fees for an individual’s license are as follows:

(1) Initial Fee:

(a) Third-party inspector endorsement: ~~\$250.00~~

(b) Operator or Owner endorsement: ~~\$250.00~~

(c) Set-up inspector endorsement: ~~\$250.00~~

(2) Renewal Fee:

(a) Third-Party inspector endorsement: ~~\$50.00~~

(b) Operator or Owner endorsement: ~~\$50.00~~

(c) Set-up inspector endorsement: ~~\$50.00~~

Registration and annual renewal of an amusement attraction ride:

(1) Child or “Kiddie” amusement attraction or amusement ride: ~~\$100.00~~

(2) Adult amusement attraction or amusement ride: ~~\$200.00~~

B. Third-party inspection or owner operator firm:

(1) Initial Fee:	\$500.00
(2) Renewal Fee:	\$250.00

C. Individual third-party or owner operator:

(1) Initial Fee:	\$350.00
(2) Renewal:	\$200.00

E. ~~D.~~ All licenses are valid for one year, unless a multi-year license is created, and shall be renewed by the license holder within the thirty days prior to the license expiration date. The state fire marshal may create a prorated fee system to allow employee license renewal dates to coincide with the firm license renewal date.

F. ~~E.~~ Any license not renewed within the thirty days prior to its expiration date is past due for renewal and subject to late fees. The license holder shall pay a late fee penalty of twenty-five dollars for a license renewed within the first forty-five days past the license expiration date. The license holder shall pay a late fee penalty of fifty dollars for a license renewed between forty-six and sixty days past the license expiration date. After a license has expired, the individual or firm to whom the license was issued shall have fifteen days following the date of expiration to file an application for renewal of the license without the payment of a late fee. Any person who makes application for renewal of a license after fifteen days following the expiration date of the license shall be charged a late fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars.

G. ~~F.~~ The state fire marshal shall suspend a license if the license is not renewed within sixty days past its expiration date or if the license holder has not maintained the license. The cost to reinstate a suspended license is the cost of the respective license holder’s initial fee plus twenty dollars.

H. The cost for a duplicate or replacement firm or individual license is twenty ~~twenty-five~~ dollars, regardless of how many endorsements are carried.

I. G. The cost to transfer an individual license from one firm to another is twenty ~~twenty-five~~ dollars.

J. ~~H.~~ The fees established in this Section are not refundable, except when certain conditions apply as the state fire marshal may establish.

K. ~~I.~~ There are no fees associated with any inspections and audits performed by the office of state fire marshal, unless otherwise indicated by this Part.

L. ~~J.~~ All fees collected pursuant to this Part shall be used exclusively for the operation and maintenance of the amusement rides and safety division within the office of state fire marshal, code enforcement and building safety.

§1484.19. Prohibited acts; operator

No person or firm shall do any of the following:

(1) Engage in the operation of an inflatable amusement device, amusement attraction; or amusement ride without a valid license issued as provided in this Part.

(2) Aid and abet an unlicensed individual, employee, or firm in the testing, inspection, or operation of an inflatable amusement device, amusement attraction; or amusement ride without a valid license.

(3) Operate an inflatable amusement device, amusement attraction; or amusement ride contrary to manufacturer’s specifications or codes or standards adopted in rules promulgated by the state fire marshal without specific written authorization from the office of state fire marshal.

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§1484.20. Prohibited acts; third-party inspector

No person or firm shall do any of the following:

(1) Engage in the inspection or testing of an inflatable amusement device, amusement ride; or amusement attraction without a valid license issued as provided in this Part.

(2) Aid and abet an unlicensed operator in the operation of an inflatable

amusement device, amusement attraction; or amusement ride.

(3) Aid and abet an unlicensed individual or firm in the inspection or testing of an inflatable amusement device, amusement ride; or amusement attraction.

(4) Certify, test, or inspect an inflatable amusement device, amusement attraction; or amusement ride contrary to the provisions of this Part and adopted standards, regulations, and applicable manuals, service bulletins, and notices.

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§1484.22. Notice of violation of standard; cease and desist order

A. If after an inspection, investigation, or audit of any inflatable amusement device, amusement ride; or amusement attraction, the office of state fire marshal determines that the respective device, ride, or attraction is in violation of any standard promulgated pursuant to the provisions of this Part, and that there may be a substantial probability of death or physical injury to the public from its continued use, a notice of violation may be given to both the owner and operator of the device, ride, or attraction, and a red tag shall be attached to the device, ride, or attraction. The attached red tag constitutes a cease and desist order.

B. After the red tag is attached, the use of the inflatable amusement device, amusement ride; or amusement attraction is prohibited. The red tag shall not be removed until the device, ride, or attraction is made safe for public use, in accordance with R.S. 40:1484.5(B)(3), and the required safeguards are provided. The tag shall not be removed except by the state fire marshal or his designee.

§1484.23. Insurance; bond

A. No operator shall operate an amusement attraction or amusement ride unless the operator has either of the following:

(1) An a general liability insurance policy in an amount of not less than one-million dollars listing the state fire marshal as the certificate holder insuring the operator against liability for injury suffered by persons riding the amusement attraction or ride.

(2) A bond in a like amount, provided the aggregate liability of the surety of any such bond shall not exceed the face amount.

B. A certificate of insurance from the insurance company verifying coverage shall be filed with the office of state fire marshal, code enforcement and building safety licensing division.

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§1484.24. Violations and penalties; cease and desist order; injunctive relief offense.

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C. In addition to the foregoing provisions, the state fire marshal may assess civil penalties attributable to the operator of an inflatable amusement device, amusement ride; or amusement attraction to the owner or lessee of the site on which the inflatable amusement device, amusement attraction, or amusement ride is located, if the owner or lessee of the site failed to reasonably determine that the operator of the inflatable amusement device, amusement ride; or amusement attraction is in proper compliance with the requirements of this Part.

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§1484.25. Exemptions

The following inflatable amusement devices, amusement attractions; or amusement rides are exempt from the provisions of this Part:

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(2) An inflatable amusement device, amusement attraction; or amusement ride which is owned and operated by a nonprofit religious, educational, or charitable institution or association if such attraction or ride is located within a building subject to inspection by the state fire marshal or his designee.

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§1484.26. Local regulation

Nothing contained in this Part shall prevent any local governmental subdivision of this state from licensing or regulating any inflatable amusement device; amusement attraction; or amusement ride, carnival, or circus as otherwise provided by law.

§1484.27. Waiver of inspection

The state fire marshal may waive the requirement that an inflatable amusement device, amusement attraction; amusement ride, or any component part be inspected before being operated in this state if an operator gives satisfactory proof to the office of state fire marshal that such device, the amusement attraction, ride, or any component part has passed an inspection conducted by a public agency whose inspection standards and requirements are at least equal to those requirements and standards established by the state fire marshal pursuant to the provisions of this Part.

§1484.28. Rules adopted

The state fire marshal shall adopt and issue rules, in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, establishing standards for the installation, repair, maintenance, use, operation, and inspection, and decommissioning of inflatable amusement devices, amusement attractions; and amusement rides for the protection of the public. The rules shall be based upon generally accepted engineering standards and shall be concerned with but not necessarily limited to engineering force stresses, safety devices, and preventive maintenance. The rules shall provide for the reporting of accidents and injuries incurred from the operation of inflatable amusement devices, amusement attractions; or amusement rides.

Section 2. R.S. 40:1484.3(26) and (27), 1484.6(F), 1484.7, 1484.13(B)(8), 1484.15, 1484.21, and 1484.23(E) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 448

**HOUSE BILL NO. 961
BY REPRESENTATIVES FARNUM AND CHASSION
AN ACT**

To enact R.S. 47:1717, relative to ad valorem tax; to extend eligibility to certain trusts for the ad valorem tax exemption for property owners who are at least sixty-five years of age or older; to provide for certain requirements; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 47:1717 is hereby enacted to read as follows:
§1717. Exemption for property of a person who is at least sixty-five years of age or older or a surviving spouse; eligibility for certain trusts

A trust shall be eligible for the ad valorem tax exemption established pursuant to Article VII, Section 21(P) of the Constitution of Louisiana, which provides an exemption for a person who is at least sixty-five years of age or older or a surviving spouse of the owner, if all of the following apply:

(1) The settlor of the trust meets the conditions for eligibility established pursuant to Article VII, Section 21(P) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

(2) The settlor of the trust was the immediate prior owner of the homestead.

(3) The naked ownership of the homestead was transferred to the trust.

(4) The settlor retained a usufruct on the homestead.

(5) The settlor continues to occupy the homestead.

(6) The settlor would be eligible for the exemption established pursuant to Article VII, Section 21(P) of the Constitution of Louisiana had he retained the naked ownership of the homestead.Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall apply to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2028.

Section 3. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2028, but only if the proposed amendment of Article VII of the Constitution of Louisiana contained in the Act which originated as House Bill No. 514 of this 2026 Regular Session of the Legislature is adopted at a statewide election and becomes effective.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 449

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1000
BY REPRESENTATIVE BRAUD
AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 48:229.1(F) and (H), 231(A)(5), and 251(B), relative to reform operations within the Department of Transportation and Development and the Highway Priority Program; to clarify that the annual submissions of the Highway Priority Program apply to the completed prior year's program; to specify deadlines for final construction program submission; to provide for an increase in the contract limit amount for highways or other public facilities; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 48:229.1(F) and (H), 231(A)(5), and 251(B) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§229.1. Statewide prioritization process for the Highway Priority Program

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F. The department shall include in its annual submission of the ~~highway priority program~~ Highway Priority Program a detailed list of any changes to the completed previous year's program, along with an explanation of the reasons such changes were made. It shall be the goal of the department to ensure that at least ninety percent of its projects in the program progress as provided for in the completed previous year's program submission. The legislative auditor shall monitor the program and make an annual determination of the percentage of accuracy.

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H. The department shall provide a report on the status of projects included in the current Highway Priority Program to the House and Senate committees on transportation, highways and public works annually.

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§231. Final construction program for current fiscal year; public hearings; Joint Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works; reports; review by legislature; restrictions on legislature

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(5) A report based on the testimony received at the hearings shall be sent to the department and the House and Senate committees on transportation, highways and public works. The department shall then create the final construction program for the coming fiscal year for submission to the legislature. Any project discussed at the hearing that is not included in the final construction program for the upcoming fiscal year shall be given

numerical identification and the department shall provide the aforementioned committees with a list of the projects along with written justification for the exclusion of each individual project on or before the first of October of the following fiscal year.

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§251. Contracts for projects

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B. Every contract exceeding the contract limit, as defined in this Subsection, for construction, maintenance, or improvement of a department facility under the provisions of this Part shall be made in the name of the department and shall be signed by the secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development or his duly appointed designee and by the contracting party. The contract limit for this Part is hereby defined to equal ~~one~~ three million dollars. No contract shall be entered into nor shall any work be authorized which will create a liability on the part of the state in excess of the funds available or which will be available for the project.

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided in Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 450

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1054
BY REPRESENTATIVE VILLIO
AN ACT**

To enact Code of Evidence Article 902.1, relative to evidence; to provide for self-authentication of certain evidence; to provide relative to certain footage; to provide for time periods; to provide for applicable proceedings; to provide for notice; to provide for certificates; to authorize the filing of a demand for certain testimony; to provide for service; to provide relative to the extension of time periods; to provide for duties of the court; to provide relative to the admissibility of certain evidence; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Code of Evidence Article 902.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

Art. 902.1. Self-authentication; unmanned aircraft system footage

A.(1) Except as provided in Paragraph H of this Article, a party seeking to introduce at trial any footage that is taken by an unmanned aircraft system operated on behalf of a law enforcement agency may, not less than forty-five days prior to the commencement of trial, provide written notice of intent to offer proof of authentication by certificate.

(2) The provisions of this Article apply to the following proceedings:

(a) All criminal cases.

(b) All cases in juvenile courts.

(c) All family court proceedings involving criminal manners.

(d) All civil forfeiture proceedings arising from criminal activity.(3) Notice provided pursuant to this Paragraph shall include a copy of the certificate. The certificate, at a minimum, shall contain all of the following:

(a) The name and law enforcement agency of the person operating the unmanned aircraft system or the custodian of the recording or other qualified law enforcement employee with knowledge of the recording system.

(b) A law enforcement agency reference number or brief description of the footage.

(c) The date and time when the footage was recorded.

(d) A statement that the footage is a true and accurate copy of the recording produced by the unmanned aircraft system.

(e) A statement that the recording was collected and preserved in the course of law enforcement activities.

B.(1) The certificate shall be signed and dated by the declarant. Law enforcement agencies may utilize electronic signatures to comply with the provisions of this Article.

(2) If more than one person participated in the operation of the unmanned aircraft system, the certificate may identify the primary operator responsible for the recording.

C. The attorney for the defendant or the defendant acting in his own defense, if not represented by counsel, may demand the testimony of the person who operated the unmanned aircraft system by filing a written demand and serving it upon the attorney general, the district attorney, or the attorney who represents the law enforcement agency. If a demand is timely made in accordance with this Article, the footage shall not be considered self-authenticating pursuant to this Article.

D. Except as provided in Paragraph H of this Article, the attorney for the defendant or the defendant acting in his own defense, if not represented by counsel, shall file and serve a demand for the testimony of the person who operated the unmanned aircraft system within thirty days of the receipt of the notice provided pursuant to Paragraph A of this Article. The court may

extend the period for good cause shown if such request is made prior to the expiration of the period.

E. If no request for additional time is made prior to the expiration of the period, an extension of time to make such a demand may be made only upon a showing of exceptional circumstances. Any allegation that exceptional circumstances exist shall constitute a preliminary plea on the defendant's behalf for the purposes of Code of Criminal Procedure Article 580. The demand shall be made in writing and notice shall be served on the attorney general prosecuting the matter, the district attorney, or the attorney who represents the law enforcement agency. The court shall conduct a contradictory hearing to determine if an extension is warranted.

F. If notice is timely filed in accordance with Paragraph A of this Article and if the defendant does not timely file a demand in accordance with Paragraph D of this Article, the footage from the unmanned aircraft system shall be admissible at trial without the necessity of testimony from the operating person and such footage shall be deemed self-authenticating.

G. The defendant's filing of a demand does not prevent the admission of the footage in any other manner otherwise appropriate pursuant to this Code or any ancillaries of this Code.

H.(1) A party seeking to offer proof of authentication by certificate in accordance with this Article in a noncriminal case in juvenile court shall, not less than thirty days prior to the commencement of the trial, provide written notice of intent to offer proof of authentication by certificate. Notice provided pursuant to this Paragraph shall include a copy of the certificate.

(2) Any demand for testimony made pursuant to Paragraph D of this Article shall be made within ten days of receipt of the notice provided pursuant to Subparagraph (1) of this Paragraph.

I. For the purposes of this Article, the following terms have the following meanings:

(1) "Electronic signature" means an electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to or logically associated with a record and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to sign the record.

(2) "Footage" means video recordings, still images extracted from video recordings, or any associated metadata generated by the unmanned aircraft system.

(3) "Law enforcement agency" means the sheriff of any parish, constable, or police force as defined by law, and the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

(4) "Unmanned aircraft system" means an unmanned, powered aircraft that does not carry a human operator, can be autonomous or remotely piloted or operated, and can be expendable or recoverable.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 451

HOUSE BILL NO. 1068
BY REPRESENTATIVE VILLIO
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4169.1(A)(1)(b) through (e) and to repeal R.S. 33:4169.1(A)(1)(f), relative to municipal and parish authority over collection and disposal of garbage and trash; to provide relative to time contracts for the collection, transportation, and disposal of garbage or trash; to provide relative to the term of such contracts; to repeal requirements relative to issuing a request for proposals or advertising for bids for exclusive contracts; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 33:4169.1(A)(1)(b) through (e) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§4169.1. Municipal and parish authority over collection and disposal of garbage and trash; franchising, permitting, and licensing; assessment and collection of service charge

A.(1) The governing authority of every parish or municipality shall have the following powers:

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(b) To grant permits, licenses, exclusive or nonexclusive franchises, ~~exclusive contracts~~, or any combination thereof to garbage and trash collectors and disposers. ~~A governing authority of a parish or municipality is authorized, but not required, to issue a request for proposals prior to granting an exclusive contract.~~ Any exclusive franchise shall be granted only after advertising for bids, reception of bids, and awarding of the contract or contracts in accordance with the public bid laws of the state and other provisions of law.~~(c) To grant exclusive contracts to garbage and trash collectors and disposers. Any exclusive contract shall be granted only after issuing a request for proposals, or advertising for bids and receiving bids, and awarding of the contract in accordance with the public bid laws of the state and other provisions of law.~~

~~(d) (c) To enter into time contracts for the collection and transportation of garbage or trash for a term of up to ten years, with an option to extend for an additional five-year term, and for disposal of garbage or trash for a term of up to twenty-five years, with an option to extend for an additional five-year term.~~

~~(e) (d) To assess a service charge against any person provided any service pursuant to Subparagraph (a) or (b) of this Paragraph. However, in the~~

parishes of Lafourche, Vermilion, Rapides, and Washington, such charge shall be imposed only after the question of its imposition has been submitted to the qualified electors of the parish at an election to be conducted in accordance with the general election laws of the state, and a majority of those voting in the election shall have voted in favor of the imposition of the charge.

~~(f) (e) To otherwise regulate the collection and disposal of garbage and trash.~~

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Section 2. R.S. 33:4169.1(A)(1)(f) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State
