

ACTS OF 2026 LEGISLATURE

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ACT No. 527

HOUSE BILL NO. 9

BY REPRESENTATIVES WALTERS AND CHASSION AND SENATORS
BARROW, BOUDREAU, CLOUD, DUPLESSIS, EDMONDS, HENRY,
JENKINS, PRESSLY, SEABAUGH, AND WOMACK
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:170.26, relative to state symbols; to provide that Shreveport is the Stuffed Shrimp Capital of Louisiana; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 49:170.26 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§170.26. Stuffed Shrimp Capital of Louisiana; Shreveport

Shreveport is hereby designated as the “Stuffed Shrimp Capital of Louisiana”.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry

Secretary of State

ACT No. 528

HOUSE BILL NO. 47

BY REPRESENTATIVE BERAULT
AN ACT

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

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published as provided by Article X, Section 29(C) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 11:1404(A), 1461, and 1481(1)(b) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 11:1485 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1404. Amendment of provisions of retirement system

A. The provisions of the retirement system established by R.S. 11:1401 may be amended by action of the legislature in the same manner as any other statute may be amended by the legislature. In addition, action of the board with respect to the payment of cost-of-living adjustments, as provided in R.S. 11:241 through 248, increases, the payment of employee contributions, actuarial assumptions as provided in R.S. 11:1402, and any changes required for conformity with requirements of the Internal Revenue Code, shall be considered amendments to the provisions of the retirement fund system.

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§1461. Cost-of-living increase; determination by board of trustees

A. The board of trustees may use ~~excess interest earnings on investments of the system in excess of normal requirements as determined by the actuary funds in the funding deposit account~~ to provide a cost-of-living increase in benefits for retired members or their retirees, beneficiaries, in an amount not to exceed three percent of the original benefit, excluding any additional annuity, for each year of retirement but not to exceed three hundred dollars per year for each year of retirement. Such and survivors if benefits have been paid on the member’s or retiree’s record for at least one year on the date the increase begins, subject to the limitations in this Section. The benefits shall be paid in such a manner and in such amount as may be determined by the board of trustees, based on funds available, and the board of trustees shall be authorized to set a maximum amount of such benefits. Any cost-of-living increase granted in accordance with this Section shall begin on October first following board approval.

B.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in particular R.S. 11:242, the board of trustees is authorized to provide a permanent monthly cost-of-living adjustment for retirees or their beneficiaries who would otherwise be eligible for a cost-of-living adjustment pursuant to Subsection A of this Section. The cost-of-living adjustment shall be payable in a monthly amount not to exceed three percent of the normal monthly benefit payable to the retiree or beneficiary on the date the increase is granted but shall not be less than twenty dollars per month. The board may grant a cost-of-living increase in any fiscal year in which the system has a funded ratio of at least

one hundred percent.

~~(2) The authority of the board of trustees to provide the cost-of-living adjustment provided in this Subsection shall become effective July 1, 2008. The authority of the board of trustees to provide the cost-of-living adjustment shall be nonrecurring, and the board of trustees shall not grant more than one cost-of-living adjustment pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection. If the system has a funded ratio of less than one hundred percent, the board may grant a cost-of-living increase if any of the following applies:~~

~~(a) The system has a funded ratio of at least ninety percent and the board has not granted a cost-of-living increase in the most recent fiscal year.~~

~~(b) The system has a funded ratio of at least eighty percent and the board has not granted a cost-of-living increase in either of the two most recent fiscal years.~~

~~(c) The system has a funded ratio of at least seventy percent and the board has not granted a cost-of-living increase in any of the three most recent fiscal years.~~

~~(3)(a) As used in this Section, the funded ratio as of any fiscal year end shall be defined as the ratio of the actuarial value of assets to the level percentage of pay entry age normal actuarial accrued liability.~~

~~(b) For purposes of determining the system’s funded ratio pursuant to this Subsection, the actuarial value of assets shall be reduced by the actuarial present value of the cost-of-living increase.~~

C. If authorized pursuant to Subsection B of this Section, the board may do one of the following:

(1) Grant a cost-of-living increase of up to three percent of the current benefit to all eligible retirees, beneficiaries, and survivors.

(2) Grant a cost-of-living increase that is a monthly increase of the benefit of each recipient in a dollar amount that is a multiple or a fraction of the number of years of credited service accrued at retirement of the retiree or at death of the member plus a multiple or a fraction of the number of years since retirement of the retiree or since death of the member to the system’s fiscal year end preceding the payment of the benefit increase. The multiples used in this calculation shall not cause the total actuarial present value of the increase to exceed the actuarial present value of an increase granted pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.

D. The board may grant a cost-of-living increase of up to two percent of the current benefit to all eligible retirees, beneficiaries, and survivors who are sixty-five years of age or older. The increase granted pursuant to this Subsection may be in addition to any other increase granted by the board.

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§1481. Financing of fund; deductions; deficiencies and surpluses; remedies
The fund shall be financed as set forth hereunder:

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(b) Each assessor shall contribute three and one-half percent of the salaries of the assessor and the assessor’s employees who are eligible for membership in the fund. The board of trustees of the fund shall contribute three and one-half percent of the salaries of the secretary and regular employees of the Assessors’ Retirement Fund to the fund. For purposes of this Section, the term “salaries” shall include expense allowances provided by law in addition to regular salary to be paid from the assessors’ general fund. For purposes of this Section, in no event shall the expense allowance exceed ten percent of the salary of the assessor. On and after October 1, 1989, each assessor and the board of trustees of the fund shall contribute the employer contributions required by R.S. 11:103 plus any amount required by R.S. 11:1485.

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§1485. Employer contributions; funding deposit account

A. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the board of trustees may:

(1) In any fiscal year during which the net direct employer contribution rate would otherwise be decreased, require an employer contribution rate equal to the previous year’s employer contribution rate or a rate lower than the previous year’s employer contribution rate if the lower rate is not less than the employer contribution rate calculated in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 11:103.

(2) Require an employer contribution rate of up to three percent more than the rate calculated in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 11:103.B. The funding deposit account established by Act No. 296 of the 2009 Regular Session of the Legislature is continued. All surplus funds collected by the system in any year in which the board exercises the authority provided in Subsection A of this Section shall be credited to the system’s funding deposit account.

C. The funds in the account shall earn interest annually at the board-approved actuarial valuation interest rate, and such interest shall be credited to the account once a year.

D.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the board of trustees may in any fiscal year direct that funds from the account be charged for only the following purposes:

(a) To reduce the present value of future normal costs.

(b) To pay all or a portion of any future net direct employer contributions.

(c) To provide for cost-of-living increases, in accordance with applicable law.

(2) In no event shall the funds charged from the account exceed the outstanding account balance.

(3) If the board of trustees elects to charge funds from the funding deposit account pursuant to Subparagraph (1)(b) of this Subsection, the percent

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reduction in the minimum recommended employer contribution rate otherwise applicable shall be determined by dividing the interest-adjusted value of the charges from the funding deposit account by the projected payroll for the fiscal year for which the contribution rate is to be reduced.

(4) The balance in the funding deposit account shall be excluded from the assets used in the calculation of the employer contribution rate in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 11:103.

(5) For all purposes other than funding, the balance in the account shall be considered assets of the system.

Section 2. R.S. 11:105(A)(1), 106(A)(1), 107(A)(1), 107.1(A)(1), 242(B)(1), 243(A)(1), and 246(A)(1) 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.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 529

HOUSE BILL NO. 62
BY REPRESENTATIVE DICKERSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:2525(D)(introductory paragraph), (11), and (12) and to enact R.S. 46:2525(D)(13) and (14), relative to the membership of the Louisiana Women's Policy and Research Commission; to provide for additional members of the commission; and to provide for related matters. Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 46:2525(D)(introductory paragraph), (11), and (12) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 46:2525(D)(13) and (14) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§2525. Louisiana Women's Policy and Research Commission

D. The commission shall consist of a maximum of ~~twenty-five~~ twenty-seven members. The thirteen members serving pursuant to Paragraph ~~(12)~~ (14) of this Subsection shall be appointed by the governor, subject to Senate confirmation, and serve terms concurrent with the appointing governor. The commission shall be reflective of all geographic regions of the state and, as much as possible, shall consist of the following members:

(11) The secretary of Louisiana of Economic Development or the secretary's designee.

(12) The secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs or the secretary's designee.

(13) A representative from the Child Care Association of Louisiana. ~~(14)~~ Thirteen Louisiana women who have significant academic or professional expertise in one or more of the following areas:

- (a) Business or industry.
- (b) Economics.
- (c) Education.
- (d) Demographics.
- (e) Public health.
- (f) Law.
- (g) Social science or social work.
- (h) Violence against women.
- ~~(i) Gender studies.~~
- (i) Youth organization focused solely on girls.
- ~~(j) Women's organization.~~

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 530

HOUSE BILL NO. 143
BY REPRESENTATIVES BACALA, ADAMS, BERAULT, BOUDREAUX,
BOYER, CARPENTER, CHENEVERT, COATES, COX, DEWITT, EGAN,
FISHER, FONTENOT, FREEMAN, FREIBERG, HORTON, KERNER,
KNOX, LAFLEUR, LYONS, MACK, MOORE, THOMPSON, VILLIO, WILEY,
AND ZERINGUE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:824(B)(1)(a), relative to the confinement of persons committed to the custody of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections; to increase the amount the Department of Pubic Safety and Corrections pays for the confinement of these persons in a parish jail or institution; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 15:824(B)(1)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as

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* As it appears in the enrolled bill

follows:

§824. Commitment of persons to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections

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B.(1)(a)(i) In the event any individual has been committed to the department for confinement which is or has been delayed or prevented after final sentence by court order restricting the department from institutionalizing the individual, or when the individual is not institutionalized in a state penal or corrections institution because of lack of facilities under the control of the department, or the department otherwise refused to accept the individual for confinement, which resulted or has resulted in the individual being confined in a parish jail or institution after final sentence, or when he is being held in the parish jail without bail, pending an appeal, or when he is a participant in a Blue Walters Substance Abuse Program by order of a court in lieu of revocation of probation or by the committee on parole in lieu of revocation of parole, the department shall pay to each parish sheriff, or to the governing authority of those parishes in which the governing authority operates the parish jail, for keeping and feeding the individual in the parish jail the jail:

(aa) The sum of twenty-five dollars and thirty-nine cents per day for Fiscal Year 2019-2020; the

(bb) The sum of twenty-six dollars and thirty-nine cents per day for Fiscal Year 2020-2021; through Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

(cc) The sum of twenty-nine dollars and thirty-nine cents per day for Fiscal Year 2027-2028 and each fiscal year thereafter.

(ii) Such daily sum The daily sum required pursuant to Item (i) of this Subparagraph shall be paid from date of sentencing until the individual is confined in a penal or correctional institution under the supervision of the department. The department shall work with sheriffs, or the governing authority of those parishes in which the governing authority operates the parish jail, to ensure that the basic jail guidelines are amended by December 31, 2020, to specifically provide for treatment and educational programming for individuals confined in a parish jail or institution.

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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. 531

HOUSE BILL NO. 169
BY REPRESENTATIVE HORTON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:574.4.2(A)(2)(k) and Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 895(A)(introductory paragraph) and 895.1(B)(introductory paragraph) and to enact Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 895(A)(14) and 895.1(B)(8), relative to conditions for probation and parole supervision; to provide for an additional condition of parole relative to extradition; and to provide for an additional condition of probation relative to extradition; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 15:574.4.2(A)(2)(k) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§574.4.2. Decisions of committee on parole; nature, order, and conditions of parole; rules of conduct; infectious disease testing

A.

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(2) The committee may also require, either at the time of his release on parole or at any time while he remains on parole, that he conform to any of the following conditions of parole which are deemed appropriate to the circumstances of the particular case:

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(k) Waive extradition to the state of Louisiana from any jurisdiction in or outside of the United States and agree not to contest any effort by any jurisdiction for return to the state of Louisiana. If returned from a jurisdiction outside the state of Louisiana, pay the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, division of probation and parole, for the full cost of extradition based upon the parolee's ability to pay as determined by the committee on parole.

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Section 2. Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 895(A)(introductory paragraph) and 895.1(B)(introductory paragraph) are hereby amended and reenacted and Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 895(A)(14) and 895.1(B)(8) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

Art. 895. Conditions of probation

A. When the court places a defendant on probation, it shall require the defendant to refrain from criminal conduct and to pay a supervision fee to defray the costs of probation supervision, ~~and it.~~ The court may also impose any specific conditions reasonably related to his rehabilitation, including

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~~that the defendant do any of the following. That the defendant shall that are deemed appropriate to the circumstances of the particular case:~~

~~(14) Waive extradition to the state of Louisiana from any jurisdiction in or outside of the United States and agree not to contest any effort by any jurisdiction for the return to the state of Louisiana.~~

Art. 895.1. Probation; restitution; judgment for restitution; fees

B. When a court suspends the imposition or the execution of a sentence and places the defendant on probation, it may ~~in its discretion, order placed,~~ as a condition of probation, order the defendant to pay an amount of money ~~to be paid by the defendant to toward~~ any or all of the following:

~~(8) To the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, division of probation and parole, for the full cost of extradition in cases where extradition of the defendant is warranted. The court may establish a payment plan based upon the defendant's ability to pay.~~

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 532

HOUSE BILL NO. 177
BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 42:1121(B)(4), relative to assistance after termination of public service; to provide an exception for court reporters to render services to a former public employer after termination of public service; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 42:1121(B)(4) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
§1121. Assistance to certain persons after termination of public service

B.

(4) Nothing in this Section shall prohibit a former official court reporter from rendering services on a contractual basis to or for his former public employer.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

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Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 533

HOUSE BILL NO. 193
BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1125.1(B)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (2) and to repeal R.S. 40:1125.1(B)(1)(d) through (h) and (10), relative to the Louisiana Sickle Cell Commission; to provide for the members of the Louisiana Sickle Cell Commission; to provide for the initial meeting of the Louisiana Sickle Cell Commission; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 40:1125.1(B)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (2) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
§1125.1. Louisiana Sickle Cell Commission

~~B.(1) Thirteen members shall be appointed by the governor, subject to Senate confirmation, as follows: The following members shall be appointed by the governor and subject to Senate confirmation:~~

~~(2)(a) Two of the members shall be as follows: The following shall be members of the commission:~~

~~(a) (i) The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health or his designee.~~
~~(b) (ii) The Medicaid director of the Louisiana Department of Health or his designee.~~

~~(iii) The executive director of the Sickle Cell Association of South Louisiana or his designee.~~
~~(iv) The executive director of the Northeast Louisiana Sickle Cell Anemia Technical Resource Foundation, Inc. or his designee.~~

~~(v) The executive director of the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc., Northwest Louisiana Chapter or his designee.~~

~~(vi) The executive director of the Sickle Cell Anemia Research Foundation, Alexandria or his designee.~~

~~(vii) The executive director of Southwest Louisiana Sickle Cell Anemia, Inc. or his designee.~~

(b) Any member organization provided for in Items (iii) through (vii) of this Subparagraph shall only serve on the commission if the organization has at least one healthcare professional on the organization's governance board.

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Section 2. R.S. 40:1125.1(B)(1)(d) through (h) and (10) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

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Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 534

HOUSE BILL NO. 202
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 42:375.1, relative to State Civil Service; to provide relative to the announcement of classified job vacancies; to require certain information within the job announcement; to provide for notice of rejection; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 42:375.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:
§375.1. Vacancies in classified state civil service positions; announcement of job vacancies; required information; notice of rejection

A. The Department of State Civil Service shall list the salary or salary range within each job announcement for a vacant classified position.

B. If an individual applies for a vacant classified position posted by the Department of State Civil Service and is rejected or the vacancy has been filled, the department shall notify the applicant of the rejection or that the vacancy has been filled, as applicable.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 535

HOUSE BILL NO. 220
BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHLEGEL
AN ACT

To enact Chapter 20-B of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 51:1780.1 through 1780.3, relative to reporting child exploitation on covered platforms; to provide for definitions; to provide for a reporting mechanism on covered platforms; to provide for penalties; to provide for duties of the attorney general; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Chapter 20-B of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 51:1780.1 through 1780.3, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

CHAPTER 20-B. PLATFORMS REPORTING ONLINE TRAFFICKING, ENTICEMENT, AND EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN TIMELY
§1780.1. Definitions

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

(1) "Clear and conspicuous" means presented in a manner that an ordinary user can easily recognize, read, and understand.

(2)(a) "Covered platform" means an online platform, online video game, messaging application, or video streaming service that accesses the internet.

(b) "Covered platform" does not include any of the following:

(i) An entity acting in its capacity as a provider of a common carrier service subject to the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. 151 et seq.

(ii) An entity providing broadband internet access service as defined in 47 CFR 54.400.

(iii) An entity acting in its capacity as a provider of an email service.

(iv) An entity acting in its capacity as a teleconferencing or video conferencing service that allows reception and transmission of audio or video signals for real-time communication if the service is not an online platform and the real-time communication is initiated by using a unique link or identifier to facilitate access.

(v) An entity acting in its capacity as a wireless messaging service, including a service provided through short messaging service or multimedia messaging service protocols that is not a component of or linked to an online platform and where the exclusive function is direct messaging consisting of the transmission of texts, photos, or videos that are sent by electronic means, where messages are transmitted from the sender to a recipient.

(vi) A nonprofit corporation.

(vii) A school.

(viii) A public library.

(ix) A news or sports coverage website or application where the inclusion of video, image, or other visual content on the website or application is related primarily to the website or application's own gathering, reporting, or publishing of news content or sports coverage and the website or application is not otherwise an online platform.

(x) A product or service that primarily functions as business-to-business software, such as cloud storage, file sharing, or a file collaboration service.

(xi) A virtual private network or similar service that exists predominantly to route internet traffic between locations.

(xii) A federal, state, or local government with an internet domain.

(xiii) A video streaming service that consists primarily of entertainment or other information or content that is not user-generated or user-uploaded, but is preselected by the provider.

(xiv) An entity where the predominant or exclusive function is providing or obtaining technical support for a platform, product, or service.

(3)(a) “Online platform” means any public website, online service, online application, or mobile application that predominantly provides a community forum for user-generated content, such as sharing videos, images, games, audio files, or other content, including a social media service, social network, or virtual reality environment.

(b) A website, online service, online application, or mobile application is not considered an online platform solely because it includes a chat, comment, or other interactive function that is incidental to and not a primary function of the service’s predominant purpose, if such service does not knowingly permit users to upload, post, transmit, host, or otherwise make available sexually explicit material, as defined in R.S. 25:225, and maintains reasonable and appropriate measures to prevent the dissemination of such material.

(4) “Online video game” means a video game, including an educational video game, that accesses the internet and allows the user to create and upload content that is not incidental to game play such as character or level designs.

(5) “Report mechanism” means an electronic feature that allows a user to easily notify the covered platform about suspected child sexual abuse material, or other instances of child exploitation listed in 34 U.S.C. 11293(b)(1)(K)(i)(I), appearing on or transmitted through the platform.

§1780.2. Report mechanism

A.(1) A covered platform that allows users to create, share, or view user-generated content shall provide clear and conspicuous instructions and a clear and conspicuous method for users to report suspected child sexual abuse material, or other instances of child sexual exploitation listed in 34 U.S.C. 11293(b)(1)(K)(i)(I), appearing on or transmitted through the platform.

(2) The report mechanism shall meet all of the following requirements:

(a) Be clear and conspicuous.

(b) Be readily locatable and usable through the covered platform’s user interface.

(c) Be clearly labeled using plain language such as “Report Child Sexual Exploitation” or similar wording.

(d) Allow the report to be submitted without requiring the reporting user to register for an account, unless the covered platform requires that a user has a registered account before accessing any of the features or content of the covered platform.

(e) Generate an acknowledgment to the reporting user confirming that the report has been received.

B. The covered platform shall comply with federal law as required pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 2258A.

C. For purposes of this Section, a covered platform provides a report mechanism only if the instructions and mechanism are clear and conspicuous and are not designed, configured, or implemented in a manner that materially impedes a reasonable user from locating or using the report mechanism.

§1780.3. Penalties

A.(1) Any covered platform that does not provide a reporting mechanism as required by this Chapter shall be subject to civil penalties as provided in this Section.

(2) The attorney general may conduct an investigation of the alleged violation and initiate a civil action in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court for the parish of East Baton Rouge on behalf of the state to assess civil penalties. Prior to asserting a cause of action, the attorney general shall provide the covered platform with a period of time of not less than thirty days to comply with this Chapter.

B.(1) Any covered platform that violates this Chapter may be liable for a civil penalty, to be assessed by the court, of not more than five thousand dollars for each day of violation to be paid to the Department of Justice, in order to fund the investigation of cyber crimes involving the exploitation of children. In addition to the remedies provided in this Section, the attorney general may request and the court may impose an additional civil penalty not to exceed ten thousand dollars for each violation of this Chapter against any covered platform found by the court to have not provided a reporting mechanism as required by this Chapter. The civil penalty shall be paid to the Department of Justice in order to fund the investigation of cyber crimes involving the exploitation of children.

(2) Each violation may be treated as a separate violation or may be combined into one violation at the option of the attorney general.

(3) Any covered platform that violates this Chapter may be liable to the attorney general for all costs, expenses, and fees related to investigations and proceedings associated with the violation, including attorney fees.

(4) If the court assesses a civil penalty pursuant to this Chapter, the Department of Justice shall be entitled to legal interest as provided in R.S. 9:3500 from the date of imposition of the penalty until paid in full.

Section 2. This Act shall be referred to as the Platforms Reporting Online Trafficking, Enticement, and Exploitation of Children Timely, or the “PROTECT” Act.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry

Secretary of State

ACT No. 536

HOUSE BILL NO. 233
BY REPRESENTATIVES DEWITT AND CHASSION
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:3049(B)(1)(b) and 3053, relative to compensation for juries and jury commissioners; to provide relative to jury service in criminal trials; to provide for an allowance for mileage; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 13:3049(B)(1)(b) and 3053 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§3049. Cash deposit; bond; duty to attend; compensation; procedure; filing fees

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(b) The compensation shall be twenty-five dollars for each day of attendance in court, and the mileage allowance shall be ~~not less than sixteen cents per mile nor more than the rate in effect for state officials~~ an amount equal to the rate in effect for state officials for each mile necessarily traveled in going to and returning from the courthouse.

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§3053. Compensation of jury commissioners

All jury commissioners are entitled to recover compensation at the rate of seventy-five dollars per day during actual attendance at meetings and an additional fee of ~~not less than twenty-one cents per mile nor more than the rate in effect for state officials~~ for each mile going to and returning from their place of meeting.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

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Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 537

HOUSE BILL NO. 246
BY REPRESENTATIVE SPELL
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:2605(B)(4) and (37) and 2605.1(B)(2) and (16) and to enact R.S. 46:2605(B)(31) and 2605.1(B)(22), relative to the Children’s Cabinet Advisory Board; to provide for the membership of the Children’s Cabinet Advisory Board; to provide for the membership of the Council on the Status of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 46:2605(B)(4) and (37) and 2605.1(B)(2) and (16) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 46:2605(B)(31) and 2605.1(B)(22) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§2605. Children’s Cabinet Advisory Board

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B. The advisory board shall be composed of the following members:

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(4) ~~A representative from the Louisiana Maternal and Child Health Coalition. The superintendent of the Louisiana State Police or his designee.~~

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(31) A representative of the Family Road of Greater Baton Rouge.

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(37) ~~A representative of the Louisiana Association of Childcare Agencies A representative of the Child Care Association of Louisiana.~~

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§2605.1. Council on the Status of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

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B. The council shall be composed of the following members:

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(2) ~~Three members One member representing the Department of Children and Family Services appointed by the secretary of the department, one of whom shall be a representative of the kinship care subsidy program, one of whom shall be a representative of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and one of whom~~ department who shall be a representative of the foster care program.

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(16) ~~One member representing and appointed by LouisianaChildren.org. One member representing the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program appointed by the secretary of the department or agency administering the program.~~

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(22) One member representing the Kinship Care Subsidy Program appointed by the secretary of the department or agency administering the program.

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Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 538

HOUSE BILL NO. 251
BY REPRESENTATIVES MANDIE LANDRY, AMEDEE, BILLINGS,
BOUDREAUX, BOYD, CHASSION, FREEMAN, LAFLEUR, TERRY
LANDRY, LYONS, MARTINEZ, AND TAYLOR
AN ACT
To enact R.S. 46:1844(K)(4), relative to victim rights; to provide for a
contradictory hearing pursuant to a motion to vacate or resentence; to
provide for victim impact statements; to provide for prospective application;
and to provide for related matters.
Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 46:1844(K)(4) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
§1844. Basic rights for victim and witness
* * *
K.
* * *
(4) No trial court shall grant a motion that would effectuate vacating an
otherwise final conviction or resentencing an imprisoned person to a lesser
sentence without a hearing where the victim shall have the right to make
a statement pursuant to this Subsection. The clerk of court shall provide
written notice of the pending motion and its impact to the victim pursuant to
R.S. 46:1844(B). Any motion granted without compliance with this Paragraph
shall be voidable as a patent error pursuant to Code of Criminal Procedure
Article 920(2). Any motion granted that is subject to the provisions of this
Paragraph and pending appellate review may sua sponte, be remanded
for consideration of the victim’s statement. When the victim is deceased
or unable to appear due to disability, every reference in this Paragraph to
the victim shall instead apply to the victim’s designated family member as
defined in R.S. 46:1842(5). This Section does not create or permit individual
standing to intervene in a criminal proceeding at any time.
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Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall be given prospective application.
Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 539

HOUSE BILL NO. 283
BY REPRESENTATIVES NEWELL, BOYD, BRYANT, FREEMAN, GREEN,
DANA HENRY, LAFLEUR, TERRY LANDRY, LARVADAIN, MARCELLE,
MARTINEZ, MILLER, MURRAY, OWEN, PHELPS, AND TAYLOR
AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 17:416(A)(1)(b)(i), and (c)(vii)(aa) and (cc) and to
enact R.S. 17:15(A)(1)(b)(iii), 47(C)(1)(a)(iv), 416(A)(1)(c)(vii)(ee), 500.1(C)(3),
1201(C)(3), and 1206.1(A)(3), relative to the assault and battery of students
and school employees; to provide for the sick leave of such employees; to
provide for the applicability of student disciplinary provisions; to provide
for student disciplinary procedures; to provide relative to student records;
to provide for definitions; to provide for applicability; and to provide for
related matters.
Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the “Teacher’s
Shield Act”.
Section 2. R.S. 17:15(A)(1)(b)(iii) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
§15. Criminal history review
A.(1)
* * *
(b)
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(iii) Negligent hiring statutes or rules shall not apply to a dispute, litigation,
or any allegations when a city, parish, or other local public school board or a
nonpublic school or school system has hired a person as an administrator,
teacher, substitute teacher, athletic director, coach, or assistant coach, if the
person has a valid teaching certificate or authorization provided by the State
Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.
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Section 3. R.S. 17:416(A)(1)(b)(i) and (c)(vii)(aa) and (cc) are hereby amended
and reenacted and R.S. 17:47(C)(1)(a)(iv), 416(A)(1)(c)(vii)(ee), 500.1(C)(3),
1201(C)(3), and 1206.1(A)(3) are hereby enacted to read as follows:
§47. Sick and personal leave
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C.(1)(a)
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(iv) Such sick leave may be used for purposes that include but are not limited
to medical treatment, psychological treatment, and physical rehabilitation.
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§416. Discipline of students; suspension; expulsion
A.(1)
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(b)(i) Each teacher and school employee may take disciplinary action to
correct a student who violates school rules or who interferes with an orderly

education process. No principal or administrator shall prohibit or discourage
a teacher or school employee from taking disciplinary action, recommending
disciplinary action, or completing a form to initiate disciplinary action
against a student who violates school policy or who interferes with an
orderly education process. No principal or administrator shall retaliate or
take adverse employment action against a teacher or school employee for
taking disciplinary action against a student. Each school shall annually
provide written notice at the beginning of each school year to each teacher
and school employee, including bus operators, of their rights to take or
request disciplinary action against a student in accordance with this Section.
Notice shall also include eligibility for sick and personal leave in the event
that a school employee is injured by a student who committed an assault or
battery against a teacher in accordance with R.S. 14:34.3 or R.S. 14:38.2. The
provisions of this Item shall apply only if the disciplinary action that the
teacher or school employee takes is in accordance with policy adopted by the
public school governing authority.

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(c)
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(vii)(aa) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, whenever a
student is formally accused of violating the provisions of R.S. 14:34.3 or school
disciplinary rules, or both, by committing a battery on any school employee
either on or off of school property or is formally accused of violating the
provisions of R.S. 14:38.2 or school disciplinary rules, or both, by committing
an assault on any school employee either on or off of school property, the
principal shall suspend the student from school immediately and the student
shall be removed immediately from the school premises or prohibited from
returning to the school premises, as applicable, without the benefit of the
out-of-school suspension procedures provided by this Section; however, the
necessary notifications and other procedures shall be implemented as soon
as is practicable. For purposes of this Item, “school employee” means any
person employed by the school and any substitute teacher, substitute bus
operator, or school volunteer. The provisions of this Item shall apply to an
incident that occurs off of school property only if the incident is a continuation
of a documented altercation that began on school property.
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(cc) Except when the school system has no other school of suitable grade
level for the student to attend, no student found guilty by a court of competent
jurisdiction of violating the provisions of R.S. 14:34.3 or 38.2, or both, or found
guilty at a school system suspension hearing of committing a battery or
assault, or both, on any school employee, ~~or both,~~ shall be assigned to attend
or shall attend the school to which the school employee battered or assaulted
by the student is assigned. The principal or his designee shall immediately
recommend the student’s expulsion, which shall be subject to the provisions
of Subsection C of this Section except as provided in this Subitem. Any
such expulsion shall be no less than two complete school semesters in
duration, during which time the superintendent shall place the student in an
alternative school or in an alternative educational placement as provided in
Subparagraph (2)(c) of this Subsection and the student shall participate in an
anger management program. A student expelled as provided in this Subitem
shall not, under any circumstances, be assigned to or allowed to attend the
school to which the student or school employee battered or assaulted by the
student is assigned. However, except as otherwise provided in this Subitem,
discipline of a student with exceptionalities shall not conflict with Paragraphs
(5) and (6) of this Subsection, R.S. 17:1941 et seq., and 20 U.S.C. 1415(k).
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(ee) All documentation relative to the provisions of this Item shall be
included and maintained in the student’s records.
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§500.1. School bus operators; sick leave
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(3) Such sick leave may be used for purposes that include but are not limited
to medical treatment, psychological treatment, and physical rehabilitation.
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§1201. Amount of sick leave; reimbursement; injury on the job
* * *
C.
* * *
(3) Such sick leave may be used for purposes that include but are not limited
to medical treatment, psychological treatment, and physical rehabilitation.
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§1206.1. School employees; sick leave
A.
* * *
(3) Such sick leave may be used for purposes that include but are not limited
to medical treatment, psychological treatment, and physical rehabilitation.
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Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

HOUSE BILL NO. 288
BY REPRESENTATIVES BOYER, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAYHAM,
BEAULLIEU, BILLINGS, BOUDREAUX, CARLSON, CARRIER,
CHENEVERT, CREWS, DESHOTEL, EGAN, MELERINE, OWEN,
SCHAMERHORN, SPELL, AND WYBLE
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:46.1 and R.S. 40:1300.81, relative to medical terminology; to provide for terminology used in medical documentation; to require certain terms be included in medical records and medical billing; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 22:46.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§46.1. Use of certain medical terminology
Entities regulated by this Code may include the term “miscarriage” in parentheses following the term “spontaneous abortion” when the term “spontaneous abortion” is utilized in medical documentation, such as medical records or medical billing.

Section 2. R.S. 40:1300.81 is hereby enacted to read as follows:
§1300.81. Use of certain medical terminology
When the term “spontaneous abortion” is utilized in medical documentation, such as medical records or medical billing, the term “miscarriage” may be added in parentheses following the term “spontaneous abortion”.
Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 541

HOUSE BILL NO. 310
BY REPRESENTATIVE CARLSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 780(B), relative to trial by jury; to provide for the reassignment of cases; to provide for the filing of motions; to provide for duties of the court; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. Code of Criminal Procedure Article 780(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Art. 780. Right to waive trial by jury
* * *
B.(1) The defendant shall exercise his right to waive trial by jury in accordance with Article I, Section 17 of the Constitution of Louisiana. The waiver shall be by written motion filed in the district court not later than forty-five days prior to the date the case is set for trial. The motion shall be signed by the defendant and shall also be signed by defendant’s counsel unless the defendant has waived his right to counsel.

(2) If a defendant files a motion pursuant to this Paragraph in a district court with three or more judges who are assigned criminal matters within respective divisions or sections, the case shall be randomly reassigned among the remaining judges who are assigned criminal matters within all divisions or sections immediately following the filing of the motion.

(3) Within ten days of service of notice of the defendant filing a written motion to waive the jury, the prosecuting authority may file a written waiver of reassignment, in which case the matter shall not be reassigned.

(4) When a defendant waives trial by jury in accordance with this Article and the waiver results in reassignment, the filing of that waiver shall constitute an interruption of the time periods provided in Article 701, and the time periods shall begin to run anew.
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Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 542

HOUSE BILL NO. 330
BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:101(B) and 225(B)(1) and (2) and to enact R.S. 14:225(D), relative to the desecration of graves and institutional vandalism; to provide for penalties; to provide for restitution; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 14:101(B) and 225(B)(1) and (2) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 14:225(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
§101. Desecration of graves
* * *

B.(1) Whoever commits the crime of desecration of graves shall be fined not more than five hundred one thousand dollars; or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

(2) In addition to the penalties listed in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection,

the court shall order the offender to make restitution pursuant to Code of Criminal Procedure Article 883.2 for damages sustained.

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§225. Institutional vandalism

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B. Institutional vandalism is punishable as follows:

(1) When the damage is less than five hundred dollars, the offender shall be fined not more than five hundred one thousand dollars; or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

(2) When the damage amounts to five hundred dollars but less than fifty thousand dollars, the offender shall be fined not ~~more~~ less than one thousand dollars nor more than five thousand dollars; or imprisoned; with or without hard labor; for not more than two years, or both.

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D. In addition to the penalties listed in Subsection B of this Section, when the vandalized institution is a religious building or structure as identified in Paragraph (A)(1) of this Section, the court shall order the offender to make restitution pursuant to Code of Criminal Procedure Article 883.2 for damages sustained.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 543

HOUSE BILL NO. 339
BY REPRESENTATIVES CHASSION, BOYD, BRYANT, ROBBY CARTER,
GREEN, KNOX, TERRY LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MENA,
NEWELL, TAYLOR, THOMAS, WALTERS, AND WYBLE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 44:11.2(C), (E)(1)(introductory paragraph), (H) (introductory paragraph) and (3), to enact R.S. 44:11.2(A)(10) and (11), and to repeal R.S. 44:11.2(G) and (I), relative to the personal information of protected individuals; to provide for the protection of the personal information of law enforcement officers and administrative law judges; to provide relative to publishing of certain information; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 44:11.2(C), (E)(1)(introductory paragraph), (H)(introductory paragraph) and (3) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 44:11.2(A)(10) and (11) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§11.2. Limited access to personal information for protected individuals
A. As used in this Section, the term “protected individual” shall mean:

* * *
(10) A current law enforcement officer.
(11) A current or retired administrative law judge.
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C. As used in this Section, the term “publish” shall mean to publicly post or publicly display on the internet personal information of a protected individual ~~who submits a request pursuant to Subsection E of this Section without any legitimate political, economic, or societal interest, or with the intent to publicly intimidate or harass the protected individual.~~
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E.(1) A protected individual, or the judicial administrator’s office on behalf of a protected individual identified in Paragraphs (A)(1) through (5) of this Section or the Louisiana District Attorneys Association on behalf of a protected individual identified in Paragraph (A)(6) of this Section, may request that a public body ~~or third party~~:
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H. A protected individual, the judicial administrator’s office, or the Louisiana District Attorneys Association may bring an action for mandamus due to a violation of this Section against a public body ~~or third party~~ for:
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(3)~~(a)~~ Reasonable attorney fees.
~~(b) For a third party, an action for a violation of this Section may also be brought for damages incurred as a result of a violation of this Section.~~

Section 2. R.S. 44:11.2(G) and (I) are hereby repealed.
Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 544

HOUSE BILL NO. 351
BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT
AN ACT

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 15:827.1(E) is hereby repealed in its entirety.
Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 545

HOUSE BILL NO. 363

BY REPRESENTATIVES JACOB LANDRY, AMEDEE, CARRIER,
CHASSION, DESHOTEL, EDMONSTON, FREIBERG, MIKE JOHNSON,
TERRY LANDRY, MARTINEZ, SCHLEGEL, AND TAYLOR
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:176.2, relative to students enrolled in virtual schools; to authorize students enrolled in virtual schools to participate in public school activities at the public school they would otherwise attend based on their residence; to specify that such activities include extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletics; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:176.2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

§176.2. Extracurricular activities; interscholastic athletics; participation by home study students and virtual school students

A. A public school shall not disqualify a student from participating in extracurricular activities or interscholastic athletics solely because the student is enrolled in an approved home study program, so long as program or virtual school if the student lives in the attendance zone of the public school.

(1) A student who is enrolled in an approved home study program or virtual school shall try out or apply for extracurricular activities or interscholastic athletics at the public school in the same manner, time, and place as the students who attend the public school.

(2) After the try out or application, should the ~~approved home study~~ student meet the qualifications for an extracurricular activities club or an interscholastic athletics team, the ~~approved home study~~ student shall be required to maintain all requirements for participation that a ~~public school~~ student enrolled in that public school would have to meet in order to participate in the extracurricular activity or the interscholastic athletics activity, including but not limited to maintaining a minimum grade point average and complying with disciplinary standards. Failure to meet the requirements with respect to a minimum grade point average or failure to adhere to the disciplinary standards shall be grounds for the school to remove the ~~approved home study~~ student from participation in the extracurricular activities club or the interscholastic athletics team.

B. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, no public school may be a member of, or participate in any competition sponsored by, any interscholastic extracurricular athletic association or organization that denies eligibility to a student solely on the basis of the student's enrollment in an approved home study program or virtual school.

C. For purposes of this Section:

(1) "Approved home study program" means a home study program approved as provided for in R.S. 17:236.1.

(2) "Virtual school" shall be defined as in R.S. 17:236.3.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 546

HOUSE BILL NO. 377

BY REPRESENTATIVE KERNER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Subparagraphs (9)(a) and (b) of Article XIV, Section 15.1 of the 1921 Constitution of Louisiana, as amended, continued as a statute pursuant to Article X, Section 18 of the 1974 Constitution of Louisiana, and R.S. 33:2479(D) and (H), relative to the municipal fire and police civil service; to provide relative to the state examiner and deputy state examiner; to provide relative to the compensation for the state examiner and deputy state examiner; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Subparagraphs (9)(a) and (b) of Article XIV, Section 15.1 of the 1921 Constitution of Louisiana, as amended, continued as a statute pursuant to the provisions of Article X, Section 18 of the 1974 Constitution of Louisiana are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§15.1. Fire and police civil service; municipalities of 13,000 to 250,000

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9. State Examiner and Deputy State Examiner of Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service.

a. The office of state examiner of municipal fire and police civil service is created. The state examiner shall be a resident and qualified voter of the state. He shall be a person who has had experience in personnel administration, classification, or employment testing in a classified civil service system and shall serve on a full-time basis. He shall receive and be paid a salary set by the State Civil Service Commission in accordance with the State Civil Service Commission's uniform pay plan. ~~The position of state examiner shall be assigned to the same pay range to which the deputy director of state civil service is assigned.~~ The state examiner shall be paid traveling and living

expenses while away from his place of residence.

b. The office of deputy state examiner of municipal fire and police civil service is created. The right of appointment, supervision, and discharge of the deputy state examiner is vested in the state examiner. The deputy state examiner is authorized and empowered to exercise the authority and perform the duties of the state examiner as provided in this Section. He shall be a resident and qualified voter of the state. He shall be a person who has had experience in personnel administration, classification, or employment testing in a classified civil service system and shall serve on a full-time basis. He shall receive and be paid a salary set by the state examiner in accordance with the State Civil Service Commission's uniform pay plan. ~~The position of deputy state examiner shall be assigned to the pay range which is two levels below the pay range to which the deputy director of state civil service is assigned.~~ The deputy state examiner shall be paid traveling and living expenses while away from the place of his residence.

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Section 2. R.S. 33:2479(D) and (H) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2479. State examiner of municipal fire and police civil service

* * *

D. The state examiner shall serve on a full-time basis. He shall receive and be paid a salary set by the State Civil Service Commission in accordance with the State Civil Service Commission's uniform pay plan. ~~The position of state examiner shall be assigned to the same pay range to which the deputy director of state civil service is assigned.~~ The state examiner shall be paid for his traveling and living expenses while away from his place of residence.

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H. The office of deputy state examiner of municipal fire and police civil service is created. The right of appointment, supervision, and discharge of the deputy state examiner shall be vested in the state examiner. The deputy state examiner is authorized and empowered to exercise the authority and perform the duties of the state examiner as provided in this Part or Part III of this Chapter. The deputy state examiner shall receive and be paid a salary set by the state examiner in accordance with the State Civil Service Commission's uniform pay plan. ~~The position of deputy state examiner shall be assigned to the pay range which shall be two levels below the pay range to which the deputy director of state civil service is assigned.~~ The deputy state examiner shall be paid traveling and living expenses while away from the place of his residence.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 547

HOUSE BILL NO. 380

BY REPRESENTATIVES TRAVIS JOHNSON, AMEDEE, BROUSSARD,
CARLSON, CARPENTER, CARVER, EDMONSTON, FREIBERG,
MARTINEZ, ST. BLANC, AND TAYLOR AND SENATORS BARROW,
BOUDREAUX, CARTER, CATHEY, JACKSON-ANDREWS, JENKINS,
LUNEAU, PRICE, AND WOMACK

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:3217.6, relative to community and technical education; to authorize any institution under the supervision and management of the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges to establish a pilot program in partnership with a local public school system; to provide for the purpose of the program; to subject the partnership to the approval of the board of supervisors and the applicable city, parish, or other local public school board; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:3217.6 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§3217.6. Louisiana Community and Technical College System institutions; partnership with local school systems; pilot program

Any institution under the supervision and management of the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges may establish a pilot program in partnership with a city, parish, or other local public school system for the purpose of increasing awareness of and access to commercial driver's license training programs, entry level driver training programs, and transportation, distribution, and logistics programs. Such partnership shall be subject to the approval of the board of supervisors and the city, parish, or other local public school board.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 548

HOUSE BILL NO. 392

BY REPRESENTATIVES BOYD, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BILLINGS,
BOUDREAUX, BRASS, BRYANT, CARPENTER, CARRIER, WILFORD
CARTER, CHASSION, DEVILLIER, DOMANGUE, FISHER, FREEMAN,
GREEN, DANA HENRY, JORDAN, KNOX, LACOMBE, LAFLEUR, TERRY

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

LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARTINEZ, MCMAKIN, MILLER, MOORE, MURRAY, NEWELL, PHELPS, SPELL, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, AND WALTERS AND SENATORS BARROW, BOUDREAUX, CARTER, JACKSON-ANDREWS, JENKINS, MIZELL, PRICE, AND WHEAT
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:282.4(F), relative to suicide prevention programs for students; to provide relative to information required to be shared on school websites and student identification cards; to revise the content of the information; to authorize such information to be included in student handbooks; to broaden applicability of requirements; to require signage at schools about the national suicide prevention hotline number and a state suicide prevention website; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the “Student Suicide Prevention Awareness Act.

Section 2. R.S. 17:282.4(F) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§282.4. Youth suicide prevention programs; student safety and violence and social isolation prevention training; policies; intent; rules; services; funding

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F.(1) Each public and approved nonpublic ~~secondary middle school and high school~~ shall post on its website and may include in its student handbook the following information:

(a) The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline hotline number, “988”, with an explanation that this number may be called or texted.

(b) A local suicide prevention hotline number, if available, and a state suicide prevention hotline number, if available.(c) A link to Louisiana988.org, a suicide prevention initiative of the Louisiana Department of Health.

(2) The governing authority of each public and approved nonpublic ~~secondary middle school and high school~~ that issues student identification cards shall have printed on the cards the information provided in Subparagraphs (1)(a) and (b) of this Subsection.

(3)(a) Each middle school and high school that receives federal funds shall post signage to inform students about the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline hotline number, “988”, with an explanation that this number may be called or texted. The signage shall include a brief message encouraging students experiencing emotional distress to seek help as well as an explanation that the hotline is free, confidential, and available twenty-four hours a day and seven days a week.

(b) The signage shall also include information about Louisiana988.org and an explanation that additional information and resources, including the ability to chat online, are available at this website.

(c) The signage shall be placed in locations easily visible to students such as school entrances and exits, student common areas, school counselor offices, school nurse offices, near restrooms and locker rooms, and digital school bulletin boards if available.

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Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 549

HOUSE BILL NO. 396
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN
AN ACT

To enact Code of Evidence Article 416, relative to autopsy photographs as evidence; to provide for the admissibility of such evidence in criminal proceedings; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Code of Evidence Article 416 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

Art. 416. Autopsy photographs
Photographs taken during an autopsy are admissible in any criminal proceeding.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 550

HOUSE BILL NO. 405
BY REPRESENTATIVE EGAN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1358, relative to the practice of acupuncture; to provide for the licensure of acupuncturists; to provide for the name change of the national certifying organization; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 37:1358 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows: §1358. Licensed acupuncturists

The board shall certify as a licensed acupuncturist an individual who meets both of the following:

(1) Holds active status with the ~~National Certification Commission for~~

~~Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine~~ National Certification Board for Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine.

(2) Has successfully passed the certification examination, including the Biomedicine portion of the examination, given by the ~~National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine~~ National Certification Board for Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 551

HOUSE BILL NO. 417
BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:2205(A)(1), relative to the Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Fund; to increase the maximum balance in the Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Fund; to require annual increases to the maximum balance under certain circumstances; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 30:2205(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2205. Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Fund

A.(1) All sums recovered through judgments, settlements, assessments of civil or criminal penalties, funds recovered by suit or settlement from potentially responsible parties for active or abandoned site remediation or cleanup, or otherwise under this Subtitle, or other applicable law, each fiscal year for violation of this Subtitle, shall be paid into the state treasury and shall be credited to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund. After a sufficient amount is allocated from that fund to pay all obligations secured by the full faith and credit of the state which become due and payable within any fiscal year, the treasurer, prior to placing such remaining funds in the state general fund, shall pay into a special fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury and designated as the “Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Fund”, all of those funds generated by the hazardous waste tax under the provisions of Chapter 7-A of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and the sums recovered through all judgments, settlements, assessments of civil or criminal penalties, fees and oversight costs received from potentially responsible parties for the department's work in overseeing of assessment and remediation at inactive or abandoned sites, funds recovered by suit or settlement from potentially responsible parties for active or abandoned site remediation or cleanup, or otherwise, for violation of this Subtitle, except as provided in R.S. 30:2025 and 2198; however, the balance in the fund shall not exceed ~~six~~ eight million dollars at any time and upon the accumulation of ~~six~~ eight million dollars in the fund, the treasurer shall pay all remaining sums provided for in this Subsection into the Environmental Trust Dedicated Fund Account, R.S. 30:2015. However, beginning January 1, 2027, and thereafter, the state treasurer shall annually adjust the maximum balance of the fund by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, as reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, or its successor, for the previous calendar year.

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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.

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Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 552

HOUSE BILL NO. 427
BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHLEGEL, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAMBURG, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOUDREAUX, BOYD, BOYER, BROUSSARD, BRYANT, BUTLER, CARLSON, CARVER, CHASSION, CHENEVERT, COATES, COX, DESHOTEL, DEVILLIER, DEWITT, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, EGAN, FONTENOT, FREEMAN, FREIBERG, GLORIOSO, HILFERTY, HORTON, ILLG, MIKE JOHNSON, KERNER, KNOX, LAFLEUR, TERRY LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MACK, MARCELLE, MARTINEZ, MOORE, MURRAY, NEWELL, OWEN, SPELL, STAGNI, TARVER, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, VILLIO, WALTERS, WILDER, WILEY, WYBLE, AND ZERINGUE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:2717.4(B)(3) through (10) and (C)(1), (4), and (5), relative to material harmful to minors; to provide for definitions; to make technical changes; to provide relative to settings on minor accounts; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 9:2717.4 (B)(3) through (10) and (C)(1), (4), and (5), are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

B. For purposes of this Section:

(3) “Material harmful to minors” has the same meaning as provided in R.S. 51:2121.

~~(4)~~(a) “Microtransaction” means any of the following:

(i) A purchase made in an online video game involving surprise mechanics, new characters, or other in-game items.(ii) A purchase made using a virtual currency that is purchasable or redeemable using cash or credit that is included as part of a paid subscription service.

(iii) Any purchase or transfer of virtual currency on a covered platform.

(b) The term ~~shall~~ does not include a purchase made in an online video game using a virtual currency that is earned through game play and is not otherwise purchasable or redeemable using cash or credit or included as part of a paid subscription service.

~~(4)~~~~(5) “Minor” means an account holder on the covered platform who resides in this state under circumstances where the covered platform reasonably believes or has actual knowledge that the account holder is under the age of sixteen and is not emancipated or married~~ has the same meaning as provided in R.S. 9:2717.2.

~~(5)~~~~(6) “Nonprofit corporation” means any organization organized on a not-for-profit basis under pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 2 of Title 12 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.~~

~~(6)~~~~(7)~~(a) “Online platform” means any public website, online service, online application, or mobile application that predominantly provides a community forum for user-generated content, such as sharing videos, images, games, audio files, or other content, including a social media service, social network, or virtual reality environment.

(b) A website, online service, online application, or mobile application is not an online platform solely on the basis that it includes a chat, comment, or other interactive function that is incidental to its predominant purpose.

~~(7)~~~~(8) “Online video game” means a video game, including an educational video game, that accesses the internet and allows the user to do any of the following:~~

(a) Create and upload content that is not incidental to game play such as character or level designs.

(b) Engage in microtransactions within the game.

(c) Communicate with other users.

~~(8)~~~~(9) “Precise geolocation” means information derived from technology, including but not limited to global positioning system level latitude and longitude coordinates or other mechanisms, that directly identify the specific location of a natural person with precision and accuracy within a radius of one thousand seven hundred fifty feet. The provisions of this definition shall do not extend to the content of communications.~~

~~(9)~~~~(10) “School” means any child daycare center as defined in R.S. 17:407.33, any public or nonpublic school enrolling students in prekindergarten through grade twelve, any institution under the management and supervision of a public postsecondary education management board, any nonpublic college or university, any program or initiative of the Board of Regents, or any proprietary school as defined in R.S. 17:3140.1.~~

~~(10) “Sexually explicit material” shall have the same meaning as provided in R.S. 25:225.~~

C. Every owner or operator of a covered platform who contracts with a minor, including the creation of an online account, shall owe a duty of care to the minor. The duty of care shall require the covered platform to take reasonable measures in the operation of the covered platform to prioritize the privacy of the minor’s account and establish the following default privacy settings for minors:

(1) Prohibit an adult from connecting to a minor without express consent from the minor’s legal representative or enable the legal representative of a minor to access a list of the connections of the minor, including a list of contacts with whom the minor has exchanged direct messages through the parental supervision tools of the covered platform.

~~(4) Restrict the visibility of the minor’s account to only connected accounts Set minor accounts to private mode in a manner in which only users to whom the minor is connected on the covered platform may view or respond to content posted by the minor.~~

(5) Allow the legal representative of a minor to choose to be informed via text, voice, email, through the legal representative’s linked account or through the covered platform’s parental control interface within a reasonable time, if any of the following occur:

(a) A minor is exposed to ~~sexually explicit material~~ harmful to minors on a covered platform.

(b) A connection is made between a minor and any other user on a covered platform unless the legal representative of the minor is connected to the account of the minor through the covered platform’s parental supervision tools.

Section 2. Section 2 of Act No. 236 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 3. Section 1 of Act No. 236 of the 2025 Regular Session and the provisions of 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. 553

HOUSE BILL NO. 478

BY REPRESENTATIVES KNOX AND LARVADAIN

AN ACT

To enact Chapter 70 of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 51:3301, relative to reimbursement for utility overcharges; to provide for definitions; to provide for reimbursement of overcharges by utilities; to provide for labeling; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Chapter 70 of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 51:3301, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

CHAPTER 70. REIMBURSEMENT OF UTILITY OVERCHARGES

§3301. Utility overcharge reimbursement

A. For the purposes of this Chapter, the following terms have the following meanings:

(1) “Customer” means a person receiving services from a utility provider.

(2) “Overcharge” means any amount billed in excess of the lawful rate, tariff, or authorized charge.

(3) “Utility provider” means a provider of water, gas, or electric service that is regulated by the Public Service Commission or a local governmental subdivision or owned or operated by a local governmental subdivision.

B.(1) A utility provider that has overcharged a customer shall reimburse the amount overcharged to the customer in full within ninety calendar days after the overcharge is discovered or reasonably should have been discovered and shall be labeled as an overcharge reimbursement or similar description, unless otherwise ordered by the utility’s regulator.

(2) If a customer has ended service with a utility provider, then the utility provider shall send the reimbursement to the customer’s last known address, provided in the former customer’s account, within ninety calendar days after the overcharge is discovered or reasonably should have been discovered and shall be labeled as an overcharge reimbursement or similar description, unless otherwise ordered by the utility’s regulator.

C. A utility provider shall label the reimbursement required by this Section as an overcharge reimbursement, unless otherwise ordered by the utility’s regulator.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 554

HOUSE BILL NO. 503

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:297.1(A)(1), (B), and (C) and to enact R.S. 32:297.1(A)(5), relative to the use of utility terrain vehicles on roadways in Golden Meadow; to authorize the use of utility terrain vehicles on the shoulders of public roads and streets of Golden Meadow; to provide for definitions; 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. 32:297.1(A)(1), (B), and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 32:297.1(A)(5) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§297.1. Alternative pathways for golf carts, utility terrain vehicles, and low-speed vehicles; Golden Meadow

A. As used in this Section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(1) “Golf cart” means an electric a four-wheeled vehicle originally intended for use off-road on golf courses and other green spaces whose maximum speed is twenty-five miles per hour.

(5)(a) “Utility terrain vehicle” means any recreational motor vehicle designed for and capable of travel over designated roads, with a minimum width of fifty inches but not exceeding seventy-four inches and a minimum weight of at least seven hundred pounds but not exceeding three thousand five hundred pounds. “Utility terrain vehicle” shall include those vehicles not equipped with a certification label as required by 49 CFR Part 567.4. A “utility terrain vehicle” or “UTV” also means a recreational off-highway vehicle or ROV.

(b) “Utility terrain vehicle” does not include golf carts, vehicles specially designed to carry a disabled person, or vehicles otherwise registered under R.S. 32:299.

B.(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the governing authority of Golden Meadow may, in its discretion, by ordinance authorize the operation of golf carts, utility terrain vehicles, and low-speed vehicles only on the shoulder of a public road and street, except for Louisiana Highway 3235, having a speed limit of thirty miles or less per hour. The authorization shall be contained in an ordinance and recorded in the

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minutes of the governing authority. The authorization may be accompanied by conditions not inconsistent with this Section and may be revoked, in whole, or in part, by the governing authority at any time.

(2) Any person operating a golf cart, utility terrain vehicle, or low-speed vehicle on the shoulder of a public road or street in the town pursuant to this Section shall be properly licensed to operate a vehicle upon any highway within this state and shall have in his possession proof of insurance as required by Part I-A of Chapter 5 of this Title.

C.(1) Every golf cart, utility terrain vehicle, and low-speed vehicle operated pursuant to this Section shall be required to be registered with the governing authority. The owner of the golf cart, utility terrain vehicle, or low-speed vehicle shall be issued a registration decal by the governing authority that must be displayed as determined by the governing authority. The registration shall remain valid for as long as the registering owner owns the golf cart, utility terrain vehicle, or low-speed vehicle.(2) The governing authority may, by ordinance, establish a registration fee for golf carts, utility terrain vehicles, and low-speed vehicles. The registration fee shall be retained by the municipal clerk and deposited into the municipal general fund.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 555

HOUSE BILL NO. 512

BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHAMERHORN, AMEDEE, BAYHAM,
BROUSSARD, COATES, CHANCE HENRY, MCCORMICK, AND WYBLE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 3:4233(A)(4) through (14) and to enact R.S. 3:4201(24), 4210.1, and 4233(A)(15), relative to cell cultured food products; to provide for definitions; to prohibit the sale, manufacturing, and distribution of cell cultured food products; to prohibit the mixing of cell cultured food products with certain agricultural products; to provide for effectiveness; to provide relative to research conducted by institutions of higher education; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 3:4233(A)(4) through (14) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 3:4201(24), 4210.1, and 4233(A)(15) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§4201. Definitions

As used in this Chapter, except as otherwise specified, the following terms shall have the meanings stated below:

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(24) The term “cell cultured food product” means any cultured animal tissue produced from in vitro animal cell cultures outside of the organism from which it derived.

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§4210.1. Cell cultured food products; prohibition

A. No person, firm, or corporation shall manufacture for sale, sell, hold or offer for sale, or distribute any cell cultured food product in this state.

B. No person, firm, or corporation shall mix any cell-cultured food product with any “meat product”, as defined by R.S. 3:4743. Such products shall not be offered for sale as food for human consumption.

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§4233. Violations, penalties, injunctive relief

A. The following actions are prohibited:

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(4) The manufacturing, sale, offering for sale, or distribution of any cell cultured food product as defined in R.S. 3:4201.

(5) The removal of any condemned livestock, poultry, carcasses, parts of carcasses, meat, or meat products from any place of detention without the prior authorization of the commissioner.

(5) (6) The failure to maintain the required registration.

(6) (7) The making of false or misleading statements concerning eligibility for exemptions from the requirements of this Chapter.

(7) (8) The failure to comply with the sanitary requirements provided by this Chapter or the rules and regulations adopted under this Chapter.

(8) (9) The failure to properly destroy any condemned livestock, poultry, carcasses, parts of carcasses, meat, or meat products.

(9) (10) The use of any label which has not been previously approved by the commissioner.

(10) (11) The unauthorized use of any official device, brand, mark, or certificate.

(11) (12) The failure to maintain and provide to the commissioner, upon request, any required reports, accounts, books, or records.

(12) (13) Any assault, resistance, opposition, impedance, intimidation, or interference with the commissioner, or his representatives, in the performance of his duties under this Chapter.

(13) (14) The evasion of payment of any civil penalty legally imposed by the commissioner.

(14) (15) The failure to comply with the provisions of this Chapter or of the rules and regulations adopted under the provisions of this Chapter.

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Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall become effective only upon a final

ruling of the Supreme Court of the United States holding that prohibitions on cell cultured food products do not violate the United States Constitution; however, nothing in this Act, regardless of whether such ruling is issued, shall be construed to prohibit accredited institutions of higher education in this state from conducting research on cell cultured food products.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 556

HOUSE BILL NO. 546

BY REPRESENTATIVES SPELL, CHASSION, FISHER, JACKSON, AND
KNOX
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 28:53(L)(1), relative to taking a person into protective custody; to specify the information necessary to authorize a peace officer to take a person into protective custody; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 28:53(L)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§53. Admission by emergency certificate; extension; payment for services rendered

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L.(1)(a) A peace officer or a peace officer accompanied by an emergency medical service trained technician may take a person into protective custody and transport him to a treatment facility for a medical evaluation ~~when, as a result of his personal observation, if the peace officer or emergency medical service technician has reasonable grounds reason to believe both of the following: the person is a proper subject for involuntary admission to a treatment facility because the person is acting in a manner dangerous to himself or dangerous to others, is gravely disabled, and is in need of immediate hospitalization to protect such a person or others from physical harm. The person may be transported only to a treatment facility as defined in R.S. 28:2.~~

(i) The person is a danger to himself, a danger to others, or gravely disabled.

(ii) There is a substantial risk of serious harm to the person or others unless the person is taken into protective custody immediately.(b) A peace officer or peace officer accompanied by an emergency medical service trained technician shall form the belief that a person meets the criteria for immediate protective custody based on his observation of the person or a statement from a third party believed to offer credible information relevant to Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph.

(c) A peace officer shall act in accordance with the provisions of this Section and in accordance with any existing departmental practices or procedures.

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Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 557

HOUSE BILL NO. 557

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEWITT
AN ACT

To enact Part VIII of Chapter 14 of Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 37:1259, relative long-term care; to provide for a definition; to define long-term care pharmacy; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Part VIII of Chapter 14 of Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 37:1259, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

PART VIII. LONG-TERM CARE PHARMACY

§1259. Long-term care pharmacy

For purposes of this Part, “long-term care pharmacy” means a pharmacy that serves residents of a long-term care facility, as defined in the Older Americans Act, 42 U.S.C. 3002(35), and has a national provider identifier associated with taxonomy code 3336L0003X, or any equivalent or successor classification recognized by federal healthcare authorities.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

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Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 558

HOUSE BILL NO. 609

BY REPRESENTATIVES CHASSION, ADAMS, BAYHAM, BEAULLIEU,
BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOYD, BRYANT, BUTLER, CARVER,
CHENEVERT, CREWS, ECHOLS, GREEN, HILFERTY, HORTON,

MIKE JOHNSON, JORDAN, KNOX, LAFLEUR, LARVADAIN, LYONS,
MARCELLE, MARTINEZ, MILLER, MOORE, MURRAY, NEWELL, OWEN,
PHELPS, SAWYER, SCHLEGEL, TAYLOR, WALTERS, WILEY, AND
WYBLE
AN ACT

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 40:1165.1(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
§1165.1. Healthcare information; records

D.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the contrary, no healthcare provider, healthcare facility, or custodian of healthcare information shall charge any fee for the preparation, reproduction, handling, or transmission of medical records when such records are requested by or on behalf of a veteran for the sole purpose of submitting a claim for disability benefits administered by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs.

(2) For purposes of this Subsection, “veteran” has the same meaning as provided in R.S. 13:5364.

(3) The exemption provided in this Subsection shall apply only once per veteran and shall not apply to any subsequent request for medical records regardless of purpose.(4) A healthcare provider or custodian may require reasonable documentation establishing veteran status and that the request is made in connection with a disability benefits claim prior to applying the exemption.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

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Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 559

HOUSE BILL NO. 639
BY REPRESENTATIVES BAYHAM AND MANDIE LANDRY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:1463.1(D) and (E) and R.S. 42:1132(D) and to enact R.S. 18:1463.1(F), (G), and (H), relative to required disclosures in telephone campaign communications; to provide for disclosures related to the use of artificial intelligence; to provide for the administration and enforcement of the regulation of telephone campaign communications by the Board of Ethics; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 18:1463.1(D) and (E) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 18:1463.1(F), (G), and (H) are hereby enacted to read as follows:
§1463.1. Telephone campaign communications; disclosure

D. No person shall make or cause to be made any telephone call or automated call provided for in this Section which is created using artificial intelligence, using the voice of a public figure, including an elected official or limited public figure, without providing a clear and understandable disclosure at the beginning of the call that it was created using artificial intelligence.

E. For purposes of this Section, the following terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(1) “Artificial intelligence” shall have the same meaning as provided in R.S. 14:73.14.

(2) “Automated call” includes any call using a prerecorded or artificial voice as part of a calling campaign to deliver information.(2) (3) “Candidate”, “person”, “political committee” or “committee”, “principal campaign committee”, “subsidiary committee”, and “public office” shall have the meanings provided in R.S. 18:1483.

(3) (4) “Elected public official” means an individual who holds public office in this state or any other state in the United States or holds any federal office.

(5) “Limited public figure” means a person who is not a household name but has found themselves in the forefront of a public controversy.

(6) “Message testing” means studying for research purposes how individuals react to positive or negative information on a candidate, elected public official, or ballot proposition.

(7) “Public figure” means a person who is intimately involved in the resolution of important public questions, or by reason of his fame shapes events in areas of concern to society, a famous person, or person of prominence who performs services at discrete events, such as speeches, public appearances, or similar events, for compensation on a per-event basis.

F. The provisions of this Section shall not impose liability on any of the following entities as a result of content provided by another person:

(1) An interactive computer service as defined in 47 U.S.C. 230.

(2) An internet service provider, cloud provider, cybersecurity provider, or any provider of an information service as defined by 47 U.S.C. 153(24) or a telecommunications service as defined by 47 U.S.C. 153(53).

(3) A radio or television broadcaster, including a cable or satellite television operator, programmer, or producer.

E. G. Whoever violates any provision of this Section may be punished by

a civil fine not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars. Upon a second or subsequent violation, the penalty shall be a civil fine not to exceed five thousand dollars.

H. The Board of Ethics shall administer and enforce the provisions of this Section.

Section 2. R.S. 42:1132(D) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1132. Board of Ethics

D. Additional Jurisdiction. The Board of Ethics shall administer and enforce the provisions of R.S. 18:1463.1, R.S. 27:63, 96, 226, 261, 316, and 373, and 442. Part III of Chapter 1 of Title 24 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Part IV of Chapter 1 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Chapter 46 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, and R.S. 47:9072.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 560

HOUSE BILL NO. 663
BY REPRESENTATIVE TRAVIS JOHNSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 3:342(A)(introductory paragraph) and (10) through (24) and (B)(2) and to repeal R.S. 3:342(A)(2), (25), and (26), relative to the Delta Economic Research and Sustainability District; to modify the membership of the board of commissioners of the district; to direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to alphabetize and renumber certain definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 3:342(A)(introductory paragraph) and (10) through (24) and (B)(2) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§342. Board of commissioners; members; officers; personal immunity

A. The district shall be governed by a board of commissioners, referred to in this Part as the “board”, consisting of ~~twenty-six~~ twenty-three members as follows:

- ~~(10) The president of the Louisiana State University System or his designee.~~
- ~~(11) The president of Grambling State University or his designee.~~
- ~~(12) The state representative for House District 19 or his designee.~~
- ~~(13) The state representative for House District 21 or his designee.~~
- ~~(14) The state senator for Senate District 32 or his designee.~~
- ~~(15) The state senator for Senate District 34 or his designee.~~
- ~~(16) The mayor of the city of Tallulah or his designee.~~
- ~~(17) The mayor of the town of Lake Providence or his designee.~~
- ~~(18) The mayor of the town of Newellton or his designee.~~
- ~~(19) The mayor of the town of St. Joseph or his designee.~~
- ~~(20) The mayor of the town of Waterproof or his designee.~~
- ~~(21) The mayor of the town of Clayton or his designee.~~
- ~~(22) The mayor of the town of Ferriday or his designee.~~
- ~~(23) The mayor of the town of Vidalia or his designee.~~
- ~~(24) The secretary of Louisiana Economic Development or his designee as an ex officio nonvoting member.~~
- ~~(25) The executive director of the Louisiana State University Center for Energy Studies or his designee as an ex officio nonvoting member.~~

(2) The presidents of Louisiana Tech University, University of Louisiana at Monroe, Southern University System, Louisiana State University System, and Grambling State University and the chair of the Louisiana Public Transit Association shall serve as ex officio members without voting rights.

Section 2. R.S. 3:342(A)(2), (25), and (26) are hereby repealed in their entirety.
Section 3. The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby authorized and directed to alphabetize and renumber the definitions contained in R.S. 3:342(A) and to correct any cross-references to the renumbered paragraphs if necessary, consistent with the provisions of this Act.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 561

HOUSE BILL NO. 664
BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:1243(A)(1) and (2) and (B)(1), relative to maximum penalties imposed for violations of parish ordinances; to increase the maximum fine for such violations; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1 R.S. 33:1243(A)(1) and (2) and (B)(1) are hereby amended and

reenacted to read as follows:
§1243. Maximum penalties
A.(1) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the maximum penalty which may be imposed for violation of any parish ordinance shall be a fine of ~~five hundred one thousand five hundred~~ dollars and imprisonment of thirty days in the parish jail. A maximum of one hundred hours of community service may be imposed for a violation of any parish ordinance in addition to, or in lieu of, any penalty provided for in this Section.
(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection or any other law to the contrary, in the parish of East Baton Rouge, the maximum penalty which may be imposed for violation of any parish ordinance as codified in Title 11 or 13 of the Code of Ordinances for the parish of East Baton Rouge and the city of Baton Rouge shall be a fine of one thousand ~~five hundred~~ dollars and imprisonment of six months in the parish jail. Maximum penalties for violations of ordinances other than those provided for in this Paragraph shall be as established in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.

B.(1) In the parish of Jefferson, except as to properties zoned or used for industrial activities, the maximum penalty which may be imposed for violation of any parish ordinance shall be a fine of one thousand ~~five hundred~~ dollars and imprisonment of six months in the parish jail. Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the contrary, in the parish of Jefferson, properties zoned or used for industrial activities may be subject to penalties for violation of parish ordinances not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars upon the first violation and not to exceed fifty thousand dollars for a second or subsequent violation.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 562

HOUSE BILL NO. 665
BY REPRESENTATIVE MACK
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 56:322.3, relative to hoop nets and seines; to restrict the use of hoop nets and seines in North Pass and Manchac Pass; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 56:322.3 is hereby enacted to read as follows:
§322.3. Hoop nets and seines; restrictions in North Pass and Manchac Pass
A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, dumping or releasing of dead fish from hoop nets or seines is prohibited in North Pass and Pass Manchac from Interstate 55 to Lake Pontchartrain.
B. Tending of hoop nets and seines is restricted to the period of time from thirty minutes before sunrise to thirty minutes after sunset.
C. Violation of any provision of this Section constitutes a class 2-A violation.
Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 563

HOUSE BILL NO. 672
BY REPRESENTATIVES OWEN AND SCHAMERHORN
AN ACT

To enact Part VI of Chapter 3 of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 51:971 through 972, relative to brick manufacturing; to provide legislative findings and purpose; to provide for permissions of Louisiana Economic Development; to provide incentives for brick manufacturing; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. Part VI of Chapter 3 of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 51:971 through 972, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

PART VI. BOLSTERING BRICK MANUFACTURING IN LOUISIANA ACT
§971. Findings; purpose
A. The legislature finds that brick manufacturing has been integral to this state's economy since its earliest days, yet this state currently ranks thirty-third nationally in clay brick production despite possessing substantial clay deposits, favorable natural gas pricing, superior port and rail infrastructure, and an experienced manufacturing workforce. The legislature declares that expanding this industry would create quality manufacturing jobs, increase supply of and demand for locally-sourced building materials, and position this state to capture a greater share of regional and national markets.
B. It is the purpose of this Act to bolster the establishment of brick manufacturing facilities in this state by reducing regulatory barriers, lowering entry costs, and providing targeted support to qualifying enterprises, thereby enabling this state to leverage its natural resources and infrastructure for the benefit of local workers and this state's economic competitiveness.§972. Brick manufacturing; definitions; priority industry; rail and port access

A. Louisiana Economic Development may support the recruitment, retention, and expansion of brick manufacturing facilities in this state within existing statutory authority and subject to the availability of funds.
B. In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, Louisiana Economic Development may develop policies, guidance, or program criteria consistent with existing economic development programs, when appropriate and within existing authority, including but not limited to the following:
(1) Identifying sites that possess characteristics suitable for brick manufacturing operations, such as proximity to clay deposits, for pre-certification.
(2) Establishing specialized workforce development and training initiatives for brick manufacturing.
(3) Developing job creation and hiring initiatives for brick manufacturing enterprises.
(4) Providing clear regulatory pathways for the establishment of brick manufacturing facilities throughout this state.
(5) Coordinating with ports, rail providers, and local governments regarding infrastructure needs associated with brick manufacturing projects.
(6) Other lawful economic development activities consistent with this Part and existing programs.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 564

HOUSE BILL NO. 685
BY REPRESENTATIVE MENA
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 38:2212.11, relative to the procurement of public motor vehicles and rolling stock; to provide for an exception to the Louisiana Uniform Bid requirement; to authorize the utilization of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act in the procurement process; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 38:2212.11 is hereby enacted to read as follows:
§2212.11. Procurement of public motor vehicles; rolling stock and related equipment procurement; Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act
A. The Louisiana legislature finds that the procurement of public motor vehicles and rolling stock is an unnecessarily lengthy process. Current federal law, the Fixing American's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), provides for long-term funding certainty for surface transportation infrastructure planning and investment and reestablished a Bus Discretionary Program to allow states to apply for project-specific funding through cooperative purchases. In utilizing the FAST Act, it has allowed for many state and local governments to streamline critical transportation projects. At this time, Louisiana entities are barred from utilizing the FAST Act based on the required use of the Louisiana Uniform Bid Form within R.S. 38:2212.B. In addition to the procurement methods available to all political subdivisions, the state of Louisiana and any local municipality, parish, or other subdivision of the state may procure public motor vehicles and rolling stock and related equipment using the methods approved by and in compliance with Section 3019 of the Public Law 114-94 (the FAST Act).
Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 565

HOUSE BILL NO. 717
BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHAMERHORN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 3:4744(Section heading) and (A), relative to the labeling of cell cultured food products; to require cell cultured food products contain a disclosure identifying the product in a clear and conspicuous manner; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 3:4744(Section heading) and (A) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
§4744. Applicability; prohibited activities; labeling
A.(1) The provisions of this Part shall apply only to a person that places a label on a food product as defined in R.S. 3:4743.
(2) Any cell cultured food product shall bear a clear and conspicuous disclosure identifying the product in a bold typed print of not less than thirty-point font.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 566

HOUSE BILL NO. 746
BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:387(A), relative to statewide uniform permits for oversized vehicles; to remove the requirement that a vehicle obtain a special permit from an agency or department or political subdivision other than the Department of Transportation and Development; to provide for a one year moratorium on the issuance of any local permits for oversized vehicles; to provide exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:387(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
§387. Special permits

A.(1) No vehicle or combination of vehicles that does not meet the requirements of R.S. 32:380 through 386 shall use the public highways of this state without first obtaining a special permit from the department ~~in addition to any other special permit which may be required from any other agency or department of the state or a political subdivision~~, and the special permit ~~herein~~ provided for in this Section shall be issued at the discretion of the secretary. If a permit issued pursuant to Subsection B of this Section authorizes a vehicle to operate on interstate highways, the secretary may allow the vehicle to operate on interstate highways at night if requested by the owner or operator.

(2) The provisions of this Subsection shall not apply to the parishes of Bossier and Caddo.

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Section 2. A moratorium is hereby established, for a period of one year from the effective date of this Act, on the enactment or adoption of any ordinance, rule, or regulation that creates or modifies permit requirements for oversized vehicles. During this moratorium, political subdivisions may continue to issue permits under existing requirements but shall not adopt or implement any new or revised permit requirements for oversized vehicles.

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 29, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 567

HOUSE BILL NO. 779
BY REPRESENTATIVES FREEMAN AND CHASSION
AN ACT

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 40:1121.6(A), (B), and (C)(introductory paragraph) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 40:1121.6(F) and (G) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1121.6. Expedited partner therapy

A. The purpose of this Section is to allow for the provision of medications or prescriptions by any physician licensed to practice medicine in this state or any advanced practice registered nurse who is licensed to practice nursing in this state, or any physician assistant, who is licensed to practice in this state, provided such physician or nurse or physician assistant has the authority to write prescriptions in this state, to individuals who may have been exposed to ~~gonorrhea or chlamydia~~ gonorrhea, chlamydia, trichomoniasis, or other sexually associated infection, as determined by the Louisiana Department of Health. Expedited partner therapy is hereby authorized absent a doctor-patient relationship and absent clinical assessment.

B. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, any physician or any advanced practice registered nurse who diagnoses or does a nurse clinical assessment or any physician assistant who performs an examination of a case of ~~chlamydia or gonorrhea~~ gonorrhea, chlamydia, trichomoniasis, or other sexually associated infection, as determined by the Louisiana Department of Health in an individual patient may prescribe, furnish, or otherwise provide prescription antibiotic drugs to that patient's sexual partner or partners absent a doctor-patient relationship or absent an advanced practice registered nurse-patient relationship and without examination or nurse clinical assessment or physician assistant examination of that patient's sexual partner or partners.

C. If expedited partner therapy is chosen as an alternative, the patient with a case of ~~chlamydia or gonorrhea~~ gonorrhea, chlamydia, trichomoniasis, or other sexually associated infection, as determined by the Louisiana Department of Health will be given a written document that he agrees to give to his sexual contact. The document will contain, but will not be limited to,

the following information:

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F. A physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant who reasonably and in good faith renders expedited partner therapy in accordance with this Section and a pharmacist who reasonably and in good faith dispenses drugs in accordance with this Section shall not be subject to civil or criminal liability or be deemed to have engaged in unprofessional conduct.

G. The Louisiana Department of Health shall create a list of sexually associated infections that are eligible for expedited partner therapy.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 568

HOUSE BILL NO. 781
BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIQUE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:508(A)(2) and to enact R.S. 47:508.1, relative to fleet vehicle registration and license plates; to provide for the establishment of a fleet vehicle program administered by the Department of Public Safety, office of motor vehicles; to provide for leasing and rental company authorization to participate as registered fleet owners; to provide for registration cycles, proration, and biennial options; to provide for fleet license plate inventory controls; to provide for records; electronic data exchange, and audits; to provide for fees and taxes; to provide for rule promulgation; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 47:508(A)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 47:508.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§508. Registration; commercial vehicles; fleet cycles; exemption

A.

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(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, every registration of an automobile or truck to be used as a commercial rental or leased vehicle shall expire one year from the date of issuance and shall be renewed annually thereafter. However, vehicles registered under the fleet registration program established in R.S. 47:508.1 may be enrolled under an annual or biennial fleet cycle administered by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, with proration for partial annual additions as provided in R.S. 47:508.1.

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§508.1. Fleet vehicle registration program; procedures; fleet license plates; audits

A. When used in this Section, the following terms shall have the following respective meanings:

(1) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles.

(2) "Fleet" means a group of motor vehicles owned or leased and titled in the name of a single registered fleet owner, consisting of two hundred fifty or more vehicles required to be registered under this Chapter.

(3) "Registered fleet owner" means an entity approved by the office of motor vehicles under this Section to register vehicles as a fleet. The term includes a leasing or rental company as defined in R.S. 22:1762.

B. Notwithstanding R.S. 47:501 and the renewal periods provided in R.S. 47:508, the commissioner shall establish a system for the registration of all fleet vehicles owned or purchased by a registered fleet owner pursuant to this Section. The commissioner shall establish forms and procedures for initial fleet registration and for periodic updates.

C.(1) Any owner of two hundred fifty or more motor vehicles required to be registered under this Chapter may apply to be a registered fleet owner. Upon approval, the commissioner shall issue a unique fleet identification number to the registered fleet owner.

(2) The commissioner may deny, suspend, or revoke fleet status for noncompliance with this Section, including failure to maintain security, failure to remit fees or taxes, the misuse of plates, failure to provide records, or any other rules adopted by the commissioner pursuant to this Section.

D.(1) A registered fleet owner may elect to register its fleet on an annual or biennial basis in lieu of the standard cycles under R.S. 47:508.

(2) When biennial registration is sought for vehicles added mid-cycle, an additional full annual fee shall be added to the partial annual prorated fee.

E. Vehicles subject to Louisiana safety inspection requirements shall comply prior to issuance or renewal as applicable. For rental or leased fleet vehicles, a valid brake tag or inspection certification shall remain effective for the duration of the rental or lease term. Reinspection or issuance of a new inspection sticker shall not be required during that period. The director may authorize electronic proof of inspection in fleet application.

F.(1) A registered fleet owner shall maintain proof of financial responsibility meeting the Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Law, R.S. 32:851 et seq.

(2) For rental companies, allocation of primary and secondary coverage shall be as provided in R.S. 22:1296, and the definitions applicable to motor vehicle rental insurers shall be as provided in R.S. 22:1762.

G.(1) The commissioner may issue a unique fleet license plate or validation registration indicator for vehicles in a registered fleet. The registration plates may be transferred among vehicles within the fleet subject to reporting and audit controls.

(2) Unassigned plate inventory shall be secured and reconciled in accordance with the rules adopted by the commissioner.

H. Automobiles, vans, and sport utility vehicles used as commercial rental or daily leased vehicles shall be issued plates in accordance with the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, policies or rules governing commercial plate classifications, including any successor classifications.

I.(1) The commissioner shall provide technical specifications for secure electronic data exchange to support daily or periodic fleet registration updates, title submissions, and plate transfers.

(2) A registered fleet owner shall retain records for at least five years and maintain the records for audit.

J. All license taxes and registration fees shall be computed under this Chapter, including R.S. 47:508, and applicable plate-class schedules. The commissioner may authorize consolidated monthly remittance and reconciliation of fees and taxes for registered fleet owners.

K. The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, may adopt rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to implement this Section and shall coordinate with the division of administration, the Department of Revenue, and the Louisiana Public Service Commission with respect to regulated carriers, as applicable.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2028, or when the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, electronic vehicle and registration system is updated to comply with the statutory provisions contained in this Act, whichever occurs first.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 569

HOUSE BILL NO. 786
BY REPRESENTATIVE EGAN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:460.75(C) through (E) and to enact R.S. 46:460.75(F), relative to the state medical assistance program; to provide for provider claim payments; to provide for definitions; to prohibit the use of extrapolation; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 46:460.75 (C) through (E) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 46:460.75(F) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§460.75. Provider claim payment and information protection

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C.(1) For the purposes of this Section, “extrapolation” means a mathematical process or technique used by a managed care organization in the audit of a healthcare provider to estimate audit results or findings for a larger batch or group of claims not reviewed by the managed care organization.

(2) A managed care organization shall be strictly prohibited from using extrapolation to complete an audit of a healthcare provider. Any additional payment due to a healthcare provider or any refund or recoupment due to the managed care organization shall be based on the actual overpayment or underpayment and shall not be based on extrapolation.

(3) Nothing in this Subsection shall be interpreted or construed to prevent or otherwise prohibit the department or the Louisiana Department of Justice of using extrapolation to complete an audit of a healthcare provider pursuant to existing state and federal law and regulation.
C. D. The provisions of this Section shall not be waived by contract, and any contractual clause in conflict with the provisions of this Section or that purports to waive any requirements of this Section is void.

~~D. E.~~ If the managed care organization, its contracted vendor, or agent violates any provision of this Section, the department shall impose penalties on the managed care organization in accordance with contract provisions or rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, except that penalties shall be imposed without the necessity of the department having to issue any prior notice of corrective action.

~~E. F.~~ As used in this Section, “electronic funds transfer” means an electronic funds transfer through the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, P.L. 104-191, standard automated clearinghouse network.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 570

HOUSE BILL NO. 853
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 51:391, relative to misleading solicitations by nongovernment entities; to provide for what qualifies as a misleading solicitation; to provide for disclosure requirements; to provide for remedies and penalties; to provide for civil damages; to provide for an unfair or deceptive act or practice; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 51:391 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
§391. Solicitations; misleading governmental appearance prohibited; misleading connections to the secretary of state prohibited; disclaimer; penalty

A. A solicitation by a nongovernmental entity, for the purchase of or payment for a product or service, ~~which is in the form of and reasonably could be interpreted or construed as a bill, invoice, or statement of account due, but constitutes, in fact,~~ a solicitation for the order by the addressee of goods or services, or both, ~~shall not contain any material which qualifies as a misleading solicitation if it meets any of the following criteria:~~

(1) Reasonably could be interpreted or construed as ~~falsely~~ implying any ~~Louisiana~~ local, state, or federal government connection, approval, or endorsement through the use of a seal, insignia, or name of a ~~state government~~ agency, department, commission, or program, or a citation to a ~~state statute or federal law.~~(2) Contains any reference to or a citation to a state statute or federal code that misrepresents either the identity of the mailer or the protection or status afforded such matter by the ~~Louisiana state government~~ any government entity.

(3) Reasonably could be construed by a business registered with the secretary of state as implying any connection with the secretary of state or requiring payment or additional action to remain in good standing as a business registered with the secretary of state.

(4) Contains phrases such as “final notice”, “immediate response requested”, “official notification”, or any similar language, unless the individual or entity has an existing business relationship with the solicitee.

(5) Contains an offer for goods and services that results in a subscription service, automatic renewal, or continuous service that is not clearly and conspicuously disclosed within the communication to the consumer.

~~B. In addition to the provisions of Subsection A of this Section, each If considered a misleading solicitation pursuant to Subsection A of this Section, the solicitation will be subject to the following requirements:~~

(1) Each solicitation shall bear on its face, at the beginning, in conspicuous and legible type which is not smaller than fourteen-point font and is in contrast by typography, layout, or color with any other printing on the solicitation, the following disclaimer:

“THIS IS A SOLICITATION FOR THE ORDER OF GOODS OR SERVICES, OR BOTH, AND NOT A BILL, INVOICE, OR STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT DUE. YOU ARE UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO MAKE ANY PAYMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF THIS OFFER UNLESS YOU ACCEPT THIS OFFER. THIS PRODUCT OR SERVICE HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED OR ENDORSED BY ANY ~~LOUISIANA STATE GOVERNMENT AGENCY, AND THIS OFFER IS NOT BEING MADE BY AN AGENCY OF THE LOUISIANA STATE GOVERNMENT.~~”

(2) Each such solicitation shall bear, on the outer envelope, if one exists, in conspicuous and legible type, which is not smaller than fourteen-point black font, the following disclaimer:

“THIS IS NOT A GOVERNMENT ENTITY.”

(3) Each such solicitation that utilizes a subscription, automatic renewal, or continuous service shall include the following disclaimer in conspicuous and legible type which is not smaller than fourteen-point black font:

“THE PAYMENT OR ACCEPTANCE OF THESE GOODS OR SERVICES WILL RESULT IN AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWALS FROM ASSOCIATED BANK ACCOUNTS OR PERIODIC BILLING.”

C. Any misleading solicitation in violation of ~~this Section~~ Subsection B of this Section shall subject the violator to a civil fine of not more than one thousand dollars per violation in each solicitation. ~~The attorney general shall bring proceedings to recover all fines due pursuant to this Section.~~ The remedies and penalties provided in this Section shall be cumulative to all other remedies and penalties provided by law.

D. Whoever violates Subsection B of this Section may be liable to the solicitee for civil damages in the amount of three times his losses, plus reasonable attorney fees and costs pursuant to the Louisiana Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, R.S. 51:1401 et seq.

E. Each violation of this Section constitutes an unfair or deceptive act or practice in trade or commerce for purposes of R.S. 51:1401, et seq., and shall subject the violator to all actions, remedies, and penalties therein.

F. This Section shall not apply to the following:

(1) A bank, trust company, savings and loan association, savings bank, credit union, finance or credit company, or any subsidiary or affiliate of these.

(2) An insurer licensed pursuant to Title 22 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

(3) A licensed motor vehicle dealer as defined in Title 32 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 571

HOUSE BILL NO. 861

BY REPRESENTATIVES MIKE JOHNSON, AMEDEE, BAYHAM,
BEAULLIEU, BOUDREAUX, BUTLER, CARLSON, DICKERSON, EGAN,
FREIBERG, HORTON, OWEN, SCHAMERHORN, AND WYBLE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:782(J)(2)(a) and (b), R.S. 15:574.21(D), R.S. 25:521(A), R.S. 30:521(A)(1), R.S. 41:1501, R.S. 49:214.5.4(G)(8) and 966(B)(3) (b), and R.S. 56:1948.4(B) and to repeal Section 3 of Act No. 323 of the 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature, Section 2 of Act No. 427 of the 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature, R.S. 13:782(J)(1), Chapter 1-A of Title 15 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 15:321 through 324, Chapter 13-A of Title 15 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 15:1441 and 1442, R.S. 17:1875, 3398.2(B) through (E), and 3883(A)(6), Subpart J of Part III of Chapter 4 of Title 22 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 22:1201 through 1220, Chapter 13 of Title 23 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 23:2021 through 2024, Chapter 23-A of Title 25 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 25:1021 through 1027, Part I of Chapter 6 of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 30:401 through 403, R.S. 36:4(B)(18) and (34) and (D)(1), 209(A)(2) and (10) and (D)(1), 508.4, 610(C)(2), and 651(K)(2), R.S. 38:90.2 and 90.5(A), Subpart F-1 of Part II-A of Chapter 1 of Subtitle 1 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 39:99.26 through 99.46, Part XI-A of Chapter 1 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 39:332.1, and Chapter 17-F of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 39:1800.21 through 1800.35, R.S. 40:600.91(A)(28)(b), 1730.28.4, and 1730.28.5(C), R.S. 43:111(A)(9), Part VII of Chapter 2 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 49:220.31 through 220.33, 966(B) (23), and Chapter 19 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 49:1221 through 1223, Chapter 10-A of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 51:1317 through 1319, and Part XIII-A of Chapter 1 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 56:699.21 and 699.22, R.S. 56:1948.4(A)(2), Part III-A of Chapter 9 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 56:1948.11 through 1948.13, Part VII of Chapter 9 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 56:1950.21 through 1950.26, and 1681, relative to boards, commissions, committees, councils, authorities, districts, like entities, and funds related thereto; to provide relative to the functional organization of state government by abolishing certain boards, commissions, committees, councils, authorities, districts, like entities, and funds related thereto; to remove references to, provisions for, and the powers, functions, and duties of the Advisory Commission for Louisiana’s Energy, Environment, and Restoration, Advisory Subcommittee of the Accountability Commission, Byways Commission, Centers of Excellence Financing Corporation, Centers of Excellence Program Advisory Board, Clerks of Court Certification Program Committee, Coastal Protection and Restoration Financing Corporation, ENCORE Louisiana Commission, Energy Code Commission, Equal Pay Commission, Floodplain Evaluation and Management Commission, Louisiana Health Plan, Housing and Transportation Planning and Coordinating Commission, Hunting and Fishing Advisory Education Council, Latino Commission, Louisiana Juvenile Jurisdiction Planning and Implementing Committee, Louisiana Music Trail Commission, Louisiana Quincentenary Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, Process Technology Advisory Board, Rural Water Infrastructure Committee, Louisiana Sentencing Commission, State Buildings and Lands Highest and Best Use Advisory Group, Waste Tire Task Force, and Multimodal Commerce Advisory Commission; and to provide for related matters.Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. The legislature finds that abolishing certain boards, commissions, and other statutorily created entities and funds is in the public interest when such entities are inactive. Pursuant to the recommendations contained in the October 1, 2025, Legislative Auditor Report to the Legislature titled “Boards, Commissions, and Like Entities” and other information, it is the intent of the legislature to abolish, boards, commissions, and other statutorily created entities as provided in this Act.

Advisory Commission for Louisiana’s Energy, Environment, and Restoration
Section 2.(A) R.S. 30:521(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§521. Merger and consolidation of agencies or functions
A. In order to merge and consolidate into one agency, under authority of Section 32 of Article III of the Constitution of 1921, certain executive and administrative offices, boards, commissions and agencies of the state of Louisiana whose duties and functions are of a similar nature or character, the following named offices, boards, commissions and agencies are merged and consolidated into the Department of Conservation and Energy:

(1) The natural gas committee or commission authorized by R.S. 30:401 et seq.

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(B) Part I of Chapter 6 of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 30:401 through 403, is hereby repealed in its entirety.
Advisory Subcommittee of the Accountability Commission
Section 3. R.S. 17:3883(A)(6) is hereby repealed in its entirety.
Byways Commission
Section 4.(A) R.S. 56:1948.4(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as

follows:
§1948.4. Regional development; legislative committee approval

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B. After approval by the Louisiana Byways Commission, the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, and the Department of Transportation and Development, a proposed byway shall be presented to the House and Senate Committees on Transportation, Highways and Public Works by the recommending agent and shall be approved by a majority of the members of each committee prior to its inclusion in the Louisiana Byway Program.

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(B) R.S. 36:209(D)(1) and R.S. 56:1948.4(A)(2) and Part III-A of Chapter 9 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 56:1948.11 through 1948.13, are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Centers of Excellence Financing Corporation
Section 5. Chapter 17-F of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 39:1800.21 through 1800.35, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Centers of Excellence Program Advisory Board
Section 6. R.S. 17:1875 is hereby repealed in its entirety.
Clerks of Court Certification Program Committee
Section 7.(A) R.S. 13:782(J)(2)(a) and (b) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§782. Compensation of clerks

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(2)(a) ~~Documents showing the successful completion of the certification program shall be submitted to and approved by the certification committee.~~ Upon approval of the application for certification, a person holding the office of clerk of court shall receive the designation of Certified Clerk of Court, (CCC), and notice of the approval shall be forwarded to the legislative auditor ~~by the certification committee.~~

(b) If, on July 1, 1990, a clerk has completed the educational and experience requirements as provided in Subsection I of this Section and the documents showing the successful completion of the program have been submitted to ~~and approved by the certification committee and said approval documented to~~ the legislative auditor, the clerk shall be granted a seven percent increase in compensation to his annual salary as set forth in Subsection A of this Section.

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(B) R.S. 13:782(J)(1) is hereby repealed in its entirety.
Coastal Protection and Restoration Financing Corporation
Section 8.(A) R.S. 49:214.5.4(G)(8) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
§214.5.4. Funding and resource allocation

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G. The money in the Coastal Protection and Restoration Fund is subject to appropriations by the legislature for the purposes of integrated coastal protection. The money in the fund may be used only for those projects and programs which are consistent with the statement of intent, R.S. 49:214.1, and the annual plan as it pertains to the integrated coastal protection and may include but not be limited to the following purposes:

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(8) The administration and operation of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board, ~~and the Governor’s Advisory Commission on Coastal Protection, Restoration, and Conservation, and the Coastal Protection and Restoration Financing Corporation.~~

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(B) Subpart F-1 of Part II-A of Chapter 1 of Subtitle I of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 39:99.26 through 99.46, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

ENCORE Louisiana Commission
Section. 9. R.S. 36:4(D)(1), R.S. 43:111(A)(9), and Chapter 10-A of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 51:1317 through 1319, are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Energy Code Commission
Section 10. R.S. 40:1730.28.4 and 1730.28.5(C) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Equal Pay Commission
Section 11. Chapter 13 of Title 23 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 23:2021 through 2024, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Floodplain Evaluation and Management Commission
Section 12. R.S. 38:90.2 and 90.5(A) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Louisiana Health Plan
Section 13. Subpart J of Part III of Chapter 4 of Title 22 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 22:1201 through 1220, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Housing and Transportation Planning and Coordinating Commission
Section 14. R.S. 40:600.91(A)(28)(b) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Hunting and Fishing Advisory Education Council
Section 15. R.S. 36:610(C)(2) and Part XIII-A of Chapter 1 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 56:699.21 and 699.22, are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Latino Commission
Section 16. R.S. 36:4(B)(34) and Chapter 19 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 49:1221 through 1223, are hereby

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repealed in their entirety.

Louisiana Juvenile Jurisdiction Planning Implementation Committee

Section 17. Chapter 13-A of Title 15 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 15:1441 and 1442, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Louisiana Music Trail Commission

Section 18. R.S. 36:209(A)(10) and Part VII of Chapter 9 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 56:1950.21 through 1950.26, are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Louisiana Quincentenary Commission

Section 19. Chapter 23-A of Title 25 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 25:1021 through 1027, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Section 20.(A) R.S. 25:521(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§521. Board; appointment; terms; meetings

A. The Louisiana Commission on Cultural Resources shall hereafter be designated as the Louisiana Historical Preservation and Cultural Commission. It shall be composed of fourteen members selected from the following sources: one member each to be designated by the respective presidents thereof from Louisiana State University, Louisiana Tech University, Tulane University, Southern University and ~~University of Southwestern Louisiana~~ the University of Louisiana at Lafayette; one member each designated by the Louisiana Architects Association, Louisiana Landmarks Society, Louisiana Historical Association, Foundation for Historical Louisiana and the Louisiana Geneological and Historical Society; and one member each, serving ex officio, from ~~State Archives and Records Commission~~ the Department of State, State Parks and Recreation Commission, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Louisiana State Museum, and State Tourist Development Commission.

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(B) R.S. 41:1501 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1501. Lease of lakes, bays and coves

The register of the State Land Office, with the concurrence and approval of the governor, is hereby authorized and empowered to lease on behalf of the state any portion or part of any meandered state-owned lake, bay, cove or the bed and bottom thereof or state-owned lands reclaimed therefrom to any governing authority of a parish or municipality or any combination thereof, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, ~~the State Parks and Recreation Commission~~, the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, and the Louisiana State Department of Highways for use primarily for public recreational purposes; provided, however, that said leases may only be entered into with the aforementioned municipal and parish governing authorities or any combination thereof, when the geographical territory encompassed by said governing authorities is directly adjacent to the lake, bay, cove or any part thereof or the bed and bottom thereof or lands reclaimed therefrom. In the case of leases to ~~the State Parks and Recreation Commission~~, the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, the State Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and/or the State Department of Highways, said leases may be granted on a statewide basis subject to all conditions and requirements as provided for under the provisions of this Chapter. Subject to the approval of the register of the State Land Office, and with the concurrence of the attorney general, the political body who has been granted a lease under the provisions of this Chapter may place improvements in and on the leased property, and after obtaining approval of the register may assign or sublease such lease; provided, however, that any political body subleasing or assigning its lease as herein authorized shall supervise its sublessee or assign to insure that the terms and conditions of the original lease are observed, and provided, further, such assignment or sublease shall be only to the highest responsible bidder after advertisement in accordance with R.S. 41:1213 through 1215.1.

Any lease made by the register of the State Land Office pursuant to the provisions of this chapter shall be on behalf of the state of Louisiana except that, as to any lake, bay, cove and the bed and bottom thereof and land reclaimed therefrom, or part thereof, not under the jurisdiction and control of the state of Louisiana, the lease shall be made on behalf of the political body or entity having such jurisdiction and control and only at its request.

(C) R.S. 49:966(B)(3)(b) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§966. Review of agency rules; fees

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(b) The office of state parks ~~and the State Parks and Recreation Commission~~ shall submit the report to the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources.

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(D) R.S. 36:209(A)(2) and R.S. 56:1681 are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Process Technology Advisory Board

Section 21. R.S. 17:3398.2(B), (C), (D), and (E) and R.S. 36:651(K)(2) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Rural Water Infrastructure Committee

Section 22. R.S. 36:4(B)(18) and Part VII of Chapter 2 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 49:220.31 through 220.33, are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Louisiana Sentencing Commission

Section 23.(A) R.S. 15:574.21(D) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§574.21. Parole risk assessment pilot program; statistical system; agency cooperation; rules promulgation

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D. Contingent upon the availability of funding, the Department of Public Safety and Corrections and the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Criminal Justice shall provide the necessary resources, including clerical and administrative personnel, required by the committee on parole to establish, implement and evaluate the risk assessment pilot program. Specifically, the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Criminal Justice, ~~the Louisiana Sentencing Commission~~, and the Louisiana Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information shall provide technical assistance to the committee on parole, and shall make available all facts, records, information, data and data processing assistance required by the committee.

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(B) Chapter 1-A of Title 15 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 15:321 through 324, and R.S. 49:966(B)(23) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

State Buildings and Lands Highest and Best Use Advisory Group

Section 24. Part XI-A of Chapter 1 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 39:332.1, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Waste Tire Task Force

Section 25. Section 3 of Act No. 323 of the 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature and Section 2 of Act No. 427 of the 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Section 26. R.S. 36:508.4 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 572

2026 Regular Session
HOUSE BILL NO. 915
BY REPRESENTATIVE DICKERSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:460.74, relative to the state medical assistance program; to provide a utilization management process; to provide established time frames for managed care organizations to make determinations; to provide guidelines for a managed care organization's failure to make a determination; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 46:460.74 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§460.74. ~~Prior authorization~~ Utilization management; time periods; criteria; notice to providers

A managed care organization shall maintain written procedures for making utilization review determinations and for notifying enrollees and providers acting on behalf of enrollees of its determination and shall make a utilization review determination as expeditiously as the enrollee's health condition requires, but in all cases no later than the time periods set forth in this Section.

~~A.~~ B. The prior authorization requirements of the department and each managed care organization, including prior authorization requirements applicable in the Medicaid pharmacy program, shall either be furnished to the healthcare provider within twenty-four hours of a request for the requirements or posted in an easily searchable format on the website of the respective managed care organization or the department. Information posted in accordance with the requirements of this Section shall include the date of last review. ~~B.~~ C. If the department or a managed care organization denies a prior authorization request, then the department or managed care organization shall provide written notice of the denial to the provider requesting the prior authorization within ~~three~~ two business days of making the decision. If the denial of the prior authorization by the department or managed care organization is based upon an interpretation of a law, regulation, policy, procedure, or medical criteria or guideline, then the notice shall contain either instructions for accessing the applicable law, regulation, policy, procedure, or medical criteria or guideline in the public domain or an actual copy of that law, regulation, policy, procedure, or medical criteria or guideline.

D.(1) A managed care organization shall make all standard service authorization determinations within seven calendar days of obtaining appropriate clinical documentation that may be required regarding a proposed procedure or service requiring a review determination with the following exceptions:

(a) A managed care organization shall make all inpatient hospital service authorizations within two calendar days of obtaining appropriate clinical documentation.

(b) A managed care organization shall make all concurrent review determinations within one calendar day of obtaining the appropriate clinical documentation.

(c) A managed care organization shall make all Community Psychiatric

Support and Treatment services and Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services authorizations within seven calendar days of obtaining appropriate clinical documentation.

(d) A managed care organization shall make all determinations for any behavioral health crisis services that require prior authorization as expeditiously as the enrollee's condition requires, but no later than one calendar day after obtaining appropriate clinical documentation.

(2) The standard service authorization determination may be extended up to an additional seven calendar days if either of the following conditions are met:

- (a) The enrollee or the health care provider requests an extension.
- (b) The managed care organization justifies to the Louisiana Department of Health, upon request, a need for additional information and how the extension is in the enrollee's best interest.

E.(1) In the event a healthcare provider indicates or the managed care organization determines that following the standard service authorization timeframe could seriously jeopardize the enrollee's life; health; or ability to attain, maintain, or regain maximum function, the managed care organization shall make an expedited authorization determination and provide notice as expeditiously as the enrollee's health condition requires, but no later than seventy-two hours after receipt of the request for service.

(2) The expedited authorization determination may be extended up to an additional seven calendar days if either of the following conditions are met:

- (a) The enrollee or the health care provider requests an extension.
- (b) The managed care organization obtains approval for an extension from the Louisiana Department of Health that is based upon a need for additional clinical documentation and the extension is in the enrollee's best interest.

F. The managed care organization shall make retrospective review determinations within thirty calendar days of obtaining the results of any appropriate clinical documentation that may be required.

G. The managed care organization shall not subsequently retract its authorization after services have been provided or reduce payment for an item or service furnished in reliance upon previous service authorization approval, unless the approval was based upon a material omission or misrepresentation about the enrollee's health condition made by the provider.

H. If a managed care organization fails to make a determination within the time frames set forth in this Section the managed care organization shall be prohibited from denying the claim based upon a lack of prior authorization.

I.(1) For purposes of this Section, "appropriate clinical documentation" includes the results of any face-to-face clinical evaluation or second opinion that may be required. If the request for utilization review from the participating provider or facility does not include all the necessary information required by the health insurance issuer then the health insurance issuer shall have one calendar day to inform the provider or facility what additional information is necessary to make the determination and shall allow a provider or facility no less than two business days to provide the necessary information to the health insurance issuer. In cases where the provider or an enrollee will not release necessary information the health insurance issuer may deny certification of an admission, procedure, or service.

(2) When conducting a utilization review determination, a managed care organization shall:

- (a) Accept any evidence-based information from a provider or facility that will assist in the authorization process.
- (b) Collect only the information necessary to authorize the service and maintain a process for the provider or facility to submit such records.
- (c) If medical records are requested, require only the portion of the medical record necessary in that specific case to determine medical necessity or appropriateness of the service to be delivered; to include admission or extension of stay and frequency or duration of service.
- (d) Base utilization review determinations on the medical information in the enrollee's records and obtained by the managed care organization up to the time of the review determination.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 573

HOUSE BILL NO. 930
BY REPRESENTATIVE COATES
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:627(A) and to enact R.S. 40:624.1 and 628(E), relative to cosmetic products; to create an exception to regulation for cottage cosmetic facilities; to provide for a gross wholesale sales limit; to provide for the removal of the registration requirement of cosmetic products; to create an exception to certain fees; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 40:627(A) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 40:624.1 and 628(E) are hereby enacted to read as follows:
§624.1. Cottage cosmetic facilities
A.(1) A cottage cosmetic facility shall not be required to obtain a permit in accordance with R.S. 40:628.
(2) A cottage cosmetic facility shall not be subject to any fees or charges

imposed pursuant to R.S. 40:628.

(3) A cottage cosmetic facility shall not be subject to routine or periodic inspection by the department.

(4) A cottage cosmetic facility shall register and collect any local sales and use taxes that are applicable to the sale of cosmetics as evidenced by a current sales tax certificate issued to the seller by the sales and use tax collector for the parish in which the sales occur.B. A cottage cosmetic facility is an entity that satisfies all of the following:

- (1) Manufactures, packs, or holds cosmetic products for distribution.
- (2) Is located in a private residence within this state.
- (3) Has a total annual wholesale sales of cosmetic products not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars per calendar year.

C. A cottage cosmetic facility may not be eligible for the exception provided for in this Section if it does any of the following:

- (1) Manufacture any of the following products:
 - (a) A cosmetic product that regularly comes into contact with the mucus membrane of the eye under conditions that are customary or usual.
 - (b) Cosmetic products that are injected.
 - (c) Cosmetic products that are intended for internal use.
 - (d) Cosmetic products that are intended to alter appearance for more than twenty-four hours under conditions that are customary or usual and removal by the consumer is not part of such conditions of use that are customary and usual.
- (2) Manufacture any product that makes claims to diagnose, cure, mitigate, treat, or prevent disease, or that affects the structure or function of the human body with meaning provided by federal law.

D. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to exempt any cottage cosmetic facility or responsible person from compliance with the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, including the Modernization of Cosmetics Regulation Act of 2022, and any regulations promulgated thereafter.

E. Facilities that sell cosmetic products directly to consumers shall be regulated in accordance with the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, including the Modernization of Cosmetic Regulation Act of 2022, and are not subject to the facility permitting and inspection requirements of this Chapter. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to exempt a person from applicable state and local sales and use tax laws, including registration requirements.

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§627. Registration of certain products

A. Except as provided in Subsection E of this Section, the department may require all manufacturers, packers, or proprietors of processed foods, proprietary or patent medicines, and prophylactic devices, ~~and cosmetics~~, in package form, to register each separate and distinct product annually with the department and to supply it with a sample of each such product upon request.

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§628. Examination and investigation fee; food and drug control fees

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E. The provisions of this Section do not apply to a cottage cosmetic facility as defined in R.S. 40:624.1.

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. 574

HOUSE BILL NO. 980
BY REPRESENTATIVES ZERINGUE AND THOMPSON
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1666.5(C), relative to the Fireman's Supplemental Pay Board; to provide for membership on the board and qualifications therefore; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 40:1666.5(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
§1666.5. Fireman's Supplemental Pay Board

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C. No person who does not receive state supplemental pay pursuant to R.S. 40:1666.1 shall serve on the board.

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2028; if vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2028, 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. 575

HOUSE BILL NO. 990
BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4887(A), (B)(introductory paragraph), (C), (D), and (E)(1)(introductory paragraph), relative to privileges against multifamily residential properties; to grant parishes, sewerage districts, and waterworks districts a privilege against such properties for certain unpaid service charges or user fees; to provide a time period for a written demand for the payment of such service charges or user fees; to provide relative to procedures for securing a privilege; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 33:4887(A), (B)(introductory paragraph), (C), (D), and (E)(1)(introductory paragraph) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

~~§4887. Municipal powers; demand; sworn detailed statement~~ Parishes, municipalities, sewerage districts, and waterworks districts; privileges; sewer and water service charges or user fees

A. ~~The governing authority of a municipality~~ Parishes, municipalities, sewerage districts, and waterworks districts shall have a privilege against a multifamily residential property for the amount of any unpaid service charge or user fee for sewage disposal or water system services ~~the municipality provides that they provide~~. The privilege shall apply only to multifamily residential property that uses a master meter service agreement in which a single water meter or collection of meters measures the total water or sewage services usage for the entire property or multiple units within a development. For purposes of this Section, multifamily residential property shall mean immovable property consisting of more than four dwelling units occupied by persons other than the owner of the immovable property.

B. When an owner of a multifamily residential property with a master meter service agreement fails to pay the service charge or user fee for the sewage disposal or water system services, a ~~municipal governing authority parish, municipality, sewerage district, or waterworks district~~ seeking to collect the past due amounts owed shall make written demand by any of the following:

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C.(1) The owner shall have thirty days after the written demand to deliver payment for the amount owed to the ~~municipal governing authority parish, municipality, sewerage district, or waterworks district~~.

(2) ~~The municipal governing authority parish, municipality, sewerage district, or waterworks district~~ shall apply any sums paid by the owner following delivery of the written demand to the balance owed.

(3) After expiration of the thirty-day period, the ~~municipal governing authority parish, municipality, sewerage district, or waterworks district~~ may file a sworn detailed statement of privilege in accordance with this Section.

D. Upon the filing of a sworn detailed statement of privilege, the ~~municipal governing authority parish, municipality, sewerage district, or waterworks district~~ shall have a privilege upon the multifamily residential property. The privilege shall secure unpaid service charges, user fees, together with interest thereon at the legal interest rate from the date due.E.(1) The sworn detailed statement of privilege shall be signed and verified by a ~~municipal official an official of the parish, municipality, sewerage district, or waterworks district~~ with knowledge of the unpaid service charges or user fees for sewage disposal or water system services and filed for registry in the mortgage records of the parish where the multifamily residential property is located. The statement of privilege shall include all of the following:

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Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 576

HOUSE BILL NO. 992
BY REPRESENTATIVES FREIBERG, ADAMS, BAYHAM, BERAULT,
BOUDREAUX, CARVER, CHASSION, COX, FISHER, FREEMAN, GREEN,
DANA HENRY, JACKSON, TERRY LANDRY, MARTINEZ, MOORE,
MURRAY, AND TAYLOR
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3914(C)(3), relative to early childhood education; to provide relative to student identification; to require the state Department of Education to assign early childhood education identification numbers to children enrolled in certain programs; to provide for implementation; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:3914(C)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§3914. Student information; privacy; legislative intent; definitions; prohibitions; parental access; penalties

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(3) ~~By not later than May 1, 2015, the~~ The state Department of Education

shall develop a system of unique early childhood education identification numbers and student identification numbers. An identification number shall not include or be based on a social security number. A student shall retain his identification numbers for his tenure in early childhood programs and public elementary and secondary schools in Louisiana. Identification numbers shall be assigned as follows: By not later than August 1, 2015, each

(a)(i) The state Department of Education shall assign an early childhood education identification number to every child participating in a publicly funded program at a prekindergarten program at a school or an early learning center as defined in R.S. 17:407.33.(ii) The state Department of Education may assign a early childhood education identification number to every child participating in a program that does not receive public funds at a prekindergarten program at a school or an early learning center as defined in R.S. 17:407.33 whose parent or legal guardian has agreed to provide the necessary information for assignment of a number.

(b) Each local public school board shall assign such a student identification number to every student enrolled in a public elementary or secondary school, unless the student already has a number assigned to him from his enrollment in an early childhood program. By no later than December 31, 2027, each local public school board shall link each early childhood education identification number assigned by the state Department of Education to the corresponding student's student identification number for the purposes of research and analysis of early childhood programs. Student identification numbers shall not include or be based on social security numbers, and a student shall retain his student identification number for his tenure in Louisiana public elementary and secondary schools.

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Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall be initially implemented no later than August 1, 2027.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 577

HOUSE BILL NO. 1010
BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:1836 and to enact R.S. 47:2058.1, relative to ad valorem taxes; to provide for duties of parish tax assessors and collectors; to require parish tax assessors and collectors to report certain ad valorem tax assessment and collection data to the Louisiana Tax Commission; to require the commission to include the data in certain reports; to provide for reports of the commission to the governor and the legislature; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 47:1836 is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 47:2058.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1836. Studies and reports

A. In addition to the duties prescribed elsewhere in this Title, the tax commission shall examine carefully into all cases where evasion or violation of the laws for assessment and taxation of property is alleged, complained of or discovered, and ascertain wherein existing laws are defective or are improperly or negligently administered.

B. The tax commission shall also investigate the tax systems of other states and countries and formulate and recommend such legislation as may be deemed expedient to prevent evasion of assessment and secure just and equal taxation.C.(1) The tax commission shall transmit to the governor and to each member of the legislature, not less than thirty days before the meeting of the legislature, a ~~communication report~~ setting forth, in an abbreviated, clear and concise form such facts drawn from the tax commission's general report as may be instructive to the members in regard to existing conditions or needed legislation. The report to the governor and members of the legislature shall include, at minimum, all of the following:

(a) The total assessed value of taxable property by parish.
(b) The total amount of ad valorem taxes assessed by parish.
(c) The total amount of ad valorem taxes collected by parish.
(d) A breakdown of the taxes assessed by property classification, including but not limited to residential, commercial, industrial, and public service property.
(e) Ad valorem tax collection amounts by parish in comparison to the total assessed value of property in the parish, expressed as a percentage.

(2) The tax commission may include in the report required by this Subsection any additional data or analysis as it deems necessary to provide a comprehensive understanding of ad valorem tax assessments and collections.

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§2058.1. Report of assessed values and collections data

A.(1) On or before November fifteenth of each year, the assessor of each parish shall provide to the Louisiana Tax Commission a report of the total amount of ad valorem property taxes assessed within the parish for the preceding tax year. The assessor shall itemize the report by property classification and by property listed in accordance with R.S. 47:1957.

(2) On or before November fifteenth of each year, the tax collector of each parish shall provide to the Louisiana Tax Commission a report of the total

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amount of all ad valorem taxes collected for the preceding tax year on all taxable property within the parish.

B. The Louisiana Tax Commission shall include the information received pursuant to this Section in each report issued in accordance with the requirements of R.S. 47:1836.

C. No person or entity shall use information broadcast or collected by automatic dependent surveillance-broadcast systems as a means for calculating, generating, and collecting ad valorem taxes.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 578

HOUSE BILL NO. 1104
BY REPRESENTATIVES DANA HENRY, AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BOYD,
WILFORD CARTER, FISHER, GREEN, JACKSON, JACOB LANDRY,
LARVADAIN, MURRAY, NEWELL, ST. BLANC, TAYLOR, VILLIO, AND
WALTERS
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:406, relative to the manufacture, transfer, or sale of motor vehicle key programming or emulating devices or relay attack devices; to prohibit the manufacture, transfer, or sale of such devices; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 14:406 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§406. Motor vehicle key programming and emulating devices

A. For the purposes of this Section, the following terms have the following meanings:

(1) “Motor vehicle key programming or emulating device” means any device, computer program, application, or software designed or used to electronically communicate with a motor vehicle for the purpose of programming or emulating a motor vehicle key fob that is capable of being used to unlock or start the motor vehicle.

(2) “Relay attack device” means any device, computer program, application, or software designed or used to intercept the signal from the key fob of a motor vehicle to unlock or start the motor vehicle.B.(1) Except as provided in Subsection C of this Section, no person shall knowingly manufacture, sell, offer to sell, or transfer a motor vehicle key programming or emulating device or a relay attack device. No person shall knowingly possess such a device under circumstances indicating an intent to use or permit the use of the device to commit a theft, unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle, or any other criminal offense.

(a) Possession alone of a motor vehicle key programming or emulating device or a relay attack device does not constitute a violation of this Section.

(b) Criminal intent may be inferred from the circumstances, including but not limited to the following:

(i) Possession while attempting to enter a motor vehicle without authorization.

(ii) Possession of multiple such devices without a lawful purpose.

(iii) Possession in conjunction with tools commonly used for vehicle theft.

(2) Whoever violates Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

C. This Section does not apply to the manufacture, sale, offer to sell, transfer, or use of a motor vehicle key programming or emulating device or a relay attack device for a lawful and reasonable purpose by or to a law enforcement officer, an employee of the National Insurance Crime Bureau, or an employee of a licensed dealer, distributor, or manufacturer of motor vehicles or motor vehicle locks, a motor vehicle mechanic shop, locksmith company, or repossession agency.

D.(1) A person authorized to manufacture, sell, offer to sell, transfer, or possess a motor vehicle key programming or emulating device or a relay attack device, or aid or permit another to use a motor vehicle key programming or emulating device or a relay attack device, shall report the loss or theft of such device to a law enforcement agency within the jurisdiction where the device is known or reasonably believed to have been lost or stolen, within forty-eight hours after becoming aware of the loss or theft.

(2) Whoever violates Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 579

HOUSE BILL NO. 1137
BY REPRESENTATIVE CREWS AND SENATORS BASS, EDMONDS,
HODGES, MIGUEZ, MORRIS, AND SEABAUGH
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 23:333, relative to employment discrimination; to prohibit adverse employment actions based on certain constitutionally protected speech; to prohibit compelled speech in the workplace; to provide for the use of certain pronouns or honorifics; to provide for legislative findings and intent; to provide definitions; to provide exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 23:333 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§333. Intentional discrimination based on compelled speech; prohibited; use of pronouns and certain honorifics; definitions; exceptions

A. For the purposes of this Section, the following terms have the meanings ascribed to them:

(1)(a) “Employee” means a person employed by the state, any branch of state government, any state board, commission, or other agency, or any local subdivision of the state for the performance of work, including a full-time, part-time, temporary, or seasonal worker.

(b) “Employee” also includes an applicant for employment.(2) “Employer” means any of the following:

(a) The state of Louisiana and any office, department, agency, board, commission, institution, or instrumentality thereof.

(b) Any political subdivision of the state, including but not limited to any parish or municipality, special district, or other local governmental unit, and any agency, board, commission, or instrumentality thereof.

(3) “Legal name” means a person’s name as evidenced on the person’s original birth certificate issued at or near the time of birth, or otherwise lawfully amended.

(4) “Sex” means a person’s immutable biological sex, either female or male, as may be evidenced on the original birth certificate issued at or near the time of birth that indicates that the person is one of the following:

(a) “Female” which means an individual whose biological reproductive system is developed to produce ova and who has had, will have, or would have, but for a developmental or genetic anomaly or historical accident, the reproductive system that at some point produces, transports, and utilizes eggs for fertilization.

(b) “Male” which means an individual whose biological reproductive system is developed to fertilize the ova of a female who has had, will have, or would have, but for a developmental or genetic anomaly or historical accident, the reproductive system that at some point produces, transports, and utilizes sperm for fertilization.

B.(1) An employer shall not adopt or enforce a policy that requires an employee to state or identify pronouns inconsistent with the employee’s sex.

(2) An employer shall not adopt or enforce a policy that requires an employee to use a name other than the employee’s legal name, or a derivative thereof, in official employment records or communications.

C.(1) An employee shall not be required, as a condition of employment, to address another employee or any other person by a name other than the person’s legal name, or a derivative thereof, or to use pronouns, salutations, titles, or honorifics inconsistent with the other employee’s or person’s sex.

(2) An employee shall not be subject to an adverse employment action for declining or refusing to do any of the following:

(a) Identify the employee’s own pronouns.

(b) Address a person using a name other than the person’s legal name, or a derivative thereof, or by a pronoun, salutation, title, or other honorific inconsistent with the person’s sex.

D. No employee shall be subject to an adverse employment action for using pronouns consistent with a person’s sex.

E. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to prohibit a request from one employee to another employee, or a voluntary agreement among employees regarding forms of addressing a person, if that agreement is not compelled by the employer.

Section 2.(A) The legislature hereby finds and declares all of the following:

(1) The Supreme Court of the United States has held that the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States protects not only the right to speak freely but also the right to refrain from speaking.

(2) Employment practices that compel speech on matters of political, ideological, or religious significance threaten individual liberties and freedom of conscience.

(3) The Supreme Court of the United States has affirmed that the First Amendment prohibits the government from compelling speech by requiring an individual to communicate messages contrary to sincerely held religious beliefs.

(B) Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature to:

(1) Protect employees and applicants from adverse employment actions based on their refusal to engage in compelled speech in violation of the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

(2) Ensure that no employer requires an employee to express, adopt, or affirm a belief or message regarding sex or pronoun usage that conflicts with the employee’s sincerely held beliefs.

(3) Safeguard the constitutional rights of freedom of speech and free exercise of religion in the workplace.

(4) Provide clear statutory protections consistent with the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States and applicable court opinions.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 580

HOUSE BILL NO. 1146
BY REPRESENTATIVE WYBLE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:407.101(C), (E), (F), and (G), to enact R.S. 17:407.101(I) through (M), and to repeal R.S. 17:407.51, relative to early childhood care and education; to provide relative to the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission; to provide for the membership of the commission; to provide for the duties and authority of the commission; to provide for meetings of the commission; to provide relative to the Advisory Council on Early Childhood Care and Education; to repeal the statutory authority for the advisory council; to transfer certain duties and authority of the advisory council to the commission; to require certain reports by the state Department of Education to be provided to the commission instead of the advisory council; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. The Legislature of Louisiana finds that the state's early childhood care and education system has benefitted from both the Advisory Council on Early Childhood Care and Education and the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission and that greater alignment, efficiency, and impact can be achieved by consolidating these entities while preserving their duties, membership, and authority.

Section 2. R.S. 17:407.101(C), (E), (F), and (G) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:407.101(I) through (M) are hereby enacted to read as follows:§407.101. Early Childhood Care and Education Commission

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C.(1) The commission is composed of ~~forty-five~~ members as follows:

~~(a) One representative of a municipality that receives Head Start funding, appointed by the governor.~~

~~(b) (a) One representative of a Head Start program, appointed by the governor.~~

~~(c) (b) One representative of a child advocacy or community organization, appointed by the governor.~~

~~(d) (c) One representative of a disability advocacy organization, appointed by the governor.~~

~~(e) (d) One representative of the governor's office, appointed by the governor.~~

~~(f) (e) One business representative, appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives.~~

~~(g) (f) One local school superintendent, appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives.~~

~~(h) (g) One representative of Type III early learning centers, appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives.~~

~~(i) (h) One representative of a child advocacy or community organization, appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives For Providers, By Providers.~~

~~(j) (i) One parent of a child in a publicly funded child daycare early learning center, Early Head Start Center, Head Start Center, or stand-alone prekindergarten program, appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives.~~

~~(k) (j) Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives.~~

~~(l) (k) One business representative, appointed by the president of the Senate.~~

~~(m) (l) One local school superintendent, appointed by the president of the Senate.~~

~~(n) (m) One representative of Type III early learning centers, appointed by the president of the Senate.~~

~~(o) One representative of a child advocacy or community organization, appointed by the president of the Senate.~~

~~(p) (n) One parent of a child in a publicly funded child daycare early learning center, Early Head Start Center, Head Start Center, or stand-alone prekindergarten program, appointed by the president of the Senate.~~

~~(q) (o) Two members of the Senate, appointed by the president of the Senate.~~

~~(r) (p) Two representatives of high-performing community early childhood care and education networks, appointed by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education upon recommendation of the state superintendent of education.~~

~~(s) (q) One representative of a nonpublic school participating in a publicly funded early childhood care and education program, appointed by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.~~

~~(t) (r) A member appointed by the American Academy of Pediatrics, Louisiana Chapter.~~

~~(u) One person with professional expertise in the operations of a family care center, appointed by the governor. (s) One representative of a family child care provider that is Child Care Assistance Program-certified with academic approval, appointed by the state superintendent of education.~~

~~(v) (t) One early care and education researcher from a public postsecondary education institution, appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives.~~

~~(w) (u) One representative from either a Type I or Type II early learning center, appointed by the president of the Senate.~~

~~(x) (v) One representative of maternal, infant, and early childhood home visitation programs within the Bureau of Family Health, appointed by the~~

secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health.

~~(y) (w) One representative of the Early Steps program within the Bureau of Family Health, appointed by the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health.~~

~~(z) (x) One representative of early childhood programs within the state Department of Education, appointed by the state superintendent of education. (aa) (y) One representative The director of the Louisiana Head Start Collaboration Office, appointed by the state superintendent of education.~~

~~(bb) (z) One representative of the special education programs within the state Department of Education, appointed by the state superintendent of education.~~

~~(cc) (aa) A staff member of the Board of Regents, appointed by the Board of Regents.~~

~~(dd) (bb) The secretary of Louisiana Works, or his designee.~~

~~(ee) (cc) The secretary of Louisiana Economic Development, or his designee.~~

~~(ff) (dd) The secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services, or his designee.~~

~~(gg) (ee) One professional with expertise in the socioemotional development and well-being of children from birth through age four, appointed by the governor.~~

~~(hh) (ff) One early intervention researcher from a Louisiana public postsecondary education institution, appointed by the Board of Regents.~~

~~(ii) (gg) One early childhood education researcher from a Louisiana public postsecondary education institution, appointed by the Board of Regents.~~

~~(jj) (hh) One member of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, appointed by the president of the board.~~

~~(kk) (ii) One early childhood development and education specialist, appointed by the president of the Center for Development Literacy and Learning.~~

~~(ll) (jj) One member of the Louisiana Educational Television Authority, appointed by the chairman of the authority.~~

~~(mm) (kk) One representative of a nongovernmental economic development organization, appointed by the chief executive officer of the Committee of 100 for Economic Development, Inc. Leaders for a Better Louisiana.~~

~~(nn) (ll) One representative of a child advocacy organization, appointed by the chief executive director officer of the Louisiana Policy Institute for Children.~~

~~(oo) (mm) The president and chief executive officer of the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, or his designee.~~

~~(pp) (nn) The executive director One child care provider, appointed by the board of directors of the Child Care Association of Louisiana, or his designee.~~

~~(qq) One representative of a Type III early learning center, selected by the state superintendent of education.~~

~~(rr) One representative of a Type II early learning center, selected by the state superintendent of education.~~

~~(ss) One representative of a Head Start program, which shall be operated by a nonlocal education agency and selected by the state superintendent of education from a list of three persons nominated by the Louisiana Head Start Association.~~

~~(tt) One representative of local education agencies operating publicly funded early childhood programs other than Head Start, selected by the state board.~~

~~(uu) One representative from a child care resource and referral agency, appointed by the state board.~~

~~(vv) One professional or faculty member having child development or early childhood education expertise from a Louisiana postsecondary education institution, selected by the commissioner of higher education.~~

~~(ww) One parent of a child currently enrolled in a publicly funded early learning center or prekindergarten program, selected by the state board.~~

~~(2) The commission shall include nonvoting ex officio members who may advise and contribute to discussions pertaining to early childhood care and education, including but not limited to the following:~~

~~(a) The chairmen of the House Committee on Education, Senate Committee on Education, House Committee on Health and Welfare, and Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, or their designees.~~

~~(b) The director of the Maternal and Child Health Program at the Louisiana Department of Health.~~

~~(c) The director of the Child and Adult Care Food Program at the Department of Education.~~

~~(d) The Louisiana State Fire Marshal, or his designee.~~

~~(e) A representative from the office of sanitarian services at the Louisiana Department of Health.~~

~~(f) A representative from the Louisiana State Police Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information.~~

~~(3) A vacancy in the membership of the commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.~~

~~(3) (4) The chairman of the House Committee on Education and chairman of the Senate Committee on Education, acting jointly, shall select two members to serve as co-chairmen of the commission voting members of the commission shall elect a chair or provide for co-chairs if deemed necessary to provide for effective governance.~~

~~(4) (5) The members of the commission shall serve without compensation, unless otherwise provided by law.~~

~~(5) (6) Members shall serve a term of four years from the date of appointment. However, the term of a member appointed by an elected official shall not extend beyond the term of the appointing authority.~~

E.(1) The commission shall study and make recommendations relative to establishing a statewide vision and framework for the future of early childhood care and education in Louisiana. When conducting analysis and making recommendations relative to a vision and framework, the commission shall do all of the following:

(4) (a) Gather and analyze data relative to the current availability, quality, and cost of early childhood care and education throughout the state for children from birth through age four, determine needs and priorities, and develop a plan focused on family access, affordability, and quality.

(2) (b) Consider research, local coordination currently established in Louisiana including current high-performing community networks, and related work done in other states to determine best practices for the purpose of informing and fostering the continued development of local governing entities that coordinate across programs and providers in order to meet family needs, drive quality improvement, maximize financial resources, and support children from birth through age four and their families.

(3) (c) Determine a sustainable infrastructure to ensure quality programs across providers. Such infrastructures shall include workforce and professional development, monitoring and assessment, coordinated enrollment, and data-informed decisionmaking.

(4) (d) Identify opportunities for collaboration and coordination among and inefficiencies across governance structures of programs and agencies responsible for development of children from birth through age four, including state agencies, local community networks, and publicly funded programs.

(5) (e) Define a timeframe for achieving the vision and determine benchmarks for the intervening years.

(6) (f) Determine the amount of funding needed to achieve affordable access to quality care and education for all children from birth through age four and recommend policies that prioritize the allocation of future funding.

(7) (g) Gather and analyze data, laws, and policy in Louisiana and other states where children are in the care of family child care providers and consider and make recommendations relative to the incorporation of such providers into the early childhood care and education network.

F. (2) Not later than ninety days following the end of each fiscal year, the commission shall provide a report of its findings and recommendations and the status of the implementation of its recommendations to the governor, the members of the legislature, the state superintendent of education, and the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. The report shall include without limitation policy recommendations of the commission, the status of the implementation of its recommendations, and findings of the commission concerning system performance and progress toward statewide goals.

G. F(1) The commission shall provide input and guidance to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state Department of Education 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.

(2) Prior to its submission to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, the state Department of Education shall consult and provide a draft of the state plan for the Child Care and Development Fund and its budget, and any amendments to the state plan including budget revisions, and provide an opportunity for the commission to make recommendations. Recommendations made by the commission shall be reported to the state board.

(3) Prior to consideration by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education of any rule or standard related to 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, or the Child Care Assistance Program, the state Department of Education shall consult with and provide a draft of the proposed rules to the commission and provide an opportunity for the commission to make recommendations. Recommendations made by the commission shall be reported to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education prior to their adoption. The provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to the adoption of emergency rules. However, the state Department of Education shall notify the commission of any meetings of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education at which emergency rules pertaining to matters described in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection will be considered. Such notification shall be given at the same time that public notice of the meeting is given and shall include a draft of the proposed emergency rule.

G.(1) The commission shall meet at least two times per year quarterly, with the meetings to be called by the chair or the state superintendent as needed. At each meeting, the state Department of Education shall provide updates on how the commission's recommendations are being implemented. The commission shall make any further recommendations it deems necessary to advance the vision and goals established pursuant to Subsection E of this Section.

(2) Members of the commission may attend and participate in a meeting via electronic means in accordance with R.S. 42:17.2.

I. The commission may establish such work groups as the commission deems necessary and appropriate to carry out its duties and responsibilities.

including work groups focusing on matters that include but are not limited to an early childhood education funding formula, early childhood education workforce stability, early childhood education regulatory implementation, and an early childhood education statewide vision and framework. Work groups shall meet at least twice per year, and members of work groups may attend and participate in a meeting via electronic means in accordance with R.S. 42:17.2.

J. The state Department of Education shall provide quarterly reports to the commission on the implementation and progress, activities, and status of the Early Childhood Care and Education Network.

K. The state Department of Education shall provide the commission with reports not less than annually of the following information, provided that data is available, pursuant to a schedule agreed upon by the chair and the state superintendent of education:

(1) A description of each publicly funded early care and education program, including the eligibility criteria, the program requirements, average number of hours and days of the program, and the amount of total funding and source of funding for each program. The description shall also include a specific description of the fee structure for the Child Care Assistance Program.

(2) The number of children served in each publicly funded early childhood care and education program in Louisiana, broken down by the age of the child and amount of public funding per child per program.

(3) The number of early learning centers by each licensing type and at each quality level as determined by the accountability system then in place, and the number of children served at each age in each type at each quality level.

(4) A description of the training and support provided to each program and the amount of funding for this by program and source of funds.

(5) A description of unmet family demand for early care and education in Louisiana.

(6) A description of the goals for the upcoming fiscal year for early care and education in Louisiana, including outcome indicators that will be used to measure progress, and a description of the progress made in achieving the previous year's goals.

(7) A description and results of any evaluations of the early care and education programs in the state.

(8) A description of the early care and education workforce, including an analysis of the status of the current early care and education workforce, including demographics, certifications and education levels, participation and level on any professional development ladder, and the participation in any teacher tax credits.

The description shall also include information about salaries and benefits, and a comparison of these to similarly qualified employees in other but related fields, and an analysis of the workforce capacity necessary to meet the state's early care and education needs.

L. Any reports provided by the state Department of Education to the commission and any commission recommendations shall be included in meeting minutes.

M.(1) The commission is hereby designated as the State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education and Care for children from birth to school entry pursuant to Section 642B(b)(1)(A)(i) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9837b(b)(1)(A)(i)).

(2) The state superintendent of education or his designee shall serve as the coordinator of the commission's activities in its capacity as the State Advisory Council pursuant to Section 642B(b)(1)(A)(ii) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9837b(b)(1)(A)(ii)).

(3) Nothing in this Subsection shall be construed to limit the authority of the commission further than which is otherwise provided by this Section or to expand the authority of the commission further than which is otherwise authorized by this Section and applicable federal law.

Section 3. R.S. 17:407.51 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 4. Each action, recommendation, or report in progress on the effective date of this Act pursuant to R.S. 17:407.51 shall continue without interruption, all in accordance with the corresponding provisions of R.S. 17:407.101 as provided in this Act.

Section 5. 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. 581

HOUSE BILL NO. 1157

BY REPRESENTATIVES BOURRIAQUE AND CHASSION
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 36:4(B)(39), R.S. 48:77.3, and Subpart B of Part V of Chapter 1 of Title 48 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 48:81 through 87, relative to funding certain entities for infrastructure related projects; to create the Louisiana State Infrastructure Bank within the office of the governor; to provide for a board of directors; to provide

for membership, duties, and authority of the board; to provide for technical support coordination with the Department of Transportation and Development, the Department of Treasury, and Louisiana Economic Development; to provide for adoption of bylaws, rules, and regulations by the board; to establish the Louisiana State Infrastructure Fund as a special fund in the state treasury and to provide for accounts within the fund; to provide for the transfer, deposit, and use, as specified, of monies in the fund and accounts; to provide for the powers and duties of the state treasurer; to authorize the bank to incur debt and issue bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness and to guarantee the debt of other entities; to authorize loans and other financial assistance from the fund to certain entities, including private entities participating in public infrastructure projects as permitted by federal law; to provide procedures to enter into such indebtedness; to provide for definitions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:Section 1. R.S. 36:4(B)(39) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§4. Structure of executive branch of state government

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B. The office of the governor shall be in the executive branch of state government. The governor may allocate within his office the powers, duties, funds, functions, appropriations, responsibilities, and personnel of the agencies within his office and provide for the administration thereof and for the organization of his office. The following agencies and their powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities are hereby transferred to the office of the governor:

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(39) The Louisiana State Infrastructure Bank (R.S. 48:81 et seq.).

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Section 2. R.S. 48:77.3 and Subpart B of Part V of Chapter 1 of Title 48 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 48:81 through 87, are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§77.3. Louisiana State Infrastructure Fund

A. There is hereby established in the state treasury, as a special fund, the Louisiana State Infrastructure Fund, hereafter referred to in this Section as the “fund.” The following accounts are hereby established in the fund:

(1)(a) A special account to be designated and referred to in this Section as the Highway Account.

(b) 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 Highway Account the following:

(i) Monies transferred, appropriated, or dedicated to the Highway Account by the legislature.

(ii) Federal funds as authorized by 23 U.S.C. 610.

(iii) Proceeds from federal credit instruments and programs, including those administered by the United States Department of Transportation Build America Bureau.

(iv) Interest earned on the investment of monies in the Highway Account, and repayments of principal and interest from loans made by the Louisiana State Infrastructure Bank from the Highway Account.

(v) Any gift, grant, or donation designated for the Highway Account and received by the state treasurer.

(c) Monies in the Highway Account shall only be used by the Louisiana State Infrastructure Bank in connection with eligible infrastructure projects meeting the funding eligibility requirements of Title 23 of the United States Code.

(2)(a) A special account to be designated and referred to in this Section as the Transit Account.

(b) 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 Transit Account the following:

(i) Monies transferred, appropriated, or dedicated to the Transit Account by the legislature.

(ii) Federal funds as authorized by 23 U.S.C. 610.

(iii) Proceeds from federal credit instruments and programs, including those administered by the United States Department of Transportation Build America Bureau.

(iv) Interest earned on the investment of monies in the Transit Account, and repayments of principal and interest from loans made by the Louisiana State Infrastructure Bank from the Transit Account.

(v) Any gift, grant, or donation designated for the Transit Account and received by the state treasurer.

(c) Monies in the Transit Account shall only be used by the Louisiana State Infrastructure Bank in connection with eligible infrastructure projects meeting the funding eligibility requirements of Title 49 of the United States Code.

(3)(a) A special account to be designated and referred to in this Section as the Rail Account.

(b) 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 Rail Account the following:

(i) Monies transferred, appropriated, or dedicated to the Rail Account by the legislature.

(ii) Federal funds as authorized by 23 U.S.C. 610.

(iii) Proceeds from federal credit instruments and programs, including those administered by the United States Department of Transportation Build

America Bureau.

(iv) Interest earned on the investment of monies in the Rail Account, and repayments of principal and interest from loans made by the Louisiana State Infrastructure Bank from the Rail Account.

(v) Any gift, grant, or donation designated for the Rail Account and received by the state treasurer.

(c) Monies in the Rail Account shall only be used by the Louisiana State Infrastructure Bank in connection with eligible infrastructure projects meeting the funding eligibility requirements of Subtitle V of Title 49 of the United States Code.

(4)(a) A special account to be designated and referred to in this Section as the State-Funded Account.

(b) 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 State-Funded Account the following:

(i) Monies transferred, appropriated, or dedicated to the State-Funded Account by the legislature.

(ii) Interest earned on the investment of monies in the State-Funded Account, and repayments of principal and interest from loans made by the Louisiana State Infrastructure Bank from the State-Funded Account.

(iii) Any gift, grant, or donation designated for the State-Funded Account and received by the state treasurer.

(c) No funds authorized by Title 23 or Title 49 of the United States Code shall be deposited into the State-Funded Account.

(d) Monies in the State-Funded Account may be used by the state infrastructure bank in connection with any eligible infrastructure project allowed by law.

B. Any use of federal credit instruments or programs to capitalize the bank shall be subject to approval by the State Bond Commission.

C. All repayments of principal and interest from loans made by the Louisiana State Infrastructure Bank shall be credited to the same account from which the loan was originally provided.

D. Monies in the fund shall be invested by the state treasurer in a separate portfolio in the same manner as allowed for monies in the state general fund. While monies from different accounts within the fund may be pooled for investment purposes, the state treasurer shall maintain separate accountings for each account. Earnings generated from investment of the monies in the fund shall be allocated pro-rata among the accounts that generated the earnings. Monies in the fund shall be available to pay costs directly attributable to investment, and shall be apportioned pro-rata among the accounts that generated the costs.

E. All unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund.

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SUBPART B. LOUISIANA STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK

§81. Definitions

For purposes of this Subpart, the following terms have the meanings ascribed to them as follows:

(1) “Bank” means the Louisiana State Infrastructure Bank.

(2) “Board” means the board of directors of the bank.

(3) “Eligible costs” means the following:

(a) For an eligible infrastructure project to be financed from the bank’s Highway Account, the costs permitted under Title 23 of the United States Code and Code of Federal Regulations.

(b) For an eligible infrastructure project to be financed from the bank’s Transit Account, the costs permitted under Title 49 of the United States Code and Code of Federal Regulations.

(c) For an eligible infrastructure project to be financed from the bank’s Rail Account, the costs permitted under Subtitle V of Title 49 of the United States Code and Chapter II of Subtitle B of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

(d) For an eligible infrastructure project to be financed from the bank’s State-Funded Account, all costs associated with the design, construction, or improvement of public infrastructure, including but not limited to costs for preliminary engineering, design, permitting, right-of-way acquisition, legal and financial services, construction, and construction management, or the provision of transportation services.

(4) “Eligible infrastructure project” means activities undertaken to plan, design, construct, repair, maintain, or improve transportation facilities intended for use by the public that have been permitted or approved by the applicable technical and regulatory agencies pursuant to R.S. 48:85 and selected by the bank’s board to receive a loan or other financial assistance for the payment of eligible costs.

(5) “Financing agreement” means any agreement entered into between the bank and a qualified borrower pertaining to a loan or other financial assistance, including but not limited to a loan agreement, trust indenture, security agreement, reimbursement agreement, guarantee agreement, bond or note, ordinance or resolution, or similar instrument.

(6) “Financial assistance” means the provision of money or its equivalent subject to an obligation of repayment in any manner authorized by law, including but not limited to direct disbursements and revolving lines of credit.

(7) “Loan” means the provision of financial assistance by the bank to a qualified borrower for all or part of the eligible costs of an eligible infrastructure project in exchange for corresponding obligations, including repayment owed by the qualified borrower to the bank.

(8) “Political subdivision” means a parish, municipality, or any other unit of local government, including a school board or special district, authorized by law to perform governmental services.

(9) “Project revenues” means all rates, rents, fees, assessments, charges, grants, appropriations, availability payments, pledged taxes, dedicated revenues, user charges, insurance-related proceeds, and other receipts derived or to be derived from an eligible infrastructure project or made available from a special source, including revenues of any system of which the project is a part, as provided in an applicable financing agreement.

(10) “Qualified borrower” means:

(a) Any political subdivision authorized to undertake, construct, operate, or own an eligible infrastructure project.

(b) Any private entity, including a concessionaire or special purpose entity, participating in an eligible infrastructure project with the approval or consent of the relevant regulatory or technical agencies including but not limited to participants in a public-private partnership, to the extent permitted by applicable law, provided that the board determines that the assistance is adequately secured pursuant to R.S. 48:86.

§82. Louisiana State Infrastructure Bank; legislative findings; creation; purposes

A. The legislature finds the following:

(1) There is a critical need to increase investment in the development and maintenance of Louisiana’s transportation infrastructure to promote economic growth and the ability of business and industry competition in regional, national, and global markets and to improve the quality of life for the people of this state.

(2) While grant funding remains an important tool for infrastructure investment, increasing project costs and expanding federal credit opportunities require complementary financing mechanisms. A revolving loan program allows the state to maximize available resources, protect taxpayers, and reinvest repayments into future infrastructure needs.

B. There is hereby created within the office of the governor the “Louisiana State Infrastructure Bank”, hereinafter referred to as the “bank”, which shall be allocated to the office of the governor as an agency of the state.

C. The purpose of the bank shall be to select and provide loans or other financial assistance to qualified borrowers for financing eligible infrastructure projects related to planning, constructing, improving, rehabilitating, and making resilient infrastructure facilities necessary for public purposes.

D. Any loan or other financial assistance provided pursuant to this Subpart shall be made pursuant to a financing agreement between the bank and a qualified borrower.

E. The bank is established as a revolving loan and credit assistance program that administers both federal and state funds in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations, except where required by applicable federal law, the bank shall not provide grants. All assistance shall be structured to ensure repayment and the continued revolving use of funds. Nothing in this Subpart shall be construed to supersede or diminish the authority of any state agency to administer its existing infrastructure programs.

§83. Louisiana State Infrastructure Bank; board of directors

A. The bank shall be governed, administered, and operated by a board of directors composed of the following members:

(1) The director of the office of rural development or his designee.

(2) The chair of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget or his designee.

(3) The chair of the Joint Legislative Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works or his designee.

(4) The secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development or his designee.

(5) The secretary of Louisiana Economic Development or his designee.

(6) One member appointed by a majority of the other members from among three persons nominated by the Louisiana Bankers Association with not less than five years of experience in commercial lending or investment banking.

(7) One member appointed by the State Board of Certified Public Accountants of Louisiana with no less than five years of experience in accounting and auditing standards.

B. Appointed members shall serve a term of three years. All vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as provided in the original appointment.

C.(1) The board shall adopt bylaws and conduct meetings in accordance with the Open Meetings Law.

(2) The director of the office of rural development or his designee shall serve as chair of the board.

D. The board shall be staffed by the office of the governor, which may enter into interagency agreements with the Department of Transportation and Development, the Department of Treasury, and Louisiana Economic Development for technical review, underwriting support, and program coordination.

§84. Board of directors; powers and duties

A. In addition to the powers contained in this Subpart, the board shall have all powers necessary, useful, or appropriate to operate the bank and finance eligible infrastructure projects, including but not limited to:

(1) Maintain perpetual succession.

(2) Pursue any necessary legal action upon written approval of the attorney general and to be sued in the name of the bank.

(3) Adopt an official seal.

(4) Grant loans, acquire and sell loan obligations, and provide other

financial assistance pursuant to cooperative endeavor agreements.

(5) Enter contracts and execute financing agreements and related instruments.

(6) Establish program rules and underwriting standards pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, including risk management policies, portfolio concentration limits, and procedures for default and remedies. The procedures may also include stress testing requirements and loss-reserve requirements consistent with those applicable to commercial banks.

(7) Establish fiscal controls and accounting procedures.

(8) Enter into agreements with any agency or instrumentality of the United States; agencies, instrumentalities, and political subdivisions of the state of Louisiana; agencies, instrumentalities, and political subdivisions of another state; or private individuals for the purpose financing eligible infrastructure projects.

(9) Procure insurance, guarantees, letters of credit, and other credit support.

(10) Borrow money with approval of the State Bond Commission.

(11) Issue bonds, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness as provided in this Subpart.

(12) Collect fees and charges in connection with loans or other assistance at amounts either at or below the rates used by commercial banks.

(13) Accept and hold funds deposited with the bank by the federal government, the state, governmental units, or private entities, with or without payment of interest, as allowed by law.

(14) Establish advisory committees, including one or more technical review committees comprised of representatives from the Department of Transportation and Development, Department of Treasury, Louisiana Economic Development, and office of rural development, to provide recommendations on project eligibility, readiness for advancement, potential economic development benefits, environmental compliance, or other matters requiring specialized technical expertise.

(15) Retain financial advisors, legal counsel, investment advisors, credit analysts, servicers, and other professional services necessary to carry out the purposes of the bank.

(16) Implement the bank in phases, including initial capitalization or lending limits, and shall report to the legislature on program performance prior to expansion.

(17) Enter into agreements and take all actions necessary to receive, administer, and comply with the requirements of any federal assistance program, including execution of assurances, certifications, and compliance instruments required by applicable federal law.

B. Following the close of each fiscal year, the board shall submit an annual report to the governor and the legislature no later than September first, including a summary of capitalization, portfolio performance, defaults, leverage, and project outcomes. The board shall also submit any additional reports required by the terms of any agreements entered into pursuant to this Section to the governor and the legislature annually no later than September first.

C. The board shall obtain an independent annual financial audit of the bank.

D. The bank shall receive approval by the State Bond Commission prior to engaging in the following activities:

(1) Issuing bonds, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness of the bank.

(2) Providing any guarantee, pledge, or use of the credit, revenues, or taxing power of the state.

(3) Any capitalization action or financing structure that constitutes or gives rise to a debt or a moral obligation of the state.

E. The bank shall be authorized to expend monies of the fund, including loan repayments, interest, fees, and investment earnings, for the reasonable and necessary costs of administering and operating the bank. The administrative expenditures shall be subject to annual approval by the board as part of an operating budget and shall be made in accordance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations governing the management and expenditure of public funds.

§85. Applications; eligibility; technical review

A. The board shall promulgate rules establishing the form and content of applications, financing agreements, and other instruments utilized by the bank, and may adopt provisions governing interest rates, terms, security, and repayment sources.

B. Applications for financing shall be accompanied by at least one recommendation of a state agency or political subdivision of the state certifying the project as an eligible infrastructure project that will benefit the public.

C. Prior to board action, each proposed project shall receive a technical review by the applicable technical review committee, in the manner established by rule.

D. In selecting projects that shall receive financial assistance from the bank, the board shall consider feasibility, readiness, public benefit, risk, repayment ability, and the amount of funding committed from sources other than the bank as necessary. The board may assign priority to projects that will benefit rural or underserved communities or that demonstrate limited access to traditional financing.

E. During the initial implementation phase of the bank, the board may approve loans with reduced interest rates for a political subdivision that has materially participated in the establishment, capitalization, or programmatic development of the bank, provided that such loans are made pursuant to board-adopted policies and remain subject to full repayment of principal.

Any reduced interest loan consideration shall be limited in duration and scope and shall be disclosed in the annual report required by R.S. 48:84(B).

§86. Interest rates; repayment; terms; security; interception; remedies; purpose

A. Loans may bear interest at or below market; may be fixed, variable, or adjustable; and may include subordinate or contingent repayment structures as determined by the board. The board may modify, restructure, refinance, or otherwise amend the terms of any loan or financial assistance in order to protect the financial interests of the fund.

B. Repayment schedules shall be determined by the board, including the ability to commence repayment based on substantial completion, revenue commencement, or availability payment start, as provided in the financing agreement.

C. The term of a loan shall not exceed thirty years after the date of the first payment unless otherwise authorized by applicable federal law for federal accounts.

D. The board may require pledges of project revenues, dedicated taxes, availability payments, credit enhancement, or other security as permitted in any regulation or statute.

E. If a borrower fails to comply with contract terms or defaults, the board may:

(1) Pursue legal or equitable remedies to ensure full repayment of any loan.

(2) Request that the state withhold from the borrower and deposit any state monies into the fund as permitted in any regulation or statute.

(3) Draw on pledge reserves or credit facilities securing the obligation.

F. The bank is created solely as a public financing entity to provide loans and other credit assistance for eligible public infrastructure projects, to leverage federal and private capital, and to support state and local infrastructure investment. The bank shall not accept deposits from the general public, provide consumer or commercial banking services, or otherwise compete with private financial institutions.

§87. Borrower authorization; resolutions; notice

Prior to executing a financing agreement, the board shall require submission of the following:

(1) For political subdivisions, a resolution authorizing the agreement and specifying the maximum principal, rate, term, and related terms.

(2) For private entities, evidence of authorization to enter into a binding commitment with the bank and evidence of a public sponsor's recommendation as required by law and board rule.

Section 3. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 582

HOUSE BILL NO. 1198
BY REPRESENTATIVE AMEDEE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:4216 and R.S. 13:1805(C) and to enact R.S. 13:1805(D), relative to child custody; to provide relative to public policy; to provide relative to arbitration of child custody matters; to provide relative to child custody agreements from foreign countries; to provide relative to fundamental constitutional rights; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 9:4216 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
§4216. Limitation of application of Chapter

A. Nothing contained in this Chapter ~~shall apply~~ applies to contracts of employment of labor or to contracts for arbitration which are controlled by valid legislation of the United States or to contracts made prior to July 28, 1948.

B. Nothing contained in this Chapter applies to contracts mandating arbitration of child custody or visitation.

C. Arbitration of child custody or visitation is against the public policy of this state. Any provision of an agreement to arbitrate that mandates the arbitration of child custody or visitation is void and unenforceable.

D. No court in the state shall recognize or enforce any arbitral award governing child custody or visitation.Section 2. R.S. 13:1805(C) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 13:1805(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
§1805. International application

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C. A court of this state need not apply this Act if the child custody law of a foreign country violates fundamental principles of human rights or is manifestly contrary to the public policy of this state.

D. A child custody law of a jurisdiction of a foreign country is manifestly contrary to the public policy of this state if any of the following apply:

(1) The law does not grant a parent the same fundamental constitutional rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of Louisiana including the right of equal protection, due process, and free exercise of religion.

(2) The law does not use the best interest of the child as the standard for application of child custody.

(3) The law does not consider whether domestic violence has occurred and

is likely to occur again.

(4) The law does not consider whether a determination of child custody or visitation might risk the substantial harm of the child.

Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 583

HOUSE BILL NO. 1103
BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1730.29(A)(20) and 1730.40(D), relative to the regulation of construction or improvement of industrial facilities; to provide for exemptions for certain industrial facilities; to provide for the regulation of certain industrial facilities; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 40:1730.29(A)(20) and 1730.40(D) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1730.29. Regulation of construction or improvement of industrial facilities

A. Excluding the applicable requirements of the International Plumbing Code, the provisions of this Part shall not apply to the construction or improvement inside the secured or fenced confines of the following types of industrial facilities that are engaged in activities defined or classified under one or more of the following subsectors, industry groups, or industries of the 2012 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS):

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(20) 334511 search, detection, navigation, guidance, aeronautical, and nautical system and instrument manufacturing.

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§1730.40. Municipalities and parishes; home rule charter

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D. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, no political subdivision shall require a building permit for, apply the provisions of a building code to, or otherwise regulate pursuant to this Part the construction or improvement inside the secured or fenced confines of the industrial facilities exempted in R.S. 40:1730.29(A)(20).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, June 1, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 584

HOUSE BILL NO. 1175
BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 2:1(2), (3), (6) through (10), (16), (21), and (23) and to enact R.S. 2:1(28) through (36), relative to aerospace facilities and aerospace activities; to provide for definitions; to direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to alphabetize and renumber definitions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 2:1(2), (3), (6) through (10), (16), (21), and (23) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 2:1(28) through (36) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1. Definitions

For the purposes of this Title, the following definitions shall apply:

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~~(2) "Aeronautics" means the act or practice of the art and science of transportation by any activity that involves, makes possible, or is required for the operation of an aircraft, or that contributes to or is required for the safety of such operation, including and the research, development, testing, operation operations, manufacture, construction, repair, or maintenance of aircraft, airports, landing fields, landing strips, air navigation facilities, or air instruction.~~(3) "Aircraft" means any contrivance or object and its components now known or hereafter invented, used, or designed for navigation of, or flight in, the air, including rockets, spacecraft, launch and reentry vehicles, and any subparts of the launch vehicle specifically designed or adapted for that contrivance or object.

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(6) "Airman" means any person, including the one in command, and any pilot, mechanic or member of the crew, who engages in the navigation of aircraft while under way, and, any person who is in charge of the inspection performs inspections, overhauling overhauls, or repair of repairs aircraft, and any individual who served in the capacity of serves as an aircraft dispatcher or air traffic control tower operator, and any person who otherwise performs

activities relating to the takeoff, launch, reentry, or landing of aircraft.

(7) “Air navigation” means the operation or navigation of aircraft in the ~~airspace space~~ over the lands and waters of the state of Louisiana.

(8) “Air navigation facility” means any facility, other than facilities owned or operated by the United States, used, or available or designed for use, in aid of air navigation, including any structures, mechanisms, lights, beacons, markers, communicating systems, or other facilities used or useful as an aid, or constituting an advantage or convenience, to the safe taking off, launch, navigation, ~~reentry~~, and landing of aircraft, or the safe and efficient operation or maintenance of an airport.

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(9) “Airport” means any area of land or water, except a restricted landing area, ~~or aerospace facility~~ which is designed for the landing, ~~and~~ takeoff, launch, and reentry of aircraft, whether or not facilities are provided for the sheltering, servicing, or repairing of aircraft or for receiving or discharging passengers or cargo; all appurtenant areas used or suitable for airport buildings or other ~~airport~~ aeronautical facilities; ~~and~~ all appurtenant rights of way including easements through or other interests in air space over land or water and other protection privileges, the acquisition or control of which is necessary to insure safe approaches to the landing areas and efficient operation ~~thereof~~; and all areas necessary to ensure the safety of the aeronautical activities conducted therein.

(10) “Airport hazard” means any structure, object of natural growth, or use of land, which obstructs the air space required for the flight of aircraft in landing, launching, or taking off at any airport or restricted landing area or is otherwise hazardous to such landing, launch, or taking off.

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(16) “Director” means the ~~Assistant Secretary, Office of Aviation, secretary of the~~ Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

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(21) “Political subdivision” means any parish, city, town, village, city and parish, public corporation, district, or other political entity ~~or public corporation~~ of this state.

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(23) “Restricted landing area” means any area of land, water, or both, which is used or is made available for the landing, launch, and takeoff of aircraft, the use of which shall, except in case of emergency, be only as provided from time to time by the department.

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(28) “Aerospace facility” includes the following:

(a) An area intended to be used for aerospace flight activities for the transport of goods or persons.

(b) An area intended to be used for aerospace flight activities.

(c) An aerospace building or facility located in an area reasonably proximate to a launching or landing area.

(d) An area reasonably proximate to a launch vehicle or aerospace craft in an area that is intended for use for an aerospace building or facility.

(e) Any property, including a temporary protection zone, necessary to ensure public safety related to the conduct of aerospace flight activities.

(29) “Aerospace flight activities” means any act or activity related to the research, development, testing, manufacture, preparation, launch, operation, reentry, descent, landing, or post-landing recovery of a launch vehicle, aerospace craft, payload, or related equipment, including but not limited to fueling, integration, conditioning, transport, and any associated ground support operations, whether conducted on-site or involving overflight.

(30) “Aerospace flight entity” means any person, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or other entity that conducts space flight activities ~~and, to the extent required by federal law, holds or operates anywhere under a valid Federal Aviation Administration license, experimental permit, or other authorization for the relevant activities requiring such a license. The term includes any employee, officer, director, agent, contractor, manufacturer, supplier, or vendor of such entity; any owner or lessor of immovable property used for space flight activities; and any political subdivision or public entity with a contractual or operational relationship facilitating such activities.~~

(31) “Aerospace flight participant” means an individual carried aboard a craft or vehicle.

(32) “Aerospace flight participant injury” means an injury sustained by an aerospace flight participant, including bodily injury, emotional distress, death, disability, property damage, or any other loss arising from the individual’s participation in aerospace flight activities.

(33) “Craft” means any object and its components designed to be launched for operation, and any subcomponents of the launch vehicle specifically designed or adapted for that object.

(34) “Launch” means a placement or attempted placement of a launch vehicle or aerospace craft.

(35) “Launch vehicle” means any vehicle and its stages or components designed to operate in or place aerospace craft.

Section 2. The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby authorized and directed to alphabetize and renumber the definitions contained in R.S. 2:1 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 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, June 1, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 585

SENATE BILL NO. 201
BY SENATOR MORRIS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 878.1 (A) and (D) and the introductory paragraph of R.S. 15:574.4(G)(1), relative to juvenile sentencing; to provide for a hearing to determine parole eligibility for certain juvenile offenders; to provide for resentencing; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Code of Criminal Procedure Article 878.1(A) and (D) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Art. 878.1. Hearing to determine parole eligibility for certain juvenile offenders

A.(1) If an offender is indicted on or after August 1, 2017, for the crime of first degree murder (R.S. 14:30) where the offender was under the age of eighteen years at the time of the commission of the offense, the district attorney may file a notice of intent to seek a sentence of life imprisonment without possibility of parole within one hundred eighty days after the indictment. If the district attorney timely files the notice of intent, a hearing shall be conducted after conviction and prior to sentencing to determine whether the sentence shall be imposed with or without parole eligibility. If the court determines that the sentence shall be imposed with parole eligibility, the offender shall be eligible for parole pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 15:574.4(E). If the district attorney fails to timely file the notice of intent, the sentence shall be imposed with parole eligibility and the offender shall be eligible for parole pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 15:574.4(E) without the need of a judicial determination pursuant to the provisions of this Article. If the court determines that the sentence shall be imposed without parole eligibility, the offender shall not be eligible for parole.

(2) If an offender is indicted on or after August 1, 2026, for the crime of second degree murder (R.S. 14:30.1) where the offender was under the age of eighteen years at the time of the commission of the offense, the district attorney may file a notice of intent to seek a sentence of life imprisonment without possibility of parole within one hundred eighty days after the indictment. If the district attorney timely files the notice of intent, a hearing shall be conducted after conviction and prior to sentencing to determine whether the sentence shall be imposed with or without parole eligibility. If the court determines that the sentence shall be imposed with parole eligibility, the offender shall be eligible for parole pursuant to R.S. 15:574.4(G). If the district attorney fails to timely file the notice of intent, the sentence shall be imposed with parole eligibility and the offender shall be eligible for parole pursuant to R.S. 15:574.4(G) without the need of a judicial determination pursuant to this Article. If the court determines that the sentence shall be imposed without parole eligibility, the offender shall not be eligible for parole.

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D. The sole purpose of the hearing is to determine whether the sentence shall be imposed with or without parole eligibility. The court shall state for the record the considerations taken into account and the factual basis for its determination. ~~Sentences imposed without parole eligibility and determinations that an offender is not entitled to parole eligibility should normally be reserved for the worst offenders and the worst cases. A reviewing court shall give paramount consideration to the information considered by the trier of fact that rendered the original sentence. In cases where a juvenile offender was originally sentenced to death after the court considered but rejected youth as a mitigating factor, a reviewing court shall not substitute its judgment for the judgment of the trier of fact unless the trier of fact clearly abused its discretion and could not have reasonably reached that result.~~

Section 2. The introductory paragraph of R.S. 15:574.4(G)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§574.4. Parole; eligibility; juvenile offenders

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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 **either** prior to August 1, 2017, **or on or after August 1, 2026**, 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)(2) or** (B) and all of the following conditions have been met:

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Approved by the Governor, May 29, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 586

SENATE BILL NO. 276
BY SENATOR MYERS
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 22:1558.1, relative to the appointment of a bail bond producer; to provide for a preappointment affidavit; to provide for cancellation of an appointment if the bail bond producer fails to satisfy all forfeitures and judgments on prior bonds; to provide for reappointments; to provide for appeals; to provide for rulemaking; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 22:1558.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:
§1558.1. Appointments; bail bond producer; affidavit; cancellation; appeal
A.(1) Before receiving an appointment, a bail bond producer shall submit to the commissioner an affidavit, signed under oath by the bail bond producer and by all former insurers, stating that the bail bond producer does not owe any premium or unsatisfied judgment to any insurer and that the bail bond producer agrees to discharge all outstanding forfeitures and judgments on bonds previously written.

(2) The affidavit shall be in a form prescribed by the commissioner and shall be submitted by the bail bond producer to the former insurer.

B.(1) If the bail bond producer does not satisfy or discharge all forfeitures or judgments, a former insurer shall submit a notice, with supporting documents, to the appointing insurer, the bail bond producer, and the commissioner, which states, under oath, that the bail bond producer has failed to satisfy, in a timely manner, all forfeitures and judgments on bonds written by the bail bond producer and that the former insurer has satisfied a forfeiture or judgment from its own funds. The former insurer shall submit the notice and supporting documents no later than thirty days after the former insurer receives the affidavit from the bail bond producer.

(2) Upon receipt of the notice and supporting documents, the appointing insurer shall immediately cancel the bail bond producer's appointment. The bail bond producer may be reappointed only upon certification by the former insurer that all forfeitures and judgments on bonds written by the bail bond producer have been discharged.

(3) The appointing insurer or bail bond producer may appeal to the commissioner no later than ten days after receiving the notice and supporting documents from the former insurer.

C. The commissioner shall promulgate any rules and regulations, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, necessary to implement and enforce this Section, including but not limited to rules regarding the procedures for appeals and stays of the provisions of this Section.

D. As used in this Section, "former insurer" means an insurer with whom the bail bond producer had a prior appointment and who is responsible for any outstanding bonds written by the bail bond producer.

Approved by the Governor, June 1, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 587

SENATE BILL NO. 441
BY SENATOR MIZELL AND REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:11(B), 24.8(A), (B), and (D)(1), 407.33(1) and (5), 407.35(A), and 407.41(A), (B)(2) and (3), and (C) and to enact R.S. 17:24.8(E) and 407.41(D), (E), and (F), relative to programs for prekindergarten-aged children; to provide for nonpublic and public prekindergarten programs; to provide for approval of nonpublic prekindergarten programs; to provide for child safety and welfare standards; to provide for violations; to provide for camps; to provide for exemptions; to provide for rulemaking; to provide for terms, definitions, conditions, and procedures; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:11(B), 24.8(A), (B), and (D)(1), 407.33(1) and (5), 407.35(A), 407.41(A), (B)(2) and (3), and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:24.8(E) and 407.41(D), (E), and (F) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§11. Approval of nonpublic schools by board
B.(1) The board shall approve any nonpublic elementary or secondary school which makes application therefor on a form furnished by the board, if such school meets and maintains a sustained curriculum or specialized course of study of quality at least equal to that prescribed for similar public schools.

(2) The board shall approve a prekindergarten program developed by a nonpublic school pursuant to R.S. 17:24.8 if the program meets the requirements of this Subsection and maintains substantial compliance with the child safety and welfare standards provided for in R.S. 17:407.41. In its annual application, each nonpublic school shall attest to the prekindergarten program's compliance with the child safety and welfare standards.

§24.8. Prekindergarten programs

A.(1) Each city, parish, or other local public school board may develop and offer prekindergarten instruction. The youngest age at which a child may enter prekindergarten provided for by this Subsection **Paragraph** shall be four years old by September thirtieth of the year in which the child enrolls in prekindergarten.

~~(2) All public prekindergarten programs shall comply with the child safety and welfare minimum standards provided for in R.S. 17:407.41. The governing authority of any approved nonpublic elementary school may develop and offer prekindergarten instruction. The youngest age at which a child may enter prekindergarten provided for by this Paragraph shall be three years old by September thirtieth of the year in which the child enrolls in prekindergarten.~~

(3) Any parent who chooses to enroll his child in a prekindergarten program authorized pursuant to this Subsection shall be provided the following information:

(a) The prekindergarten program is operated by a school.
(b) The prekindergarten program is not either of the following:
(i) Subject to federal daycare regulations pursuant to 45 CFR 98, or its successor.

(ii) Licensed by the department as an early learning center in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 17:407.31 et seq.

(c) The monitoring and complaint processes as provided in R.S. 17:407.41 for compliance with the child safety and welfare standards.

B. Except as otherwise provided by law, all prekindergarten programs shall comply with the child safety and welfare standards provided for in R.S. 17:407.41.

~~(1) The governing authority of any approved nonpublic elementary school may develop and offer prekindergarten instruction. The youngest age at which a child may enter prekindergarten provided for by this Subsection shall be three years old by September thirtieth of the year in which the child enrolls in prekindergarten. If a public prekindergarten program demonstrates persistent or egregious noncompliance with the child safety and welfare standards provided for in R.S. 17:407.41, a city, parish, or other local public school board shall consider closure of the program or other measures deemed necessary to protect the safety and welfare of prekindergarten children enrolled in the program at a meeting held in accordance with the Open Meetings Law, R.S. 42:11 et seq.~~

~~(2) All nonpublic prekindergarten programs shall be licensed as an early learning center pursuant to Part X-B of this Chapter. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 17:11(B)(2), if a nonpublic school operating a prekindergarten program demonstrates persistent or egregious noncompliance with the child safety and welfare standards provided for in R.S. 17:407.41, the department shall make a recommendation to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to deny the approval request for a prekindergarten program for the subsequent school year unless substantive assurance is provided by the school that it will comply with the child safety and welfare standards.~~

~~D.(1) Beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, each city, parish, or other local public school board shall work to develop a mixed provider delivery model for full-day, year-round, high-quality prekindergarten instruction to each child residing within the boundaries of the school district who is eligible for a prekindergarten program pursuant to Subsection A Paragraph (A)(1) of this Section.~~

E. The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, in consultation with the Nonpublic School Commission, shall adopt rules and regulations to protect the health and safety of three-year-old children who attend prekindergarten at an approved nonpublic elementary school.

§407.33. Definitions
As used in this Part, the following terms have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(1) "Camp" means any place or facility operated by any institution, society, agency, corporation, person or persons, or any other group which meets any of the following:

(a) serves Serves only children five three years of age or older and operates only when school is not in session during the summer months or school holidays including but not limited to a Vacation Bible School or Bible Camp.

(b) Is a tax exempt church or religious organization in accordance with 26 U.S.C. 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code that operates a Vacation Bible School, Bible Camp, or religious camp for children of any age.

(c) Operates only an after-school or weekend extracurricular, academic, or athletic program, including any competition related to the program, or an after-school or weekend tutoring program or other educational or enrichment program authorized by this Title.

(5) "Early learning center" means any child day care center, Early Head Start Center, Head Start Center, or nonpublic prekindergarten program stand-alone early learning program that is not part of an elementary school as defined in R.S. 17:236.

§407.35. Exemptions from licensure requirements
A. The provisions of this Part shall not apply to grades kindergarten and above, prekindergarten programs attached to a **nonpublic** or public day school **serving children in grades kindergarten and above**, Louisiana Montessori accredited or provisionally accredited approved schools, camps, registered family child day care homes, **mother's day out programs**, and care given without charge. However, all **school** prekindergarten programs shall

comply with the child safety and welfare ~~minimum~~ standards provided for in R.S. 17:407.41.

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§407.41. Child safety and welfare ~~minimum~~ standards
A. ~~In addition to regulations promulgated by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education pursuant to R.S. 17:407.40, all early learning centers and All school~~ prekindergarten programs ~~established pursuant to R.S. 17:24.8~~ shall, at a minimum, meet the following ~~minimum~~ standards to ensure the safety and welfare of children:

(1) There shall be a minimum of two staff members present at any facility when more than four children are present, except under an extenuating circumstance that temporarily prevents compliance with this Paragraph.

(2) ~~The child-to-staff ratios shall not exceed the following:~~

~~(a) Infants and under one year—5 to 1~~

~~(b) One year—7 to 1~~

~~(c) Two years—10 to 1~~

~~(d) Three years—13 to 1~~

~~(e) Four years—15 to 1~~

~~(f) Five years—19 to 1~~

(a) The child-to-staff ratios shall be in compliance with those set in rules that the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall adopt for this purpose. The rules shall provide ratio requirements for prekindergarten students who are three years old, four years old, and five years old in order to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of those students. Both public and nonpublic schools operating prekindergarten programs shall comply with the ratio requirements provided in these rules.

(b) The rules may be waived if the state board determines, upon clear and convincing evidence, that the demonstrated economic impact is sufficiently great to make compliance impractical for the school despite diligent efforts, and that alternative means have been put in place that ensure the health, safety, and well-being of students and staff.

~~(3) An average of the child-to-staff ratios may be applied to mixed age groups of children only for groups that include no children under the age of two.~~

~~(4) When a mixed age group includes children younger than age two, the age of the youngest child determines the child-to-staff ratio for the group.~~

~~(5) When the nature of a child with special healthcare needs or the number of children with special healthcare needs warrants added care, the center shall add sufficient staff as necessary.~~

~~(6) Only staff members directly providing care, supervision, or guidance to children shall be counted in the child-to-staff ratio. The same staff members shall not be used to meet the ratio requirements for two different groups of children at the same time.~~

~~(7) Sufficient staffing needed to satisfy child-to-staff ratios shall be present on the premises during rest time and available to assist as needed. Children ages one and older may be grouped together at rest time with one staff member in each room supervising the resting children.~~

~~(8) Information regarding required child-to-staff ratios and a phone number to file complaints regarding supervision with the Department of Education, as applicable, shall be posted in each classroom in a location that is visible to parents.~~

~~(9) Children shall be supervised at all times including on the playground, on field trips, and on nonvehicular excursions.~~

~~(10) (6)(a) Children shall not be left alone in any room, outdoors, or in vehicles, even momentarily, without staff present.~~

~~(b) The provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to restroom use as provided in this Section, if a child is being provided services by therapeutic professionals, or if a child is in the custody of a parent or legal guardian.~~

~~(11) (7) A staff person shall be assigned to supervise specific children whose names and whereabouts that the staff person shall know and with whom the staff person shall be physically present. Staff shall be able to state how many children are in their care at all times.~~

~~(12) (8)(a) A child who is developmentally able may be permitted to use the restroom independently if a staff member is in proximity to and can see the child to ensure immediate intervention to safeguard a child from harm or to assist with an accident while in the restroom.~~

~~(b) An individual who is not a staff member may not enter the restroom area while in use by any child other than his own child.~~

~~(13) (9) A child age five and older may be permitted to go to and return from the restroom without staff.~~

~~(14) (10) If a prekindergarten program or early learning center is part of a school with children in kindergarten or older, staff shall ensure that the children enrolled in the prekindergarten program or early learning center are not unsupervised in the restroom at the same time as any older children who are using the restroom. For any facility constructed after January 1, 2026, there shall be designated separate restrooms for the children enrolled in the prekindergarten program or early learning center.~~

~~(15) (11) Children shall be changed and cleaned immediately following a toileting accident.~~

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~~(2) The state Department of Education shall provide the document to each early learning center and prekindergarten program no later than August first of each year.~~

~~(3) Each early learning center and public school with a prekindergarten program shall distribute the document to the parents and legal guardians of all children enrolled in an early learning center or the prekindergarten program.~~

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C. The state Department of Education shall provide written notification to the superintendent of a school district or the governing authority of a nonpublic or charter school for any complaint received by the department regarding a prekindergarten program in the school or district pursuant to this Section.

D.(1) The state Department of Education shall conduct monitoring activities for compliance with the child safety and welfare standards as provided in this Section. Monitoring activities shall include an annual unannounced site visit and prompt response to reports of noncompliance with the child safety and welfare standards.

(2) Any violation of the child safety and welfare standards provided in this Section shall be documented by the department. The documentation shall include the specific standard violated and any corrective action taken and shall be posted on the corresponding school page of the department's website.

(3) The department may issue a written warning to a school, which may include a corrective action plan, for any violation of this Section if the violation does not pose an imminent threat to the health, safety, rights, or welfare of a child.

E.(1) A nonpublic school approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education as an accredited approved school shall be exempt from the provisions of Subsection D of this Section if all of the following conditions apply:

(a) The school maintains accreditation in good standing with an accreditation organization recognized by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education for the purpose of school approval.

(b) The accrediting organization's standards include provisions addressing the supervision, health, safety, and welfare of students enrolled in a prekindergarten program operated by the accredited approved school that meet or exceed the child safety and welfare standards as provided in this Section.

(c) The school provides a written attestation to the state Department of Education, at the time of its annual school approval application, that the accrediting organization's standards meet or exceed the child safety and welfare standards provided for in this Section and provides documentation from the accrediting organization supporting the attestation.

(2)(a) A nonpublic school approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education as a nonaccredited approved school shall be exempt from the provisions of Subsection D of this Section if either of the following conditions are met:

(i) All of the following criteria are met:

(aa) The school remains a member in good standing with an association or organization recognized by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education for the purposes of this Section.

(bb) The association or organization's standards include provisions addressing the supervision, health, safety, and welfare of students enrolled in a prekindergarten program operated by the school that meet or exceed the child safety and welfare standards provided for in this Section.

(cc) The school provides a written attestation to the state Department of Education, at the same time of its annual school approval application, that the association or organization's standards meet or exceed the child safety and welfare standards provided for in this Section and provides documentation from the association or organization supporting the attestation.

(ii) The state Department of Education recommends that approval be granted after an annual review that the department shall conduct of each school seeking approval. The annual review may include site visits and shall include a review, at minimum, of the health, safety, and welfare of prekindergarten students.

(b) For the 2026-2027 school year, if an association or organization has submitted a complete application for recognition to the state board and the state board has not acted upon the application prior to the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year, the department shall accept the attestation submitted by the school.

(3) The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education may revoke its approval of a prekindergarten program operated by a nonpublic school at any time if the board determines that the school has jeopardized the health, safety, or welfare of its students.

E.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any school, including a nonpublic school approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education or a prekindergarten program attached thereto, that is operated by a federally recognized tribe pursuant to federal law, including the Tribally Controlled Schools Act of 1988, 25 U.S.C. 2501 et seq., is exempt from the provisions of Subsections A through E of this Section and the rules and regulations adopted pursuant to R.S. 17:24.8(E).

(2) Nothing in this Subsection shall be construed to prohibit a school or prekindergarten program provided for in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection from electing to seek or obtain approval by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

G. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a nonpublic school that operates a prekindergarten program and that does not receive any state or federal funds from any source, whether directly or indirectly, shall be exempt from the requirements of Subsection D of this Section.

H. The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall adopt rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act as necessary to implement the provisions of this Section.

Section 2. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education may adopt emergency rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to implement the provisions of 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, the Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

Approved by the Governor, June 1, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 588

SENATE BILL NO. 509
BY SENATOR CLOUD
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 22:901(C)(2), relative to bank-owned life insurance; to provide for an insurable interest; to provide for the exchange of bank-owned life insurance policies; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 22:901(C)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§901. Insurable interest required; personal insurance; intentional acts exclusion

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C. “Insurable interest” as used in this Section and in R.S. 22:856 includes only interest as follows:

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(2)(a) In the case of other persons, a lawful and substantial economic interest in having the life, health or bodily safety of the individual insured continue, as distinguished from an interest which would arise only by, or would be enhanced in value by, the death, disablement or injury of the individual insured.

(b)(i) A bank shall be deemed to maintain its insurable interest in a former employee for the purposes of exchanging one bank-owned life insurance policy for another.

(b)(ii) The commissioner shall determine the method and manner in which a bank may obtain consent for the exchange. In making such a determination, the commissioner shall consider whether the life insurance policy is funding benefits afforded to the bank's employees, applicable consent requirements, if any, under existing law, cybersecurity controls, alignment with federal and interstate requirements, and the continuity of coverage in connection with policy exchanges.

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Approved by the Governor, June 1, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 589

HOUSE BILL NO. 681
BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9091.1(F)(1)(b) relative to Orleans Parish; to provide relative to the Lakeview Crime Prevention District; to provide relative to the parcel fee imposed within the district; to provide for the maximum fee amount; 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. 33:9091.1(F)(1)(b) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§9091.1. Lakeview Crime Prevention District

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F. Parcel fee. The governing authority of the city of New Orleans is hereby authorized to impose and collect a parcel fee within the district subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this Subsection:

(1)

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(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, the amount of the fee may be increased, not to exceed ~~one~~ two hundred fifty dollars per parcel per year, as provided in this Subparagraph. The new fee amount shall be as provided by duly adopted resolution of the board of commissioners of the district and 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. Such election shall be held only if requested by duly adopted resolution of the board of commissioners of the district.

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A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 590

HOUSE BILL NO. 892
BY REPRESENTATIVES HILFERTY, BAYHAM, BILLINGS, CARVER, COX,
DOMANGUE, FREIBERG, DANA HENRY, KNOX, LYONS, MARCELLE,
MURRAY, AND SAWYER
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:2740.70.11, relative to the parishes of Jefferson and Orleans; to create the West End Economic Development District within the parishes; 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. 33:2740.70.11 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§2740.70.11. West End Economic Development District

A. There is hereby created within the parishes of Jefferson and Orleans, as more specifically provided in Subsection B of this Section, a body politic and corporate which shall be known as the West End Economic Development District, referred 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 the following area:(1) State Water Bottom Leases (West End Parking Lot)

That certain piece or portion of ground, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, and all of the rights, ways, privileges, servitudes, appurtenances and advantages thereunto belonging or in anyway appertaining, situated township 12 south range 11 east, in the parish of Jefferson, state of Louisiana, is more fully described as follows:

Commencing at the westerly and northerly point on a bulkhead running west to east along the projection of the northerly side of north roadway street having a coordinate of x=3,664,526.07 and y=556,664.20, said point lies in Jefferson parish and is also known as the point of beginning, thence along said bulkhead south 43 degrees 31 minutes 18 seconds west a distance of 43.08 feet to a point, thence continuing along said bulkhead, south 01 degrees 16 minutes 43 seconds west a distance of 480.10 feet to a point, thence leaving said bulkhead south 01 degrees 16 minutes 43 seconds west a distance of 59.11 feet to a point, thence south 69 degrees 37 minutes 01 seconds west a distance of 115.92 feet to a point, thence north 19 degrees 05 minutes 21 seconds west a distance of 161.44 feet to a point, thence north 00 degrees 15 minutes 44 seconds west a distance of 323.44 feet to a point, thence south 89 degrees 44 minutes 05 seconds west a distance of 22.98 feet to a point, thence north 00 degrees 21 minutes 43 seconds west a distance of 216.31 feet to a point, thence north 51 degrees 38 minutes 44 seconds east a distance of 138.21 feet to a point, thence north 89 degrees 43 minutes 14 seconds east a distance of 205.23 feet to a point, thence south 03 degrees 30 minutes 34 seconds west a distance of 161.08 feet to a point on a bulkhead, thence along said bulkhead south 84 degrees 28 minutes 50 seconds west a distance of 77.85 feet to the point of beginning containing an area of the lake Pontchartrain water bottom of 3.368 acres (146,719 sqft). All as per survey by Batture LLC dated March 25,2026.

(2) West End Parking Lot Parcel

That certain piece or portion of ground, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, and all of the rights, ways, privileges, servitudes, appurtenances and advantages thereunto belonging or in anyway appertaining, situated in the parish of Orleans, state of Louisiana, in that part thereof known as the seventh district of the city of new Orleans, a portion of the municipal yacht harbor, is more fully described as follows:

Commencing at the westerly and northerly point on a bulkhead running west to east along the projection of the northerly side of north roadway street having a coordinate of x=3,664,526.07 and y=556,664.20, said point lies in Jefferson parish and is also known as the point of commencement, thence along said bulkhead north 84 degrees 28 minutes 50 seconds east a distance of 77.86 feet to an arrow cut on the boundary line of Jefferson parish and Orleans parish, also known as the point of beginning, thence north 84 degrees 28 minutes 21 seconds east a distance of 92.52 feet to a point on the westerly curb of west roadway street, thence along a curve to the right having a chord bearing of south 24 degrees 54 minutes 40 seconds east, chord length of 140.38 feet, arc length of 141.11 feet and radius of 400.0 feet to an arrow cut, thence south 36 degrees 46 minutes 28 seconds east a distance of 47.42 feet to a cross cut, thence along a curve to the left having a chord bearing of south 21 degrees 54 minutes 47 seconds east, chord length of 211.89 feet, arc length of 214.58 feet and radius of 390.0 feet to a cross cut, thence south 07 degrees 28 minutes 40 seconds east a distance of 119.75 feet to a cross cut, thence south 05 degrees 53 minutes 47 seconds east a distance of 66.54 feet to a cross cut, thence south 83 degrees 23 minutes 53 seconds west a distance of 318.47 feet to a cross cut on the boundary line of Jefferson parish and Orleans parish, thence along said boundary line north 03 degrees 30 minutes 34 seconds east a distance 575.67 feet to the point of beginning, containing an area of 2.998 acres (130,596-sqft). All as per survey by Batture LLC dated March 25, 2026.

(3) Northern Parcel

That certain piece or portion of ground, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, and all of the rights, ways, privileges, servitudes, appurtenances and advantages thereunto belonging or in anyway appertaining, situated in the parish of Orleans, state of Louisiana, in that part thereof known as the seventh district of the city of new Orleans, a portion of the municipal yacht harbor, is more fully described as follows:

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Commencing at the westerly and northerly point on a bulkhead running west to east along the projection of the northerly side of north roadway street having a coordinate of x=3,664,526.07 and y=556,664.20, said point lies in Jefferson parish and is also known as the point of commencement, thence along said bulkhead north 84 degrees 28 minutes 50 seconds east a distance of 77.86 feet to an arrow cut on the boundary line of Jefferson parish and Orleans parish, also known as the point of beginning, thence north 03 degrees 30 minutes 34 seconds east feet along the boundary line of Jefferson and Orleans parish a distance of 251.00 to a point, thence leaving said boundary line south 87 degrees 52 minutes 33 seconds east a distance of 74.94 feet to a point on the westerly curb of breakwater drive, thence along said curb south 03 degrees 43 minutes 59 seconds west a distance of 134.20 feet to a point, thence along a curve to the right having a chord bearing of south 05 degrees 45 minutes 22 seconds east, chord length of 105.46 feet, arc length of 105.70 feet and a radius of 450 feet to a point, thence north 84 degrees 28 minutes 21 seconds east a distance of 92.52 feet to the point of beginning, containing an area of 0.437 acres (19,024 sqft). All as per survey by Batture LLC dated March 25, 2026.

(4) Northern Water Bottom Parcel
That certain piece or portion of ground, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, and all of the rights, ways, privileges, servitudes, appurtenances and advantages thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, situated in the parish of Orleans, state of Louisiana, in that part thereof known as the seventh district of the city of new Orleans, a portion of the municipal yacht harbor, is more fully described as follows:

Commencing at the westerly and northerly point on a bulkhead running west to east along the projection of the northerly side of north roadway street having a coordinate of x=3,664,526.07 and y=556,664.20, said point lies in Jefferson parish and is also known as the point of commencement, thence along said bulkhead north 84 degrees 28 minutes 50 seconds east a distance of 77.86 feet to an arrow cut on the boundary line of Jefferson parish and Orleans parish, thence along said boundary line north 03 degrees 30 minutes 34 seconds east a distance of 161.08 feet to a point also known as the point of beginning, thence along said boundary line north 03 degrees 30 minutes 34 seconds east a distance of 89.92 feet, thence leaving said boundary line north 87 degrees 52 minutes 33 seconds west a distance of 91.80 feet to a point, thence south 51 degrees 38 minutes 44 seconds west a distance of 151.74 feet, thence south 89 degrees 43 minutes 14 seconds east a distance of 205.23 feet to the point of beginning, containing an area of 0.315 acres (13,729 sqft). All as per survey by Batture LLC dated March 25, 2026.

(5) State Property (Jefferson Parish Jurisdiction) (West End Parking Lot)
That certain piece or portion of ground, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, and all of the rights, ways, privileges, servitudes, appurtenances and advantages thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, situated township 12 south range 11 east, in the parish of Jefferson, state of Louisiana, is more fully described as follows:

Commencing at the westerly and northerly point on a bulkhead running west to east along the projection of the northerly side of north roadway street having a coordinate of x=3,664,526.07 and y=556,664.20, said point lies in Jefferson parish and is also known as the point of beginning, thence along said bulkhead north 84 degrees 28 minutes 50 seconds east a distance of 77.86 feet to an arrow cut on the boundary line of Jefferson parish and Orleans parish, thence along said boundary line south 03 degrees 30 minutes 34 seconds west a distance of 575.67 feet to a cross cut, thence south 83 degrees 23 minutes 53 seconds west to a point, thence north 00 degrees 36 minutes 24 seconds west a distance of 63.73 feet to a point, thence south 89 degrees 23 minutes 30 seconds west a distance of 15.82 feet to a point on the edge of a bulkhead abutting lake Pontchartrain, thence along said bulkhead north 01 degrees 16 minutes 43 seconds east a distance of 480.10 feet to a point, thence continuing along said bulkhead north 43 degrees 31 minutes 18 seconds east a distance of 43.08 feet to the point of beginning containing an area of 1.217 acres (52,999 sqft). All as per survey by Batture LLC dated March 25, 2026.

C.(1) The district is established for the primary object and purpose of promoting and encouraging economic and commercial development and tourism opportunities, stimulating the economy through renewed commerce, industry, research, and tourism, and for the utilization and development of natural and human resources of the area by providing job opportunities.

(2) Nothing shall prohibit the district from providing public infrastructure outside the boundaries of the district that generally benefits the public.

D.(1) The district shall be governed by a board of commissioners, referred to in this Section as the “board”, consisting of five members as follows:

(a) The member of the governing authority of the parish of Jefferson who represents District No. 5 shall appoint two members.

(b) The member of the governing authority of the city of New Orleans who represents District A shall appoint two members.

(c) The president of the governing authority of the city of New Orleans shall appoint one member.

(2) Members of the board shall serve five-year terms after initial terms as provided in this Paragraph. One member shall serve an initial term of one year; one shall serve two years; one shall serve three years; one shall serve four years; and one shall serve five years, as determined by lot at the first meeting of the board.

(3) Any vacancy which occurs prior to the expiration of the term for which a member of the board has been appointed shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.

(4) 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.

(5) 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.

(6) 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.

(7) A majority of the 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.

(8) 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. 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:

(1) To sue and to be sued.

(2) To adopt, use, and alter at will a corporate seal.

(3) To adopt bylaws and rules and regulations.

(4) 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.

(5) 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.

(6) To appoint officers, agents, and employees; prescribe their duties; and fix their compensation.

(7) 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.

(8) 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.

F.(1) In addition to the authority provided to the district by this Section, the district may levy and collect a sales and use tax within the boundaries of the district not to exceed two percent.

(2) The tax shall be imposed by resolution of the board and shall be levied upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, the distribution, and the storage for use or consumption of tangible personal property or digital products and upon the sales of services within the boundaries of the district, all as defined in R.S. 47:301 et seq. The purpose and rate of the tax shall be as provided in the resolution.

(3) Except where inapplicable, the procedure established by R.S. 47:301 et seq. shall be followed in the imposition, collection, and enforcement of the tax, and procedural details necessary to supplement those Sections and to make them applicable to the tax authorized in this Subsection shall be fixed in the resolution imposing the tax.

(4) The tax shall be imposed and collected uniformly throughout the jurisdiction of the district.

(5) The tax levied pursuant to this Subsection shall be in addition to all other taxes other political subdivisions within the jurisdiction of the district are authorized to levy and collect.

(6) Any monies received by the district shall be used exclusively for the benefit of the district and to fund economic development projects and infrastructure improvement projects within the following described boundaries:

That portion of the protection or revetment levee bordering on Lake Pontchartrain, and lying between the west bank of the New Basin Canal on the east, and shore of Lake Pontchartrain on the west; all lands now lying under the waters of Lake Pontchartrain between the protection or revetment levee on the south; the west bank of the New Basin Canal on the East, the shore of Lake Pontchartrain on the west and a line drawn parallel to and in front of said protection or revetment levee, a distance of three thousand feet therefrom on the north; all lands now lying under the waters of Lake Pontchartrain in the rear or south of the aforesaid protection or revetment levee on the north, the shore of Lake Pontchartrain on the south and the lands belonging to private persons on the east and west.

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.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 591

HOUSE BILL NO. 1045

BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 24:513(J)(1)(c)(iii) and to enact R.S. 24:513(J)(1)(c) (v), relative to the legislative auditor; to provide relative to the powers and

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duties of the legislative auditor; to provide relative to local auditees; to provide for the threshold amount for certain local auditees to be audited annually; to provide for the adjustment of the threshold amount; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 24:513(J)(1)(c)(iii) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 24:513(J)(1)(c)(v) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§513. Powers and duties of legislative auditor; audit reports as public records; assistance and opinions of attorney general; frequency of audits; subpoena power

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J.(1) The audits enumerated in Subsection A of this Section shall be conducted frequently enough to control and safeguard the assets of the auditee as follows:

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(c) The financial statements of local auditees as defined in Paragraph (A)(3) of this Section shall be audited as follows:

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(iii) Any local auditee that receives two hundred thousand dollars or more in revenues and other sources in any one fiscal year, but less than ~~five hundred thousand dollars~~ the audit threshold amount provided pursuant to ~~Item (iv) or (v) of this Subparagraph~~, shall cause to be conducted an annual review of its financial statements to be accompanied by an attestation report in accordance with the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide. However, the legislative auditor, at his discretion, may require said local auditee to have an audit of its books and accounts.

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(v)(aa) Notwithstanding Item (iv) of this Subparagraph, any local auditee in a parish having a population in excess of twenty thousand two hundred persons and less than twenty-one thousand persons as of the latest federal decennial census that receives six hundred thousand dollars or more in revenues and other sources in any one fiscal year shall be audited annually.

(bb) Beginning on July 1, 2027, and on July first of each year thereafter, if there has been an increase in the unadjusted Consumer Price Index as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, in January of each year, the audit threshold amount provided in Subitem (aa) of this Item shall be increased by the same percentage as the percentage by which the Consumer Price Index is increased, rounded to the nearest dollar. The legislative auditor shall adjust the audit threshold amount according to the Consumer Price Index as provided in this Subitem.

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A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 592

SENATE BILL NO. 47
BY SENATOR MIZELL
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 49:1302(D) and R.S. 43:82(5) as redesignated from R.S. 49:1302(5) by Acts 2025, No. 374, relative to boards and commissions; to require email and telephone information of each member on the website; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 49:1302(D) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1302. Website; content

The website established pursuant to R.S. 49:1301 shall contain the following information for boards, commissions, and like entities covered by this Chapter:

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~~D.(1) Contact information, including the name and phone number of one or more at least two contacts at the board, commission, or like entity, including the chairman and the executive director or administrator, if applicable; a mailing address; an e-mail address, if applicable for each member of the board, commission, or like entity; a website address, if applicable; and a phone number for the board, commission, or like entity. The provisions of this Subsection shall not require the use of public funds to provide a phone to a member of a board, commission, or like entity. The chairman shall serve as the emergency point of contact for the board, commission, or like entity.~~

~~(2) For any parish board of election supervisors, an email address shall not be required for each member, and the phone number and website listed shall be the Department of State elections hotline number and website.~~

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Section 2. R.S. 43:82(5) as redesignated from R.S. 49:1302(5) by Acts 2025, No. 374, is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§82. Website; content

The commissioner of administration shall post on the Official Journal of the State the following information for boards and commissions:

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~~(5)(a) Contact information, including the name and phone number of one or more at least two contacts at the board or commission, including the chairman and the executive director or administrator, if applicable; a mailing address; an email address, if applicable for each board or commission member; a website~~

address, if applicable; and a phone number **for the board or commission. The provisions of this Paragraph shall not require the use of public funds to provide a phone to a member of a board or commission. The chairman shall serve as the emergency point of contact for the board or commission.**

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, for a parish board of election supervisors, contact information including the Department of State elections hotline number and website.

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Section 3. The provisions of Section 2 of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2027.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 594

SENATE BILL NO. 281
BY SENATOR BARROW
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9038.71(B), relative to the Baker Economic Development District; to provide relative to the boundaries of the district; 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. 33:9038.71(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§9038.71. Baker Economic Development District and Convention Center

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B. Boundaries. The district shall be comprised of all **nonresidential** parcels of land bordering Plank Road within the city limit boundaries of the ~~City~~ **city** of Baker, **excluding parcels of land used in whole or in part for residential purposes**; beginning at the northern city limits on Plank Road identified by the bridge as land parcel to the west approximately 250 yards past Lake Mary Drive directly adjacent to parcel 3624560: Tract Y-1 CONT 7.41 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, PARTITION OF THE DR ERIC W DAY ESTATE, BEING LOTS 4-B-1, 3-A, 2-A, & A-1, OF THE T C PAULSEN & JJ MUNDINGER SUB & A 29.46 ACRE TRACT, ALL LYING IN SEC 29, T55 R1E RESUB 2004 **and from said point of beginning, the district shall extend southerly along both sides of Plank Road, encompassing all nonresidential parcels which directly abut Plank Road, continuing through the southern corporate limits of the city of Baker, crossing Thomas Road, and extending further south into the unincorporated area of East Baton Rouge Parish at Clark Street a point determined as the parcel fronting Plank Road contiguous to the corridor** and the following described parcels or tracts of land located in Baker, referred to in this Section as the “property”:

PARCEL 1:

A certain lot or parcel of ground, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, situated in that part of the city of Baker known as Ward: 2-2 #44, Lot D-5, Subdiv: BROWN TRACT. 6.89 ACRES, BEING TRACT D-5 OF THE BROWN TRACT, ORIGINALLY THE WHITESELL PROPERTY IN SEC. 53, T5S, R1E, (LESS TO STATE OF LA. DEPT. HWY;

PARCEL 2:

A certain lot or parcel of ground, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, situated in that part of the city of Baker known as Ward: 2-2 #53. 24.63 ACRES CONSISTING OF TRACTS “D-6” AND “D-7” AND THE UNDISPOSED PORTION OF THE WILLIAM L. WHITESELL 43 ACRE TRACT IN SEC. 53, T5S, R1E;

PARCEL 3:

A certain lot or parcel of ground, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, situated in that part of the city of Baker known as Ward: 2-2 #49, Lot: X, Subdiv: IOWA-LA. LAND CO.. LOT “X” CONT. 1.377 ACRES RESUB. OF THE NORTH 28.20 ACRE & 15.00 ACRE TRACT IN SEC. 53, T5S, R1E OF THE IOWA LAND CO., BEING PART OF THE BROWN TRACT. 1976. (P-32,091). 1984. (P-43,538);

PARCEL 4:

A certain lot or parcel of ground, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, situated in that part of the city of Baker known as Ward: 2-2 #54..LOT 2-C, CONT 4.299 ACRES RESUB. OF LOT 2 IN SEC. 53, T5S, R1E. 1999. (885-11056). RESUB. 1999. IMPS. 2800-6300.;

PARCEL 5:

A certain lot or parcel of ground, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, situated in that part of the city of Baker known as Ward: 2-2 #45, Lot:12, Subdiv: BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH. PROPERTY LOT 12, CONT. 7.461 ACRES RESUB. OF LOTS Y, D-2 & TRACT D-1-1 OF THE OLD BROWN TRACT, BEING BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH PROPERTY IN SEC. 53, T5S, R1E. 1986. (647-648-9888). RESUB. 2001-05.;

PARCEL 6:

A certain lot or parcel of ground, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, situated in that part of the city of Baker known as Ward: 2-2 #46, Lot 13, Subdiv: BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH. PROPERTY LOT 13, CONT. 1.367 ACRES RESUB. OF LOTS Y, D-2 & TRACT D-1-1 OF THE OLD BROWN TRACT, BEING BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH PROPERTY IN SEC. 53, T5S, R1E. 1986. (647-648-9888). RESUB. 2001-05.;

PARCEL 7:

A certain lot or parcel of ground, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, situated in that part of the city of Baker known as

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Ward: 2-2 #47, Lot 8-A, Subdiv: BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH. PROPERTY LOT 8-A, CONT. 33.311 ACRES RESUB. OF LOT 8, BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH PROPERTY & LOT 10, MILLARD T. OLIVER PROPERTY, IN SEC. 53, T5S, R1E. 1986. (647-648-9888). 2005. (745-11739). RESUB. 2001-05.

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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. 595

SENATE BILL NO. 286
BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 33:2740.3(A) and 2740.3(A)(2), (C)(1), (F), and (H) and to enact R.S. 33:2740.3(G)(5), relative to the Downtown Development District of the city of New Orleans; to provide relative to the appointment of members of the board of commissioners of the Downtown Development District of the city of New Orleans; to provide relative to the term of the special tax authorized to be levied by the city of New Orleans for the district; to provide for the disbursement of the proceeds of the special tax; to provide for the classification of the district as a political subdivision; to provide relative to the payment of bonds payable from the special tax; to provide for voter approval for the levy of taxes or the issuance of bonds; 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. The introductory paragraph of R.S. 33:2740.3(A) and 2740.3(A)(2), (C)(1), (F), and (H) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 33:2740.3(G)(5) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§2740.3. The Downtown Development District of the City of New Orleans; creation, composition, and powers; preparation of plans; levy of ad valorem taxes and issuance of bonds

A.(1) There shall be, and there hereby is, created a special taxing district, which shall be a political subdivision, within the city of New Orleans comprised of all the territory within the following prescribed boundaries:

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(2) The special taxing district shall be a political subdivision of the state known as and is hereby designated the Downtown Development District of the City of New Orleans, hereinafter in this Section referred to as the “district”, the creation to be effective January 1, 1975.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) Upon the first meeting, the members of the board shall be randomly allotted terms as follows: three members for one year each, three members for two years each, three members for three years each, and two members for four years each; the length of the term for each individual appointed to be determined by lot. They shall serve until their successors have been appointed and qualified. Each board member shall be required to annually provide an affidavit attesting that the board member has a principal place of business or owns property in the district. Using the initial staggered terms of each appointed member as established by the district in September 2025, any newly appointed or reappointed board member shall serve a term of five years, provided that if at the expiration of any term of office of any board member a

* As it appears in the enrolled bill

successor thereto has not been elected, then the member whose term of office has expired shall continue to hold office until the successor shall be appointed.

~~(c) The members of the board thereafter appointed by the mayor upon the expiration of the respective terms of the initial appointees shall be selected and appointed in accordance with the procedures in this Subsection prescribed for the selection and appointment of the original members for the term of five years. However, vacancies shall be filled from nominations submitted by the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce in the following manner. The mayor shall select and appoint one of two names submitted to him by such council for each of the five vacancies for which the council is to submit nominees. If the selection and appointment by the mayor does not take place within thirty days following submission of the nominees by the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce, the selection and appointment shall be made by the city council. Any vacancy which occurs prior to the expiration of the term for which a member of the board has been appointed shall be filled in accordance with the procedures as set forth herein. However, the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce may submit additional nominees to either the mayor or the city council, as applicable, until all vacancies pursuant to this Subsection are filled.~~

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F. The city council, in addition to all other taxes which it is now or hereafter may be authorized by law to levy and collect, is hereby authorized to levy and collect as hereinafter specifically provided for a term not to exceed fifty years ~~from and after the date that the first tax is levied pursuant to the provisions of this Section, in the same manner and at the same time as all other ad valorem taxes on property subject to taxation by the city are levied and collected, a special ad valorem tax upon all taxable real property situated within the boundaries of the core area development district. The number of mills hereby authorized shall be computed by dividing the number of mills levied and collected by the city of New Orleans for general operating purposes for the year 1977 into the number of mills levied and collected by the city of New Orleans for general operating purposes for the year 1978 and multiplying the result by ten. No such tax shall be levied until a plan requiring or requesting the levy of a tax is finally and conclusively adopted in accordance with the procedures prescribed in this Section. The proceeds of the tax shall be used solely and exclusively for the purposes and benefit of the district. The Beginning with revenues of such tax for the year 2027, and thereafter, the proceeds of the tax~~ shall be paid over to the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, ~~district~~ day by day as the same are collected and received by the appropriate officials of the city of New Orleans and maintained by the district in a separate account. ~~The tax proceeds shall be paid out by the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, solely for the purposes herein provided upon warrants or drafts drawn on the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, by the appropriate officials of the city and the treasurer of the district.~~

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(5) In the event that bonds payable from the special tax authorized, levied, and collected pursuant to the provisions of this Section have been issued, the district shall transfer to the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, from the first revenues of such tax received in any calendar year, a sum equal to the principal and interest payable on the bonds in that calendar year. After such amount of the revenues of the tax have actually been transferred to the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, then all revenues of the tax remaining in that year shall be retained by the district and free for expenditure by the district for the purposes for which the tax was authorized by the voters.

H. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section to the contrary, no tax authorized in this Section shall be levied and no bonds shall be issued unless and until the maximum amount of the tax and the maximum amount of the bonds has been approved by a majority of the electors of the district voting thereon ~~in the city of New Orleans~~ in an election called for that purpose. No bonds issued pursuant to this Section shall be general obligations of the state of Louisiana, the parish of Orleans, or the city of New Orleans.

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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. 596

SENATE BILL NO. 289
BY SENATOR ABRAHAM
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 44:3.7 and to repeal R.S. 44:4(56), relative to public records; to provide for exemptions to the public records law for certain university records; to provide for confidentiality of applicants for certain executive-level university positions; to provide for the privacy of university donors; to provide for the confidentiality of research and proprietary information at universities; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 44:3.7 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

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§3.7. Certain records of public postsecondary education institutions

A. Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to require the disclosure of records, or the information contained therein, held by a public postsecondary education institution, which records are:

(1) Applications, resumes, or the personally identifiable information of an applicant for president, chancellor, senior vice chancellor, or athletic coach at the public postsecondary education institution, unless the applicant has authorized the disclosure of such records and information. This exemption shall expire once an applicant is approved for the position by the governing board, at which time the records of the top three finalists, including the approved applicant, shall become public. This exemption shall continue for any applicant that is not among the top three finalists for the position, unless the applicant has authorized the disclosure of such records and information.

(2) Any portion of a record that identifies the name of a donor to the public postsecondary education institution or its affiliated foundation if the donor has requested that his name remain confidential.

(3) Records that contain proprietary, unpublished, or incomplete academic research and unsubmitted grant applications. This exception shall expire upon the disclosure, publication, public announcement, or public knowledge of the research or the grant application, upon the submission of the related grant application, or upon the grant or denial of related intellectual property rights.

(4)(a) Records of negotiations for industry partnerships with the institution upon a determination by the custodian of records that disclosure of the information would have a detrimental effect on the negotiations. The custodian's determination shall be disclosed in response to a request for the records.

(b) No information made confidential pursuant to this Paragraph shall remain confidential for more than twelve months from the date of the custodian's determination that disclosure would be detrimental; however, if the negotiation remains active and the custodian makes a new determination that the disclosure of the information would be detrimental to the negotiations, such information shall remain confidential while the negotiation remains active, not to exceed an additional six months.

B. This Chapter shall not apply to the personally identifiable information of any person who reports a violation of a student code of conduct or other policy intended for the safety of students or employees of a postsecondary education institution, personally identifiable information of any reported witness to the reported violation, and, if the reported violation involves violence or abuse, personally identifiable information of any person who may be a victim of violence or abuse directly related to the reported violation if such information is in the custody or control of the postsecondary education institution or management board and was received in accordance with adopted, written policies applicable to the postsecondary education institution and the students and employees of the postsecondary education institution, unless access to the information is specifically required by other provisions of law of this state or by federal law or is ordered by a court under rules of discovery.

Section 2, R.S. 44:4(56) is hereby repealed.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 597

**SENATE BILL NO. 380
BY SENATOR CARTER
AN ACT**

To enact R.S. 33:9091.30, relative to Orleans Parish; to create the Real Timbers Crime Prevention and Improvement District; to provide relative to the boundaries, purpose, governance, authority, powers, duties, and functions of the district; to provide for district funding; 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. 33:9091.30 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§9091.30. Real Timbers Crime Prevention and Improvement 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 Real Timbers Crime Prevention and Improvement 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 included within the following perimeter: Iowa Street, Amazon Street, Delaware Street, Memorial Park Drive, Kansas Street, and Hudson Street.

C. The district is established for the primary object and purpose of promoting and encouraging the beautification, security, and overall betterment of the district.

D.(1) The district shall be governed by a seven-member board of commissioners, referred to in this Section as the “board”, composed as follows:

(a) The president, secretary, treasurer, and parliamentarian of the Real Timbers Homeowners Association, referred to in this Section as the “association”.

(b) The association shall appoint three members who shall be residents of the district.

(2)(a) The members appointed pursuant to Subparagraph (1)(b) of this Subsection shall serve five-year terms after initial terms as provided in this Subparagraph. One member shall serve an initial term of three years; one shall serve four years; and one shall serve five years, as determined by lot at the first

meeting of the board.

(b) The members serving pursuant to Subparagraph (1)(a) of this Subsection shall serve during their term of office.

(3) 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.

(4) 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.

(5) A majority of the 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.

(6) 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 for security, improvement, or betterment of the district, including 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 and the quality of life of its residents.

(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 liability of the district and 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) 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.

(2) 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 fifteen dollars per year for each parcel.

(3)(a) The fee shall be imposed on each parcel located within the district.

(b) 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.

(c) The owner of each parcel shall be responsible for payment of the fee.

(4)(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 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 authorizing the fee, 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. If the fee is renewed, the term of the imposition of the fee shall be as provided in the proposition authorizing the renewal, not to exceed five years.

(5) The fee shall be collected at the same time and in the same manner as ad valorem taxes on property subject to taxation by the city are collected.

(6) 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.

(7)(a) The proceeds of the fee shall be used 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.

(b) The city of New Orleans shall remit to the district all amounts collected not more than sixty days after collection.

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 the additional law enforcement or security personnel and their services provided for through

the fees authorized in this Section shall be supplemental to and not in lieu of personnel and services provided in the district by the New Orleans Police Department.

(2) If the district ceases to exist, all funds of the district shall be transmitted by the board 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, beautification, and overall betterment 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 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.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 598

SENATE BILL NO. 430
BY SENATOR JENKINS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4574.1.1(A)(24)(c)(ii), relative to the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau; to provide relative to hotel occupancy taxes levied by the bureau; to provide relative to the levy of an additional hotel occupancy tax by the bureau; to provide relative to the duration of the authority for the additional tax; to provide relative to renewal of the additional tax; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 33:4574.1.1(A)(24)(c)(ii) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§4574.1.1. Occupancy taxes levied by the commissions

A. For the purposes set forth in this Subsection or Paragraph (F)(3) of this Section, a commission created pursuant to R.S. 33:4574(B) is authorized to levy and collect a tax upon the occupancy of hotel rooms, motel rooms, and overnight camping facilities within the jurisdiction of the commission. Such tax shall not exceed the following percentages of the rent or fee charged for such occupancy:

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(24)(a)

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(c)(i)

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(ii) The levy of an additional tax pursuant to this Subparagraph shall be subject to approval by a majority of the electors of Caddo and Bossier parishes who vote on a proposition authorizing the levy of the tax. The bureau shall call an election for the purpose of submitting such a proposition to the voters. The election on the question of the levy of the tax shall be held only once at a regularly scheduled statewide election. The authority to levy the tax shall terminate on June thirtieth of the twelfth calendar year after the date of the approval of the taxation election held pursuant to this Item; however, the authority to levy the tax may be renewed if approved by a majority of the electors of Caddo and Bossier parishes who vote on a proposition authorizing such renewal. Any election to authorize the renewal shall be called by the bureau for the purpose of submitting such a proposition to the voters. The election on the question of the renewal shall be held ~~only once~~ at a regularly scheduled statewide election. If renewed, the term of renewal shall be as provided in the proposition authorizing such renewal, not to exceed twelve years.

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A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 599

* As it appears in the enrolled bill

SENATE BILL NO. 54
BY SENATOR CATHEY AND REPRESENTATIVES BAYHAM, ECHOLS
AND WILEY
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:563(8) and 583(C)(1), relative to cosmetology; to provide for the practice of esthetics; to provide for definitions; to provide relative to the requirements of a cosmetology teacher; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 37:563(8) and 583(C)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§563. Definitions

As used in this Chapter, the following words have the following meanings:

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(8)(a) “Esthetics” means engaging in any one or a combination of the following practices: massaging the face or neck of a person, dyeing or trimming eyebrows, applying natural or artificial enhancements to eyelashes, hair removal by cosmetic preparations, threading, waxing, or other similar means, stimulating, cleansing, or beautifying the face, neck, arms, bust, upper body, legs, or feet of a person by any method with the aid of the hands or of any mechanical or electrical apparatus, including micro-dermabrasion, epidermabrasion, or particle exfoliation using equipment and methodology approved by the board or by the use of a cosmetic preparation; however, esthetics shall not include the diagnosis, treatment, or therapy of any dermatological condition, or the process of removing hair known as “electrolysis”.

(b) An esthetician may engage in blow drying hair services if it is in combination with practices pursuant to Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph.

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§583. Qualifications for certificate as a registered teacher; continuing education

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C. In addition to the requirements set forth in Subsection B of this Section, a person shall also meet the following requirements in order to obtain a certificate of registration as a registered teacher of cosmetology, esthetics, or manicuring:

(1) To obtain a certificate as a registered teacher of cosmetology, a person shall possess a cosmetology certificate, ~~have been actively engaged in the practice of cosmetology for at least twelve months prior to beginning the instructor's course,~~ and have successfully passed the examination prescribed by the board for certification as a teacher of cosmetology.

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A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 600

SENATE BILL NO. 134
BY SENATOR KLEINPETER
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:81.1(A)(3), relative to offenses affecting the public morals; to provide relative to child sexual abuse materials; to provide that the crime of child sexual abuse materials does not apply to persons under the age of seventeen under certain circumstances; to provide relative to the crime of “sexting”; to provide relative to definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 14:81.1(A)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§81.1. Child sexual abuse materials

A.(1)

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(3)(a) When a person who is under the age of seventeen years violates Paragraph (A)(1) of this Section by either of the following acts, the provisions of R.S. 14:81.1.1 relative to the crime of “sexting” shall govern the offense, unless the person committed the offense with the intent to obtain anything of value, secure a privilege or advantage, or harass or cause emotional distress to any person:

(i) Using a computer or telecommunication device to knowingly and voluntarily transmit an indecent visual depiction of himself.

(ii) Receiving or possessing an indecent visual depiction of a person that was transmitted by the person depicted in the image.

(b) For purposes of this Paragraph, “indecent visual depiction” shall have the same meaning as provided in R.S. 14:81.1.1.

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A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 601

SENATE BILL NO. 189
BY SENATOR FESI
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:2057(A)(3)(a), relative to the intentional release

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of substances into the atmosphere to affect climate, temperature, weather, or sunlight; to provide for prohibitions; and to provide for related matters. Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 30:2057(A)(3)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2057. Prohibitions; exceptions
A. No person shall:

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(3)(a) Intentionally inject, release, apply, or disperse, by any means, **including by the burning of fuel in an aircraft engine**, a chemical, chemical compound, substance, or apparatus into the atmosphere within the borders of this state for the express purpose of affecting the temperature, weather, climate, or intensity of sunlight. The provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to the injection, release, or dispersal under one thousand feet above ground level of fire retardant or fire suppressant substances for purposes of extinguishing or suppressing fire, or to the aerial application under one thousand feet above ground level of seeds, fertilizers, or pesticides for agriculture or forestry purposes.

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A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 602

SENATE BILL NO. 270
BY SENATOR JACKSON-ANDREWS
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1046.5, relative to medical marijuana; to allow for the use of medical marijuana by a terminally ill patient in a healthcare facility; to provide for requirements; to provide for prohibitions; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 40:1046.5 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1046.5. Access to medical marijuana in a healthcare facility
A. As used in this Section the following definitions shall apply:

(1) “Healthcare facility” means a healthcare facility licensed pursuant to R.S. 40:2006(A)(2). Healthcare facility shall not mean any freestanding or distinct part unit of a hospital providing behavioral health services or any emergency or outpatient department of a hospital.

(2) “Medical marijuana” means marijuana for therapeutic use produced and recommended to a patient in accordance with R.S. 40:1046.

(3) “Patient” means a person who has a terminal and irreversible condition as defined by R.S. 40:1151.1 and maintains a current recommendation to use medical marijuana.

B. A healthcare facility shall permit patient use of medical marijuana and shall:

(1) Prohibit smoking or vaping as methods to use medical marijuana.

(2) Include the use of medical marijuana within the patient’s medical records.

(3) Require a patient to provide a copy of the patient’s recommendation for medical marijuana pursuant to R.S. 40:1046.

(4) Require a patient or a primary caregiver to be responsible for acquiring, retrieving, administering, and removing medical marijuana.

(5) Subject to the policy adopted by the healthcare facility, require medical marijuana to be stored securely at all times in a locked container provided by the patient in the patient’s room, other designated area, or with the patient’s primary caregiver.

(6) Prohibit health care professionals, healthcare facility staff, including but not limited to physicians, nurses, and pharmacists, from administering, storing, retrieving, or assisting the patient with the medical marijuana.

(7) Upon discharge, all remaining medical marijuana shall be removed by the patient or patient’s primary caregiver. If a patient cannot remove the medical marijuana and does not have a primary caregiver that is available to remove the medical marijuana, the medical marijuana shall be disposed of in accordance with the health facility policy and procedure governing medical marijuana.

(8) Develop, disseminate, and train health facility staff on the written guidelines developed by the facility for patient use of medical marijuana within the health care facility pursuant to this Section.

C. The provisions of this Section shall not require a healthcare facility to provide a terminally ill patient with a recommendation to use medical marijuana or include medical marijuana in a patient’s discharge plan.

D. Compliance with this Section shall not be a condition for obtaining, retaining, or renewing a license as a healthcare facility.

E. If a federal regulatory agency, the United States Department of Justice, or the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services takes one of the following actions against a healthcare facility, then all healthcare facilities may suspend compliance with the provisions of this Section until the federal regulatory agency, the United States Department of Justice, or the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services notifies the healthcare facility that it may resume allowing the use of medical marijuana within the facility:

(1) A federal regulatory agency or the United States Department of Justice initiates enforcement action against a healthcare facility related to the facility’s compliance with a state-regulated medical marijuana program.

(2) A federal regulatory agency, the United States Department of Justice, or the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services issues a rule or otherwise

provides notification to the healthcare facility that expressly prohibits the use of medical marijuana in healthcare facilities or otherwise prohibits compliance with a state-regulated medical marijuana program.

F. A healthcare facility shall not prohibit a terminally ill patient’s use of medical marijuana due solely to the fact that marijuana is a Schedule I drug pursuant to the federal Uniform Controlled Substances Act or other federal constraints on the use of medical marijuana that were in existence prior to the enactment of this Section.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 603

SENATE BILL NO. 422
BY SENATOR MILLER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:98.4(D) and to enact R.S. 14:98.4(E), relative to driving offenses; to provide relative to penalties for fourth offense operating while impaired; to provide for unsupervised probation in certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 14:98.4(D) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 14:98.4(E) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§98.4. Operating while impaired; fourth offense; penalties

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D. Except as provided in Paragraph (A)(2) of this Section, in addition to any sentence of imprisonment, home incarceration, treatment program or drug division probation program as provided for by R.S. 13:5301 et seq., supervised probation, or parole, the court shall order that, beginning on the date of the offender’s release from incarceration or the offender’s completion of home incarceration, a treatment program or drug division probation program, supervised probation, or parole, the offender be placed on unsupervised probation, with the unsupervised probation ending either upon the full term date of the original sentence or twenty years from the date of sentencing, whichever period is longer.

E. In addition to any other penalty, the court shall order, upon motion of the prosecuting district attorney, that the vehicle being operated by the offender at the time of the offense be seized and impounded, and sold at auction in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 14:98(F).

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 604

HOUSE BILL NO. 162
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9097.12(F)(1) and (3)(a)(i), relative to the Jefferson Place/Bocage Crime Prevention and Improvement District; to provide relative to the parcel fee imposed within the district; to provide for the maximum fee amount; 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. 33:9097.12(F)(1) and (3)(a)(i) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§9097.12. Jefferson Place/Bocage Crime Prevention and Improvement District

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F. Parcel fee. The district, through the board, is hereby authorized to 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 shall be a flat fee per improved parcel of land not to exceed ~~five hundred and forty one thousand two hundred~~ dollars per year for each improved parcel, starting with ~~five hundred one thousand~~ dollars for the first calendar year.

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(3)(a)(i) The fee of ~~five hundred one thousand~~ dollars for the first calendar year, subject to change thereafter by duly adopted resolution of the board, not to exceed the maximum amount authorized as provided in this Subsection, shall be imposed only after the question of its imposition and the board’s authority to increase the fee 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.

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A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 605

HOUSE BILL NO. 1239 (Substitute for House Bill No. 473 by Representative Green)
BY REPRESENTATIVE GREEN AND SENATORS BARROW, BOUDREAUX, CARTER, JACKSON-ANDREWS, JENKINS, AND PRICE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:335(A)(2)(b), relative to child custody; to provide relative to the best interest of a child; to provide relative to equal custody; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 9:335(A)(2)(b) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§335. Joint custody decree and implementation order; custody during an emergency or disaster

- A. * * *
- (2) * * *
- (b) ~~Unless the court determines to the extent it is not feasible and or in the best interest of the child, physical custody of the children should~~ child shall be shared equally.
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A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 606

HOUSE BILL NO. 27
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 10(D)(2)(b)(iii) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to application of certain state monies to state retirement system unfunded accrued liability; to remove requirement that such monies be applied to the oldest system liabilities first; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published as provided by Article X, Section 29(C) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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 VII, Section 10(D)(2)(b)(iii) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:§10. Expenditure of State Funds

- Section 10. * * *
- (D) Appropriations. * * *
- (2) Except as otherwise provided in this constitution, the appropriation or allocation of any money designated in the official forecast as nonrecurring shall be made only for the following purposes: * * *
- (b) * * *

(iii) For Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and each fiscal year thereafter, the legislature shall appropriate no less than twenty-five percent of any money designated in the official forecast as nonrecurring to the state retirement systems for application to their unfunded accrued liability. ~~Money appropriated pursuant to this Item shall be applied by the receiving system to its outstanding positive amortization bases in the order in which they were created, from oldest to newest.~~ The legislature may provide by law for a formula to distribute the nonrecurring money between those state retirement systems that have unfunded accrued liability. If the legislature has not provided by law for a distribution formula, nonrecurring money shall be appropriated pursuant to this Item to each system in the proportion that the system's total unfunded accrued liability bears to the total of all state system unfunded accrued liability, using the most recent system valuations adopted by the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee or its successor. Any payment to a state retirement system made pursuant to the provisions of this Item shall not be used, directly or indirectly, to fund cost-of-living increases for such system.

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 authorize a state retirement system to apply any nonrecurring state monies it receives to any of its unfunded accrued liability rather than requiring application to its oldest unfunded accrued liability? (Amends Article VII, Section 10(D)(2)(b)(iii))

A true copy:
Nancy Landry

Secretary of State

ACT No. 607

SENATE BILL NO. 228

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS AND REPRESENTATIVES BOYD, BRASS, BRAUD, BRYANT, CHASSION, FISHER, FREEMAN, GREEN, JACKSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, JORDAN, KNOX, LAFLEUR, MANDIE LANDRY, TERRY LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARCELLE, MENA, MILLER, MOORE, NEWELL, THOMPSON, WALTERS AND YOUNG

A JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article VII, Section 14(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§14. Donation, Loan, or Pledge of Public Credit
Section 14.(A)

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(B) Authorized Uses. Nothing in this Section shall prevent (1) the use of public funds for programs of social welfare for the aid and support of the needy; (2) contributions of public funds to pension and insurance programs for the benefit of public employees; (3) the pledge of public funds, credit, property, or things of value for public purposes with respect to the issuance of bonds or other evidences of indebtedness to meet public obligations as provided by law; (4) the return of property, including mineral rights, to a former owner from whom the property had previously been expropriated, or purchased under threat of expropriation, when the legislature by law declares that the public and necessary purpose which originally supported the expropriation has ceased to exist and orders the return of the property to the former owner under such terms and conditions as specified by the legislature; (5) acquisition of stock by any institution of higher education in exchange for any intellectual property; (6) the donation of abandoned or blighted housing property by the governing authority of a municipality or a parish to a nonprofit organization which is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization and which agrees to renovate and maintain such property until conveyance of the property by such organization; (7) the deduction of any tax, interest, penalty, or other charges forming the basis of tax liens on blighted property so that they may be subordinated and waived in favor of any purchaser who is not a member of the immediate family of the blighted property owner or which is not any entity in which the owner has a substantial economic interest, but only in connection with a property renovation plan approved by an administrative hearing officer appointed by the parish or municipal government where the property is located; (8) the deduction of past due taxes, interest, and penalties in favor of an owner of a blighted property, but only when the owner sells the property at less than the appraised value to facilitate the blighted property renovation plan approved by the parish or municipal government and only after the renovation is completed such deduction being canceled, null and void, and to no effect in the event ownership of the property in the future reverts back to the owner or any member of his immediate family; (9) the donation by the state of asphalt which has been removed from state roads and highways to the governing authority of the parish or municipality where the asphalt was removed, or if not needed by such governing authority, then to any other parish or municipal governing authority, but only pursuant to a cooperative endeavor agreement between the state and the governing authority receiving the donated property; (10) the investment in stocks of a portion of the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge Trust and Protection Fund, created under the provisions of R.S. 56:797, and the Russell Sage or Marsh Island Refuge Fund, created under the provisions of R.S. 56:798, such portion not to exceed thirty-five percent of each fund; (11) the investment in stocks of a portion of the state-funded permanently endowed funds of a public or private college or university, not to exceed thirty-five percent of the public funds endowed; (12) the investment in equities of a portion of the Medicaid Trust Fund for the Elderly created under the provisions of R.S. 46:2691 et seq., such portion not to exceed thirty-five percent of the fund; (13) the investment of public funds to capitalize a state infrastructure bank and the loan, pledge, or guarantee of public funds by a state infrastructure bank solely for transportation projects; (14) pursuant to a written agreement, the donation of the use of public equipment and personnel by a political subdivision upon request to another political subdivision for an activity or function the requesting political subdivision is authorized to exercise; ~~or~~ (15) a political subdivision from waiving charges for water if the charges are the result of water lost due to damage to the water delivery infrastructure and that damage is not the result of any act or failure to act by the customer being charged for the water; or (16) the use of public funds by a political subdivision for the purpose of identifying, inventorying, removing or replacing drinking water utility service lines made of or affected by materials as specified or prescribed by the Lead and Copper Rule Improvements

of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, promulgated October 30, 2024, or subsequent promulgation, on property owned by utility customers.

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 said 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 allow for the use of public funds by a political subdivision for the purpose of identifying, inventorying, removing or replacing drinking water utility service lines made of or affected by materials as specified or prescribed by the Lead and Copper Rule Improvements of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, promulgated October 30, 2024, or subsequent promulgation, on property owned by utility customers? (Amends Article VII, Section 14)

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 608

HOUSE BILL NO. 12

BY REPRESENTATIVES VILLIO, ADAMS, BACALA, BOUDREAUX, BRAUD, BUTLER, WILFORD CARTER, CHASSION, DEWITT, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, ECHOLS, FISHER, FREEMAN, FREIBERG, GREEN, HILFERTY, HORTON, ILLG, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, KNOX, LACOMBE, MARCELLE, MARTINEZ, MURRAY, PHELPS, SCHLEGEL, TAYLOR, WILEY, AND WYBLE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1665.2(F), to provide for survival benefits for reserve and auxiliary law enforcement officers; to provide for payment of surviving spouse benefits for reserve and auxiliary law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 40:1665.2(F) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

SUBPART A-1. PAYMENT TO SURVIVING SPOUSE AND CHILDREN

§1665.2. Financial security for surviving spouses and children of law enforcement officers in certain cases

F. In addition to the provisions of Subsection A of this Section, the surviving spouse or child of a law enforcement officer who is a commissioned law enforcement officer and who is certified by the Council on Peace Officers Officer Standards and Training or is a reserve or auxiliary law enforcement officer at the time of his death shall be entitled to the payments provided for in Paragraph (C)(1) of this Section, if either of the following occur:

(1) The officer was traveling to or from a public safety emergency or was responding to a request for law enforcement assistance regarding the health, safety, or welfare of the public.(2) The officer was traveling to or from his residence and his authorized work area while using a law enforcement vehicle provided by his employing agency.

Approved by the Governor, June 2, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 609

HOUSE BILL NO. 45

BY REPRESENTATIVES BACALA AND FREEMAN

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:2213(10), 2221(N), 2225.5(B)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (2) and (C), 2241.5(A), and 2242.5(A) and to enact R.S. 11:2218(K), 2220.1, 2221(G)(6), (K)(5), and (O), 2225.5(B)(3) and (4), 2241.5(D), 2242.5(D), and 2242.9, relative to the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System; to provide relative to benefits; to provide for membership in the system; to provide relative to the definition of earnable compensation; to provide for service credit; to provide for survivor benefits for officers killed in the line of duty; to provide relative to the funding deposit account; to provide relative to the Deferred Retirement Option Plan; to provide relative to investment of Deferred Retirement Option Plan accounts; to provide relative to investment earnings on Deferred Retirement Option Plan accounts; to provide relative to the accrual rate for service credit in the hazardous and nonhazardous duty subplans; to provide for the transfer of certain employees from the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System to the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System; 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 X, Section 29(C) of the Constitution of Louisiana.Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 11:2213(10), 2221(N), 2225.5(B)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (2) and (C), 2241.5(A), and 2242.5(A) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 11:2218(K), 2220.1, 2221(G)(6), (K)(5), and (O), 2225.5(B)(3) and (4), 2241.5(D), 2242.5(D), and 2242.9 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§2213. Definitions

The following words and phrases, as used in this Chapter, unless a different meaning is plainly required by context, shall have the following meanings:

(10)(a) "Earnable compensation" shall mean the full amount of compensation earned by an employee for a given month, including supplemental pay paid by the state of Louisiana, but shall not include overtime.

(b) Beginning July 1, 2026, "earnable compensation" shall not include any nonrecurring lump-sum payment or ad hoc bonus, including but not limited to recruitment incentives, hiring or signing bonuses, retention incentives or bonuses, clothing allowance, and any other one-time award not paid as part of the employee's regular recurring salary.

(c) For the purpose of calculating retirement benefits, for any nonrecurring lump-sum payment or ad hoc bonus, including but not limited to recruitment incentives, hiring or signing bonuses, retention incentives or bonuses, clothing allowance, and any other one-time award not paid as part of the employee's regular recurring salary made on or after January 1, 2026, and on or before July 1, 2026, such non-recurring lump-sum payments or ad hoc bonuses shall not be used in the calculation of retirement benefits unless the employer and employee contributions for such lump-sum payments or ad hoc bonuses are remitted to the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System no later than June 30, 2026. Any retirement contributions on such non-recurring lump-sum payments and ad hoc bonuses retained by an employer and not remitted to the retirement system shall be returned to the employee by the employer. If no contributions were received by the employer from the employee, the employer shall not be responsible for remitting money to the employee.

§2218. Creditable service

K.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any member of this system who was employed by any other law enforcement agency of the state of Louisiana or any political subdivision thereof, if such service is not creditable in any public retirement or pension system, fund, or plan in the state, may purchase service credit in this system by paying all actuarial costs of such purchase as determined by the retirement system actuary in accordance with R.S. 11:158(C). The member shall pay the cost of such service credit either in a lump sum, or the member may enter into an installment agreement with the system, on terms established by the system, for payments over a period not to exceed sixty months, inclusive of interest at the actuarially assumed rate of return. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any outstanding balance shall be paid in full no later than thirty days prior to the member's effective retirement date or the date on which the member first receives a benefit from the system, whichever is earlier.

(2)(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any person who has at least six months of service credit in this system and who was employed by any law enforcement agency of the federal government or of any other state or of any political subdivision of another state where such service is not creditable in any public retirement or pension system, fund, or plan, in this or any other state or of the federal government, may purchase service credit in this system for such employment by paying all actuarial costs of such purchase as determined by the retirement system actuary, in accordance with R.S. 11:158(C) and as further provided in this Paragraph.

(b) To purchase credit for such service, the member shall apply to the system and furnish with such application information on the name and address of each retirement or pension system, plan, or fund in which the member was enrolled during the out-of-state or federal law enforcement employment, together with the dates of such employment. The appropriate officer, trustee, or employee of each system, plan, or fund, or of the out-of-state or federal employing agency shall certify the length of employment of the member and that the member does not have retirement or pension credit for such employment which duplicates the service credit being purchased in the system.

(c) The cost of such service credit shall be paid in a lump sum, or the member may enter into an installment agreement with the system, on terms established by the system, for payments over a period not to exceed sixty months, inclusive of interest at the actuarially assumed rate of return. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any outstanding balance shall be paid in full no later than thirty days prior to the member's effective retirement date or the date on which the member is to first receive a benefit from the system, whichever is earlier.

§2220.1. Survivor benefits for officers killed in the line of duty; failure of employer enrollment

A. Notwithstanding any provision of this Chapter to the contrary, a surviving spouse or other eligible beneficiary of an employee as defined in R.S. 11:2213(11) who was killed in the line of duty while employed as a municipal police officer on or after July 1, 2010, and before March 1, 2026, may apply for survivor benefits under this Chapter no later than June 30, 2027, if the employee otherwise met the eligibility requirements for membership in the system at the time of death.

B. If the surviving spouse or beneficiary otherwise qualifies for survivor

benefits, the system shall pay such benefits notwithstanding the failure of the employer to enroll the officer in the system at the time of death. Any person who would have been eligible to receive a benefit but whose benefit payments would have ceased before the effective date of this Section shall be paid the benefits to which the person would have been entitled.

C. Any actuarial cost associated with benefits paid pursuant to this Section shall be funded with additional employer contributions.

D. Any retroactive benefits payable pursuant to this Section shall be paid no later than three months after the system determines that the applicant is eligible.

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§2221. Deferred Retirement Option Plan

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(6) In the case of any conflict between the provisions of this Subsection and Subsection N of this Section, the provisions of Subsection N of this Section shall control.

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K. The following shall also apply if employment is not terminated at the end of the period of participation:

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(5)(a) A participant who had twenty-eight or more years of creditable service upon commencement of participation in the plan, who elected a participation period of three years before July 1, 2024, and who thereafter resumed active contributing membership in the system pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, may elect upon subsequent retirement to receive the additional retirement benefit payable under Paragraph (3) of this Subsection as an initial benefit plus a reduced monthly retirement allowance equal to the actuarially equivalent amount of his maximum additional retirement benefit.

(b) The initial benefit shall not exceed twenty-four payments of the monthly retirement benefit that was being paid into the participant's Deferred Retirement Option Plan account upon termination of participation in the plan.

(c) The participant, at his option, shall receive the initial benefit as a lump-sum payment or in an investment account established and administered under this Section.

(d) The additional benefit received by the participant and the beneficiary or survivor shall be actuarially reduced by a prorated amount calculated to offset the cost of the initial benefit payment.

(e) Cost of living adjustments shall not be payable on the initial benefit.

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N.(1)(a) Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the contrary and as further provided in this Paragraph, the board of trustees may adopt rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to provide for amounts credited to Deferred Retirement Option Plan accounts, including amounts credited after termination of participation in the plan, to be retained and invested by the system. The rules shall apply to any person whose plan participation begins on or after July 1, 2026; provided, however, that if the rules authorized by this Paragraph have not been promulgated by the date a person's participation period ends, the person's account shall be transferred as provided in Subparagraph (G)(5)(b) of this Section.

(b) The board of trustees may adopt rules for the transfer to the system, at the option of the participant, of amounts previously credited to Deferred Retirement Option Plan accounts that are invested outside of the system, including amounts held by third-party providers or in externally managed funds.

(c) For any person subject to the provisions of this Subsection, after the person's plan participation ceases, any amounts retained or transferred pursuant to the rules promulgated as authorized in this Paragraph shall earn interest, credited annually, at a rate equal to the actuarial rate of return of the system's investment portfolio for the applicable fiscal year, less one-half of one percent, as certified in the system's actuary's annual valuation report.

(d) The board of trustees may adopt rules governing eligibility, timing of transfers, administration, valuation dates, crediting periods, administrative fees, and any other matters necessary to implement the provisions of this Paragraph. Any rule adopted pursuant to this Paragraph shall apply prospectively only.

(2) Any member electing a participation period in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan that begins on or after July 1, 2026, shall, by such election, be deemed to have knowingly and voluntarily waived any rights or claims under the Constitution of Louisiana relative to the benefits credited or the interest earned on amounts credited to the participant's Deferred Retirement Option Plan account, including any claim to a guaranteed rate of return or to any particular method of investment or crediting of interest. The waiver provided by this Paragraph shall apply to all amounts credited to the participant's Deferred Retirement Option Plan account, whether credited during or after participation in the plan, and regardless of whether such amounts are retained and invested by the system or transferred pursuant to law or rules adopted by the board of trustees.

O. The board of trustees shall promulgate rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to approve any other methods of payment authorized by but not expressly provided in this Section. Once promulgated, the rules shall be considered plan provisions for purposes of compliance with requirements of the Internal Revenue Code and associated regulations.

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§2225.5. Funding deposit account

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B.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of R.S. 11:103 or 104, for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2023, and ending on or before June 30, 2028, the board of trustees may require a net direct contribution rate of up to the following applicable limit:

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(2) Notwithstanding any provision of R.S. 11:103 or 104, for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2028, the board of trustees may require a net direct contribution rate of up to the rate determined under R.S. 11:103 plus the applicable benefit rate as determined under Subparagraphs (3)(c) and (d) of this Subsection.

(3)(a) Effective July 1, 2027, the funding deposit account rate shall be eighty-five hundredths of one percentage point.

(b) For any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2028, in which the rate determined under R.S. 11:103 decreases, the funding deposit account rate shall increase by one-half of the amount of the decrease in the rate determined under R.S. 11:103. Any increase in the funding deposit account rate shall be permanent, and the adjusted funding deposit account rate shall not exceed two and one-half percent.

(c) For any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2028, in which the sum of the rate determined under R.S. 11:103 and the funding deposit account rate determined pursuant to Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph does not exceed twenty-nine and thirty-five hundredths percent, the applicable benefit rate shall be equal to the funding deposit account rate determined pursuant to Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph.

(d) For any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2028, in which the sum of the rate determined under R.S. 11:103 and the funding deposit account rate determined pursuant to Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph exceeds twenty-nine and thirty-five hundredths percent, the applicable benefit rate shall be equal to eighty-five hundredths of one percentage point or the difference between twenty-nine and thirty-five hundredths percent and the rate determined under R.S. 11:103, whichever is greater.

(4)(a) For any fiscal year ending on or before June 30, 2028, in which the board of trustees sets the direct employer contribution rate higher than the rate determined under R.S. 11:103, excess contributions resulting from the higher rate shall be used as provided in Paragraph (C)(1) of this Section or transferred to the account as provided in Paragraph (C)(2) of this Section.

(b) For any fiscal year, beginning on or after July 1, 2028, in which the board of trustees sets the direct employer contribution rate higher than the rate determined under R.S. 11:103, excess contributions resulting from the higher rate shall be credited to the account to be used solely to pay additional benefits to retirees, survivors, and beneficiaries.

C.(1) Except as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, any excess contributions for any fiscal year ending on or before June 30, 2028, resulting from the board's exercise of its authority pursuant to Paragraph (B)(1) of this Section shall be applied, until exhausted, exclusively to reduce the outstanding balance of the oldest positive amortization base; however, the future payments for such amortization base shall continue to be made according to the original amortization schedule established in compliance with the requirements of Article X, Section 29(E)(3) of the Constitution of Louisiana and R.S. 11:103 until the outstanding balance is fully liquidated.

(2) The For any fiscal year ending on or before June 30, 2028, the board of trustees may dedicate a specific amount of excess contributions, up to the amount generated by setting the rate equal to eighty-five hundredths of one percentage point more than the rate determined under R.S. 11:103, to be used solely to pay additional benefits to retirees, survivors, and beneficiaries. The dedicated amount of funds shall be credited to the account.

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§2241.5. Retirement benefit calculation

A. Except as provided in Subsection B of this Section, a member shall receive a retirement benefit equal to three percent of average final compensation for every year of creditable service in this subplan credited before to January 1, 2027, and three and one-third percent of average final compensation for every year of creditable service in this subplan credited on or after January 1, 2027, not to exceed one hundred percent of the member's average final compensation. Notwithstanding this provision, a member who retires with thirty or more years of creditable service shall receive a retirement benefit equal to three and one-third percent of the member's average final compensation for every year of creditable service in this subplan, not to exceed one hundred percent of the member's average final compensation.

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D.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a member of this subplan may elect to purchase an increase in the accrual rate applicable to any period of creditable service in this subplan that was credited at the rate of three percent of the average final compensation, so that such service is subject to the rate of three and one-third percent of the average final compensation.

(2) The cost of such purchase shall be an amount calculated on an actuarial basis which totally offsets the increase in accrued liability resulting from the application of the higher accrual rate. The cost shall be determined by the system actuary using the actuarial assumptions and methods in use by the system at the time of the member's election.

(3) No purchase authorized by this Subsection shall be effective until the full actuarial cost is paid by the member. The cost of the purchase shall be borne solely by the member and shall not be paid, directly or indirectly, by

the employer or the system.

§2242.5. Retirement benefit calculation
A. Except as provided in Subsection B of this Section, a member shall receive a retirement benefit equal to two and one-half percent of average final compensation for every year of creditable service in this subplan credited before January 1, 2027, and three percent of average final compensation for every year of creditable service in this subplan credited on or after January 1, 2027, not to exceed one hundred percent of the member's average final compensation.

D.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a member of this subplan may elect to purchase an increase in the accrual rate applicable to any period of creditable service in this subplan that was credited at the rate of two and one-half percent of the average final compensation, so that such service is subject to the rate of three percent of average final compensation.

(2) The cost of such purchase shall be an amount calculated on an actuarial basis which totally offsets the increase in accrued liability resulting from the application of the higher accrual rate. The cost shall be determined by the system actuary using the actuarial assumptions and methods in use by the system at the time of the member's election.

(3) No purchase authorized by this Subsection shall be effective until the full actuarial cost is paid by the member. The cost of the purchase shall be borne solely by the member and shall not be paid, directly or indirectly, by the employer or the system.

§2242.9. Certain employees previously electing membership in the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System

A. Any person who made an election pursuant to R.S. 11:160 to remain a member of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System and who on December 31, 2026, is employed in a position that would otherwise qualify him to be a member of the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System shall, beginning January 1, 2027, become a member of the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System.

B. All service in the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System of a person subject to the provisions of Subsection A of this Section shall be transferred in accordance with R.S. 11:143(C), and upon receipt of the amount required pursuant to R.S. 11:143(C), the member shall receive his service credit.

C. All service credit transferred pursuant to this Section shall be deemed creditable service in the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System for purposes of benefit computation and eligibility.

Section 2. There shall exist no right or claim for reimbursement against the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System or against any employer or municipality for any amounts deducted, paid, or otherwise payable, on or before the effective date of this Act, from the earnable compensation of a member of the system from any nonrecurring lump-sum payment or ad hoc bonus, including but not limited to recruitment incentives, hiring or signing bonuses, retention incentives or bonuses, clothing allowance, and any other one-time award not paid as part of the employee's regular recurring salary. To the maximum extent permitted by law, the system and any employer or municipality shall be immune from suit or other financial liability from the payment of any nonrecurring lump-sum payment or ad hoc bonus without the deductions on earnable compensation pursuant to R.S. 11:2227(B)(1)(a).

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, June 2, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 610

HOUSE BILL NO. 54
BY REPRESENTATIVES FONTENOT AND CHASSION
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:574.7(B)(4) and (C)(2)(b) and to enact R.S. 15:574.7(C)(2)(c), relative to parole violations; to provide for the placement of parolees in certain programs as an alternative to revocation of parole; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 15:574.7(B)(4) and (C)(2)(b) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 15:574.7(C)(2)(c) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§574.7. Custody and supervision of parolees; modification or suspension of supervision; violation of conditions of parole; sanctions; alternative conditions; administrative sanctions

B.

(4) For purposes of this Subsection, "technical violation" means any violation of a condition of parole as defined in ~~R.S. 15:574.9(G)(2)~~ R.S. 15:574.9(H)(2).

C.(1)

(2) Upon receiving a summary of the prerevocation proceeding, the committee may order the following:

~~(b) As an alternative to revocation, that the parolee, as a condition of parole, be committed to a community rehabilitation center or a substance abuse treatment program operated by, or under contract with, the department, for a period of time not to exceed six months, without benefit of good time, provided that such commitment does not extend the period of parole beyond the full parole term. Upon written request of the department that the offender be removed for violations of the rules or regulations of the community rehabilitation center or substance abuse program, the committee shall order that the parole be revoked, with credit for time served in the community rehabilitation center. That the parolee, as an alternative to revocation and as a condition of parole, be committed to any of the following that is deemed appropriate by the board and operated by or under contract with the department:~~

- (i) A community rehabilitation center.
- (ii) A substance abuse treatment program.
- (iii) A mental health treatment program.
- (iv) A certified treatment and rehabilitation program as provided in R.S. 15:828.

~~(c) The commitment authorized pursuant to Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph shall be for a period not to exceed one year and shall be without benefit of good time, provided that such commitment does not extend the period of parole beyond the full parole term. Upon written request of the department that the parolee be removed for violations of the rules or regulations of the rehabilitation center or program he has been committed to, the committee shall order that the parole be revoked with credit for time served in the rehabilitation center or program.~~

Approved by the Governor, June 2, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 611

HOUSE BILL NO. 59

BY REPRESENTATIVES MARCELLE, BAYHAM, BILLINGS, EGAN, FREEMAN, FREIBERG, KNOX, LAFLEUR, LYONS, MURRAY, TAYLOR, WALTERS, WRIGHT, AND YOUNG AND SENATORS BARROW, CARTER, DUPLESSIS, JACKSON-ANDREWS, JENKINS, LUNEAU, AND MIZELL
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 15:161.1, relative to the funding of the district public defender in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court; to provide for funding of the office personnel; to provide for funding of the expenses of the office; to provide for allocation of responsibility for funding the office personnel and expenses of the office; 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. 15:161.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§161.1. District public defender; Nineteenth Judicial District Court; East Baton Rouge Parish

~~A. In addition to any funding provided by the office of the state public defender, the office of the district public defender for the Nineteenth Judicial District Court, East Baton Rouge Parish shall be entitled to an expense allowance for the salaries of the public defenders, stenographers, clerks, and secretaries, and salaries for special officers, investigators, and other employees, and an expense allowance for stationery forms, telephone, transportation, travel, postage, hotel, and other expenses incurred in the discharge of their official duties.~~
B.(1) The governing authority of the parish of East Baton Rouge is hereby authorized to pay a sum of not less than one million dollars from its general fund for any of the items of expense, as provided by this Section, incurred by the district public defender when acting in his official capacity.

(2) This Subsection terminates on July 1, 2028.

Approved by the Governor, June 2, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 612

HOUSE BILL NO. 66
BY REPRESENTATIVE DEWITT
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:2575.12, relative to the city of Alexandria; to provide relative to administrative adjudication of certain code and ordinance violations; to provide definitions for certain violations; to provide relative to the types of violations subject to administrative adjudication procedures; 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. 13:2575.12 is hereby enacted to read as follows:
§2575.12. Additional administrative adjudication procedures; city of Alexandria

A. As applied in the city of Alexandria, the term “housing violation” as used in this Chapter shall also encompass building codes, zoning, vegetation, and nuisance ordinances, and ordinances that provide for the regulation of sewerage and drainage systems.

B. In the city of Alexandria, the procedures for administrative adjudication provided in this Chapter may also be used in matters involving licensing and permits and any other ordinance violations as determined by the governing authority of the city of Alexandria.

Approved by the Governor, June 2, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 613

**HOUSE BILL NO. 71
BY REPRESENTATIVE CARLSON
AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 9:2793.12(B) and to enact R.S. 9:2793.12(A)(3), relative to liability of persons authorized to carry a concealed handgun; to provide that armed security officers are authorized persons; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 9:2793.12(B) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 9:2793.12(A)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§2793.12. Limitation of liability; concealed handgun permit; definitions; exceptions
A.

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(3) The term “authorized person” shall also apply to any armed security officer as defined by R.S. 37:3272(A)(2) who has completed the training requirements provided by R.S. 37:3284(B)(2) and who has been issued an armed registration card by the Louisiana State Board of Private Security Examiners.

B. An authorized person as defined in this Section shall not be liable for damages for any injury, death, or loss suffered by a perpetrator when the injury, death, or loss is caused by a justified use of force or self-defense through the discharge of a firearm by the authorized person. An armed security officer is entitled to the limitation of liability provided for in this Section only if the perpetrator is wielding a dangerous weapon as defined in R.S. 14:2 at the time the armed security officer injures the perpetrator. This provision shall preclude any right of action by the perpetrator, his survivors, or his heirs.

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Approved by the Governor, June 2, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 614

**HOUSE BILL NO. 79
BY REPRESENTATIVES ROBBY CARTER, MIKE JOHNSON, MCCORMICK,
AND OWEN
AN ACT**

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:1109(B) through (F) and to repeal R.S. 30:1109(G), relative to the recovery of damages in carbon capture and storage; to remove caps on recovery for damages; to provide for technical changes; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 30:1109(B) through (F) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1109. Cessation of storage operations; limited liability release

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B.(1) In any civil liability action against the owner or operator of a storage facility, carbon dioxide transmission pipeline, or the generator of the carbon dioxide being handled by either the facility or pipeline, the maximum amount recoverable as compensatory damages for noneconomic loss shall not exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars per person, except where the damages for noneconomic loss suffered by the plaintiff were for wrongful death; permanent and substantial physical deformity; loss of use of a limb or loss of a bodily organ system; or permanent physical or mental functional injury that permanently prevents the injured person from being able to independently care for himself or herself and perform life-sustaining activities. In such cases, the maximum amount recoverable as compensatory damages for noneconomic loss shall not exceed five hundred thousand dollars per person.
(2) If Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, or the application thereof to any

~~person or circumstance, is finally determined by a court of law to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the maximum amount recoverable as damages for noneconomic loss shall thereafter not exceed one million dollars per person. This provision shall not supersede any contractual agreement with respect to liability between a plaintiff and an owner or operator of a storage facility, a carbon dioxide transmission pipeline, or the generator of the carbon dioxide.~~

~~C. Nothing in this Chapter shall establish or create establishes or creates any liability or responsibility on the part of the secretary or the state to pay any costs associated with site restoration from any source other than the funds or trusts created by this Chapter, nor shall the secretary or the state of Louisiana have any liability or responsibility to make any payments for costs associated with site restoration if the trusts created herein are insufficient to do so.~~

~~D. C. The secretary or his agents, on proper identification, may enter the land of another for purposes of site assessment or restoration.~~

~~E. D. The secretary and his agents are not liable for any damages arising from an act or omission if the act or omission is part of a good faith effort to carry out the purpose of this Chapter.~~

~~F. E. No party contracting with the Department of Conservation and Energy, or the secretary under the provisions of this Chapter shall be deemed to be a public employee or an employee otherwise subject to the provisions of Parts I through IV of Chapter 15 of Title 42 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.~~

~~G. F. The secretary shall implement this Section in a manner consistent with and as the secretary deems necessary to carry out the purposes and requirements of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended, relating to the state's participation in the underground injection control program established under that Act with respect to the storage and sequestration of carbon dioxide, including but not limited to the state's authority to restrain any person from engaging in any unauthorized activity which is endangering or causing damage to public health or the environment.~~

~~Section 2. R.S. 30:1109(G) is hereby repealed in its entirety.~~

~~Approved by the Governor, June 2, 2026.~~

~~A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State~~

ACT No. 615

**HOUSE BILL NO. 89
BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER
AN ACT**

To enact R.S. 16:117 and 694, relative to the district attorney's office of the Third and Thirtieth Judicial Districts; to provide relative to group health insurance coverage for eligible retired employees; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 16:117 and 694 are hereby enacted to read as follows:
§117. Group health insurance; Third Judicial District; office of the district attorney; eligible retired employees

A. The premium costs of group health insurance shall be paid in full from the district attorney's general fund of the Third Judicial District, or by paying an amount equal to one hundred percent of the premium for a current employee of the office of the district attorney, as the retiree chooses, for any district attorney or assistant district attorney who retired with at least twenty-four years of full-time service, regardless of age.

B. When the retired district attorney or assistant district attorney reaches the age or condition for Medicare eligibility, the retired district attorney or assistant district attorney shall secure Medicare and pursue a supplemental plan. The office of the district attorney shall continue to pay the retired district attorney's or assistant district attorney's current health insurance premium or the premium for the supplemental plan that is comparable to the present insurance coverage.

C. As used in this Section, “years of full-time service” means the number of years of creditable service that the retiree had in the District Attorneys' Retirement System, as an assistant district attorney or an elected district attorney.

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§694. Group health insurance; Thirtieth Judicial District; office of the district attorney; eligible retired employees

A. The premium costs of group health insurance shall be paid in full from the district attorney's general fund of the Thirtieth Judicial District, or by paying an amount equal to one hundred percent of the premium for a current employee of the office of the district attorney, as the retiree chooses, for any district attorney or assistant district attorney who retired with at least twenty-four years of full-time service, regardless of age.

B. When the retired district attorney or assistant district attorney reaches the age or condition for Medicare eligibility, the retired district attorney or assistant district attorney shall secure Medicare and pursue a supplemental plan. The office of the district attorney shall continue to pay the retired district attorney's or assistant district attorney's current health insurance premium or the premium for the supplemental plan that is comparable to the present insurance coverage.

C. As used in this Section, “years of full-time service” means the number of years of creditable service that the retiree had in the District Attorneys'

Retirement System, as an assistant district attorney or an elected district attorney.

Section 2. The provisions of this Act apply prospectively only to those district attorneys or assistant district attorneys who retire on and after the effective date of this Act.

Approved by the Governor, June 2, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 616

HOUSE BILL NO. 126
BY REPRESENTATIVES MANDIE LANDRY, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BAYHAM, BOUDREAUX, BOYD, CHASSION, CHENEVERT, CREWS, DOMANGUE, EGAN, FREIBERG, GALLE, GREEN, DANA HENRY, HILFERTY, JORDAN, KERNER, KNOX, LACOMBE, LAFLEUR, TERRY LANDRY, LARVADAIN, MARTINEZ, MCMAHEN, MCMAKIN, MOORE, MURRAY, OWEN, PHELPS, SAWYER, STAGNI, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, VENTRELLA, AND WYBLE
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:284(A), (D), and (F), relative to the use of facility dogs; to provide for the use of facility dogs by victims of sex offenses; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 15:284(A), (D), and (F) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§284. Facility dogs; use in court; procedure
A. The court shall allow ~~a~~ any witness who is either under eighteen years of age, ~~or~~ who has a developmental disability as defined in R.S. 28:451.2, ~~or who is in a trial for a sex offense as defined in R.S. 15:541 to have be accompanied by a facility dog, if available, accompany them~~ while testifying in court.

~~D. To ensure that the presence of a facility dog does not influence the jury or is not a reflection on the truthfulness of any testimony that is offered by the victim or witness, the court shall may order that the presence of the dog be obscured from the jury at all times and may instruct the jury on the role of the facility dog and, on the court's own motion or upon request of either party. The court shall ensure that the facility dog is a trained animal. The facility dog's entry into and exit from the courtroom shall be done outside the presence of the jury and all precautions should be taken to obscure the presence of the dog from the jury.~~

~~F. This Section may be referred to and may be cited as "Duvall's Duvall and Karissa's Law".~~

Approved by the Governor, June 2, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 617

HOUSE BILL NO. 133
BY REPRESENTATIVES NEWELL, BOYD, BRYANT, CARPENTER, COX, FISHER, GREEN, DANA HENRY, ILLG, JACKSON, LAFLEUR, LARVADAIN, MARCELLE, MARTINEZ, MILLER, MOORE, MURRAY, PHELPS, AND TAYLOR
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:34.3(A), (B)(introductory paragraph), and (C), and Children's Code Article 897.1(D) through (G) and to enact R.S. 14:34.3(B) (4) and Children's Code Article 897.1(H), relative to assault and battery; to provide for definitions; to provide relative to the crime of battery of a school teacher; to provide for penalties; to provide for the disposition of certain offenders; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 14:34.3(A), (B)(introductory paragraph), and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 14:34.3(B)(4) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§34.3. Battery of a school teacher
A. Battery of a school teacher is a battery committed without the consent of the victim when the offender has reasonable grounds to believe the victim is a school teacher acting in the performance of employment duties or when the battery was committed because of the status of the victim as a school teacher.
B. For the purposes of this Section, the following terms have the following meanings:

(4) "Developmental disability" has the same meaning as provided in R.S. 28:451.2.

C. Whoever commits the crime of battery of a school teacher shall be punished as follows:(1)(a) ~~If the battery was committed by a offender is a student, upon conviction and the battery does not cause serious bodily injury, the offender he~~ shall be fined not more than five one thousand dollars or imprisoned for not less than thirty days nor more than ~~one year~~ six months. At least seventy-two hours of the sentence imposed shall be ~~imposed~~ served

without benefit of suspension of sentence.

~~(b) If the offender is a student and the battery causes serious bodily injury, he shall be fined not more than five thousand dollars or imprisoned with or without hard labor for not less than thirty days nor more than one year. At least seventy-two hours of the sentence imposed shall be served without benefit of suspension of sentence.~~

~~(2) If the battery was committed by someone who offender is not a student, regardless if the battery causes serious bodily injury, the offender he~~ shall be fined not more than five thousand dollars or imprisoned with or without hard labor for not less than one year nor more than five years, or both. At least six months of the sentence imposed shall be served without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.

~~(3) If the battery produces an injury that requires medical attention, the offender shall be fined not more than five thousand dollars or imprisoned with or without hard labor for not less than one year nor more than five years, or both.~~

Section 2. Children's Code Article 897.1(D) through (G) are hereby amended and reenacted and Children's Code Article 897.1(H) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

Art. 897.1. Disposition after adjudication of certain felony-grade delinquent acts

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D.(1) After adjudication of a felony-grade delinquent act based upon R.S. 14:34.3, battery of a school teacher, the court shall commit the child to the custody of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, or to the custody of a secure public or private institution, to be confined in secure placement for not less than six months without benefit of probation or suspension of imposition or execution of sentence.

(2) In addition to the penalties provided in Subparagraph (1) of this Paragraph, the court shall impose a requirement that the child participate in a court-approved counseling program which may include anger management, abusive behavior intervention groups, or any other type of counseling deemed appropriate by the court. Any costs associated with the counseling program shall be borne by the child or a parent, tutor, guardian, or other person who is financially responsible for the care of the child.

~~D. E.~~ Juveniles confined in secure placement for an adjudication as set forth in Paragraph C of this Article shall be eligible for modification after serving twenty-four months of the disposition or if the disposition is less than thirty-six months, one-half of the disposition.

~~E. F.~~ A motion for modification of a disposition shall be filed pursuant to Article 910 et seq. and a contradictory hearing shall be set no sooner than thirty days from the date of notice to the district attorney. To grant a motion for modification of disposition, the court must find that the child poses a reduced risk to the community based on the following considerations:

- (1) The child has a favorable progress report from the placement facility.
- (2) The child meets one of the following work or self-improvement criteria:
 - (a) Has attained a high school diploma or equivalent.
 - (b) Is actively participating in workforce training or a certification program and is in good standing as evidenced by grades and behavior notes submitted by the child's instructors.
- (3) The child has obtained a low-risk designation as determined by a valid risk assessment procedure approved by the office of juvenile justice.
- (4) The recommendation of the office of juvenile justice.
- (5) A reentry plan that includes an appropriate placement to conduct supervision and achieve aftercare goals.
- (6) Any additional evidence provided by the child, the state, or the office of juvenile justice.

~~F. G.~~ At least six months prior to the release of the child, the department shall prepare an individualized and thorough transitional plan that identifies the techniques, programs, personnel, and facilities that will be used to assist the child in achieving a successful return to his family and the community. A copy of the transitional plan shall be mailed to the court that ordered the disposition of commitment.

~~G. H.~~ The provisions of this Article ~~shall~~ apply to all children in the custody of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of juvenile justice, on or after August 1, 2018.

Section 3. The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby authorized and directed to renumber the Paragraphs of R.S. 14:34.3(B) so as to properly place R.S. 14:34.3(B)(4) as enacted by this Act.

Approved by the Governor, June 2, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 618

HOUSE BILL NO. 134
BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHLEGEL AND EDMONSTON
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 9:2717.2.1, relative to material harmful to minors, to provide relative to interactive computer services that enter into a contract with a minor; to provide relative to the delivery or display of material harmful to minors; to provide relative to algorithmic systems and the delivery of material harmful to minors; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 9:2717.2.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:
§2717.2.1. Display or delivery of material harmful to minors
A. For purposes of this Section, the following terms apply:
(1) “Account”, “interactive computer service”, and “minor” have the same meanings as provided in R.S. 9:2717.2.
(2) “Material harmful to minors” has the same meaning as provided in R.S. 51:2121.
B. An interactive computer service that enters into a contract with a minor, including the creation of an online account, shall not deliver or display to a minor account material harmful to minors that was created or developed, in whole or in part, by the interactive computer service.
C.(1) Any interactive computer service that violates the provisions of this Section shall be subject to a civil fine of up to ten thousand dollars per violation set and enforced by the attorney general by filing a civil enforcement action in a court of competent jurisdiction.
(2)(a) Prior to filing a civil enforcement action, the attorney general shall provide the interactive computer service with a written notice that identifies each alleged violation and an explanation of the basis for each allegation.
(b) The interactive computer service may cure the alleged violations by providing the attorney general with a written statement, within forty-five days of receipt of the notice provided pursuant to Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, indicating that the violation is cured and no further violations will occur.
(c) Except as provided in Paragraph (3) of this Subsection, the attorney general shall not file a civil enforcement action if the interactive computer service timely cures the alleged violations as provided by Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph.
(3) The attorney general may file a civil enforcement action against an interactive computer service that does either of the following:
(a) Fails to cure a violation after receiving the written notice described in Subparagraph (2)(a) of this Subsection.
(b) Commits another violation after receiving the written notice described in Subparagraph (2)(a) of this Subsection.
(4) If a court of competent jurisdiction grants judgment or injunctive relief to the attorney general, the court shall award the attorney general reasonable attorney fees, court costs, and investigative costs.
D. All monies received from the payment of a fine or civil penalty imposed and collected pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall be used by the attorney general for consumer protection efforts or to promote consumer protection and education.

Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027.

Approved by the Governor, June 2, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 619

HOUSE BILL NO. 137
BY REPRESENTATIVES MIKE JOHNSON AND CARLSON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:40.1(A)(1), R.S. 15:951(E), and Children’s Code Article 897.1(D) through (G) and to enact R.S. 14:40.1(A)(3) and (B)(3), 92.2(A)(2)(g), (h), (i), and (j), R.S. 17:416.20.1 and 3996(B)(92), and Children’s Code Article 897.1(H) and (I), relative to the crimes of terrorizing and menacing; to provide for penalties when the communication is directed toward a school; to provide relative to offenders under the age of eighteen; to require school dissemination of certain information; to provide relative to disposition after adjudication of certain felony-grade delinquent acts; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 14:40.1(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 14:40.1(A)(3) and (B)(3) and 92.2(A)(2)(g), (h), (i), and (j) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§40.1. Terrorizing; menacing
A.(1) Terrorizing is the intentional communication of information that the commission of a crime of violence, as defined in R.S. 14:2(B), is imminent or in progress or that a circumstance dangerous to human life exists or is about to exist, with the intent of causing members of the general public to be in sustained fear for their safety; or causing evacuation of a building, a public structure, or a facility of transportation; or causing other serious disruption to the general public.

(3) Whoever commits the offense of terrorizing a school property, a school-sponsored function, or a firearm-free zone shall be fined not more than fifteen thousand dollars or imprisoned at hard labor for not less than five nor more than fifteen years without the benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence, or both.

B.
(3) Whoever commits the offense of menacing a school property, a school-sponsored function, or a firearm-free zone shall be fined not more than one

thousand dollars or imprisoned with or without hard labor for not less than two years nor more than five years, or both.

§92.2. Improper supervision of a minor by parent or legal custodian
A. Improper supervision of a minor by a parent or legal custodian, who has care and control of the minor, includes any of the following:

(2) Through criminal negligence, or knowingly or willfully, permitting the minor to do any of the following:

- (g) Terrorize or menace a school in violation of R.S. 14:40.1.
- (h) Communicate false information of a planned bombing on school property in violation of R.S. 14:54.6.
- (i) Regularly participate or engage in any crime of violence.
- (j) Violate the terms or conditions of supervised release or the terms or conditions of juvenile probation or parole.

Section 2. R.S. 15:951(E) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
§951. Back on Track Youth Pilot Program

E. For the purposes of this Section, “youth or youths” ~~shall mean~~ means a person who has attained at least ~~sixteen~~ fourteen years of age and not more than twenty-four years of age.Section 3. R.S. 17:416.20.1 and 3996(B)(92) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§416.20.1. Information; terrorizing; Louisiana Department of Education; public school distribution

A. The principal of each public school shall disseminate information during the first five days of each school year to each student grades six and above regarding the crime and consequences of terrorizing or menacing a school property, a school-sponsored function, or a firearm-free zone as provided in R.S. 14:95.6. This information may be incorporated into an existing orientation program. In addition to each student, the information shall be provided to each student’s parent or legal guardian on a written form containing a signature line for each student’s parent or legal guardian to sign to acknowledge receipt and understanding of the information, which the parent or legal guardian shall return to the school. The information required by this Section shall be age and grade appropriate and shall give full consideration as to whether the student is in a regular or special program of education.

B. The Louisiana Department of Education shall develop the information prescribed by this Section and provide it to each public school governing authority, which shall disseminate it to each principal for this purpose.

§3996. Charter schools; exemptions; requirements

B. Notwithstanding any state law, rule, or regulation to the contrary and except as may be otherwise specifically provided for in an approved charter, a charter school established and operated in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter and its approved charter and the school’s officers and employees shall be exempt from all statutory mandates or other statutory requirements that are applicable to public schools and to public school officers and employees except for the following laws otherwise applicable to public schools with the same grades:

(92) Information relative to terrorizing or menacing a school property, a school-sponsored function, or a firearm-free zone, R.S. 17:416.20.1.

Section 4. Children’s Code Article 897.1(D) through (G) are hereby amended and reenacted and Children’s Code Article 897.1(H) and (I) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

Art. 897.1. Disposition after adjudication of certain felony-grade delinquent acts

D.(1)(a) After adjudication of a felony-grade delinquent act based upon a violation of R.S. 14:40.1 or R.S. 14:54.6, the court shall order the child who is fourteen years of age or older at the time of the commission of the offense to any or all of the following:

- (i) A mental examination, if one has not already been conducted pursuant to R.S. 17:409.5.
- (ii) Up to twelve months probation or no more than six months commitment in a juvenile detention facility pursuant to Children’s Code Article 898.
- (iii) Participation in the Back on Track Youth Pilot Program as provided in R.S. 15:951.
- (b) After adjudication of a felony-grade delinquent act based upon a violation of R.S. 14:40.1 or R.S. 14:54.6, the parent, custodian, or other legal guardian of the child shall be subject to a civil fine of up to five thousand dollars.

(2)(a) After a second or subsequent adjudication of a felony-grade delinquent act based upon a violation of R.S. 14:40.1 or R.S. 14:54.6, the court shall order the child who is fourteen years of age or older at the time of the commission of the offense to any or all of the following:

- (i) A mental examination, if one has not already been conducted pursuant to R.S. 17:409.5.
- (ii) Up to eighteen months probation or no more nine months commitment in a juvenile detention facility.
- (iii) Participation in the Back on Track Youth Pilot Program as provided in

R.S. 15:951.
(b) After adjudication of a felony-grade delinquent act based upon a second or subsequent violation of R.S. 14:40.1 or R.S. 14:54.6, the parent, custodian, or other legal guardian shall be subject to a civil fine of not less than five thousand dollars nor more than ten thousand dollars.

E.(1) In addition to the dispositions provided in Paragraph D of this Article, the court shall conduct a hearing in accordance with Code of Criminal Procedure Article 875.1 to make a determination regarding the financial ability of the child’s parent, legal guardian, or other person who is financially responsible for the care of the child to reimburse the responding agency, local municipality, sheriff’s department, or any other governmental agency or political subdivision for all incurred costs pertaining to the response, prosecution, or any other activities that result from a violation of R.S. 14:40.1 or R.S. 14:54.6.

(2) If the court determines that payment in full of the aggregate amount of all financial obligations imposed upon the child’s parent, legal guardian, or other person who is financially responsible for the care of the child would not cause substantial financial hardship, the court shall order the person to reimburse the entity described in Subparagraph (E)(1) of this Article.

~~D. F.~~ Juveniles confined in secure placement for an adjudication as set forth in Paragraph C of this Article shall be eligible for modification after serving twenty-four months of the disposition or if the disposition is less than thirty-six months, one-half of the disposition.

~~E. G.~~ A motion for modification of a disposition shall be filed pursuant to Article 910 et seq. and a contradictory hearing shall be set no sooner than thirty days from the date of notice to the district attorney. To grant a motion for modification of disposition, the court must shall find that the child poses a reduced risk to the community based on the following considerations:

- (1) The child has a favorable progress report from the placement facility.
- (2) The child meets one of the following work or self-improvement criteria:
 - (a) Has attained a high school diploma or equivalent.
 - (b) Is actively participating in workforce training or a certification program and is in good standing as evidenced by grades and behavior notes submitted by the child’s instructors.
- (3) The child has obtained a low-risk designation as determined by a valid risk assessment procedure approved by the office of juvenile justice.
- (4) The recommendation of the office of juvenile justice.
- (5) A reentry plan that includes an appropriate placement to conduct supervision and achieve aftercare goals.
- (6) Any additional evidence provided by the child, the state, or the office of juvenile justice.

~~F. H.~~ At least six months prior to the release of the child, the department shall prepare an individualized and thorough transitional plan that identifies the techniques, programs, personnel, and facilities that will be used to assist the child in achieving a successful return to his family and the community. A copy of the transitional plan shall be mailed to the court that ordered the disposition of commitment.

~~G. I.~~ The provisions of this Article shall apply to all children in the custody of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of juvenile justice, on or after August 1, 2018.

Section 5. This Act shall be known and may be cited as “The School Threat Accountability and Safety Act”.

Approved by the Governor, June 2, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 620

HOUSE BILL NO. 140
BY REPRESENTATIVE COX
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Children’s Code Articles 315(B)(introductory paragraph), 813(C), 815.1(D), 818(A), 843, and 877, to enact Children’s Code Articles 412(Q), 804(10), and 877.1, and to repeal Children’s Code Article 815.1(E), relative to juvenile delinquency proceedings; to provide for confidentiality of records; to provide relative to the taking of a child into custody; to provide for definitions; to provide relative to juvenile detention; to provide for time limitations relative to juvenile delinquency proceedings; to provide relative to the suspension and expiration of time limitations; to provide for identification procedures; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Children’s Code Articles 315(B)(introductory paragraph), 813(C), 815.1(D), 818(A), 843, and 877 are hereby amended and reenacted and Children’s Code Articles 412(Q), 804(10), and 877.1 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

Art. 315. Transfer of proper venue
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B. After adjudication, the court in which a petition is filed ~~shall~~ may transfer the proceeding if it receives information at any time that both of the following exist:

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Art. 412. Confidentiality of records; disclosure exceptions; sanctions
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Q. Nothing in this Section shall prohibit law enforcement officers,

prosecuting agencies, or judicial officers from obtaining records relating to delinquency or status offenses proceedings which are relevant to an ongoing delinquency or criminal investigation or proceeding. A court order shall not be necessary for such access. However, the custodian of such records may seek a protective order prohibiting or limiting the disclosure upon a showing of good cause that such protection is necessary in the interests of justice. All such records produced and the information contained therein shall be protected from disclosure by the recipient outside of the criminal justice system as defined in R.S. 15:572.

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Art. 804. Definitions
As used in this Title:

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(10) “Custody” means actual confinement in a detention center.

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Art. 813. Taking child into custody with a court order; filing of verified complaint; execution

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C. An order directing that a child be taken into custody may be executed by a peace officer or the child’s probation officer having territorial jurisdiction over the child. The officer shall promptly notify the child’s parents that their child has been taken into custody and promptly notify the district attorney in the jurisdiction where any court order for the child to be taken into custody was issued that the child has been taken into custody by filing notice in the court record where the petition on the original charge is pending advising the court of the custodial location of the child with a copy provided to the district attorney and certification of notice provided to the district attorney. Notification to the district attorney is required even if the court order is issued from a different jurisdiction than the one where the child is taken into custody. The officer shall also promptly conduct the child to the appropriate facility in accordance with Article 815.

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Art. 815.1. Alternative to detention programs

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~~D. An alternative to detention program shall be considered a form of detention and the time periods set forth in Articles 854 and 877 shall apply unless waived by the child. No child shall remain enrolled in an alternative to detention program following a disposition hearing, except as an alternative to placement in detention or other out-of-home placement.~~

~~E. An alternative to detention program is intended to serve the same limited purpose as secure detention as set forth in R.S. 15:1110. The child’s participation in an alternative to detention program shall not be considered an adjudication nor shall it suspend delinquency proceedings. An alternative to detention program may include rehabilitative components, but continued participation in the program shall not be required post-adjudication, except as an alternative to detention of the child or other out-of-home placement. Placement of a child in an alternative to detention program does not preclude the child from being referred to treatment programs that are not required as a condition of the child’s release from detention.~~

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Art. 818. Identification procedures

A. (1) A child may shall be photographed or fingerprinted in connection with being taken into custody for the commission of ~~either: a felony-grade delinquent act.~~

(1) A felony-grade delinquent act.
(2) A child may be photographed or fingerprinted in connection with being taken into custody for the commission of a misdemeanor-grade delinquent act.

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Art. 843. Time for filing of petition; child in custody

A. If a child is continued in custody prior to adjudication, the delinquency petition shall be filed within ~~forty-eight hours of five days after~~ the hearing to determine continued custody.

B. If a child is not continued in custody prior to adjudication, the delinquency petition alleging a misdemeanor-grade delinquent act shall be filed within fifteen days after the hearing to determine continued custody.

C. If a child is not continued in custody prior to adjudication, the delinquency petition alleging a felony-grade delinquent act shall be filed within thirty days after the hearing to determine continued custody.~~B. D.~~ If no petition is filed within the applicable time period, the child shall be released.

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Art. 877. Adjudication hearing; time limitations

A. When the child is charged with a crime of violence as defined in R.S. 14:2(B) and the child is continued in custody pursuant to Chapter 5 of this Title, the adjudication hearing shall commence within ~~sixty ninety~~ days of the appearance to answer the petition. In all other cases, if the child is continued in custody pursuant to Chapter 5 of this Title, the adjudication hearing shall commence within ~~thirty forty-five~~ days of the appearance to answer the petition.

B. If the child is not continued in custody, the adjudication hearing shall commence within ~~ninety one hundred twenty~~ days of the appearance to answer the petition.

C. If the hearing has not been commenced timely, upon motion of the child, the court shall release a child continued in custody and shall dismiss the petition.

D. For good cause, the court may extend such period. Upon the expiration

of the time limitations established by this Article and upon written motion to dismiss that is filed by the child with certification of notice provided to the district attorney, the court shall commence a contradictory hearing with the district attorney where the court shall dismiss the petition if good cause for the delay is not shown. This right of dismissal is waived unless the motion to dismiss is made prior to adjudication.

D. If the petition is dismissed pursuant to this Article, there shall be no further proceedings against the child for the same or a lesser offense based on the same facts.

Art. 877.1. Suspension of time limitations

A. The time limitations established in Article 877 shall be suspended if any of the following occur:

(1) The child, at any time and with the purpose to avoid detection, apprehension, or adjudication, flees from the state, is outside of the state, or is absent from his usual place of abode or residence within the state.

(2) The child cannot be adjudicated because of a finding that the child lacks the mental capacity to proceed and restoration services are ordered pursuant to Article 837(B)(3) or (4), or the matter is continued in accordance with Article 837(D)(3).

(3) The juvenile fails to appear at any proceeding pursuant to actual notice, with proof of such notice appearing in the record.

(4) The child cannot be adjudicated because of the inability to obtain his presence through legal process, or for any other cause beyond the control of the state.

B. The running of the time limitations established in Article 877 shall resume as follows:

(1) If suspended under Subparagraphs (A)(1) or (A)(3) of this Article, when the child is either taken into custody or appears in person in open court where the petition on the original charge is pending, or the district attorney adjudicating the original charge has notice of the child's custodial location. For purposes of this Paragraph, "notice" means either of the following:

(a) Filing in the court record where the petition on the original charge is pending by either the child or the child's counsel advising the court of the child's custodial location with a copy provided to the district attorney and certification of notice provided to the district attorney.

(b) Filing in the court record where the petition on the original charge is pending by an officer, as provided in Article 813, advising the court of the child's custodial location with a copy provided to the district attorney and certification of notice provided to the district attorney.

(2) If suspended under Subparagraph (A)(2) of this Article, when the court finds the child has the mental capacity to proceed with delinquency proceedings.

(3) If suspended under Subparagraph (A)(4) of this Article, when the cause beyond the state's control that was preventing the child from being adjudicated no longer exists.

C. After the time limitations established in Article 877 resume pursuant to Paragraph B of this Article, the adjudication proceedings shall commence within either the time period that remained before the Article 877 time limitation was suspended or within thirty days, whichever time period is longer.

Section 2. Children's Code Article 815.1(E) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 3. The Louisiana State Law Institute is authorized and directed to arrange in alphabetical order and renumber the definitions contained in Children's Code Article 804 and to correct any cross-references to the renumbered paragraphs if necessary, consistent with the provisions of this Act.

Approved by the Governor, June 2, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 621

HOUSE BILL NO. 145
BY REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION
AN ACT

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 39:1533(A)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1533. Self-Insurance Fund

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(3) Payment for extraordinary medical and dental expenses for law enforcement officers and firemen as provided for in R.S. 40:1668.1 shall be made by the office of risk management on behalf of the Law Enforcement Officers and

Firemen's Survivor Benefit Review Board as a result of a specific appropriation received for that purpose.

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Section 2. The heading of Chapter 7-C of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 40:1668.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

CHAPTER 7-C. FIREMEN AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS - DISABILITY BENEFITS - EXTRAORDINARY MEDICAL AND DENTAL EXPENSES

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§1668.1. Payment for extraordinary medical and dental expenses for firemen and law enforcement officers

A. It is hereby declared to be the public policy of this state, under its police power, to provide for certain extraordinary medical and dental expenses for firemen and law enforcement officers determined to be injured as the direct and proximate result of an injury arising out of and in the course of the performance of their official duties.

B. As used in this Section, the following words have the following meanings: (1) "Board" means the Law Enforcement Officers and Firemen's Survivor Benefit Review Board created and provided for in R.S. 40:1665.3.

(2) "Extraordinary medical and dental expenses" means any of the following:

(a) Medical expenses of the injured employee not covered by workers' compensation coverage or by the health insurance plan provided by the employer.

(b) Dental expenses of the injured employee not covered by workers' compensation coverage or by the health insurance plan provided by the employer.

(3) "Law enforcement officer" includes the following:

(a) All sheriffs and deputy sheriffs in the state employed on a full-time basis.

(b) All members of the state police employed on a full-time basis.

(c) All municipal police officers in the state employed on a full-time basis.

(d) All university and college police officers at state universities and colleges employed on a full-time basis.

(4) "Officer" includes firemen as defined in R.S. 40:1665 and law enforcement officers as defined in Paragraph (3) of this Subsection.

C. In any case in which an officer is injured as the direct and proximate result of an injury arising out of and in the course of the performance of their official duties, the state risk director shall pay, as provided by R.S. 39:1533(A)(3), on behalf of the officer any extraordinary medical and dental expenses incurred as determined by the board.

D.(1) The board shall hear and decide by unanimous vote all claims for extraordinary medical and dental expenses within sixty days after documentation is received. The board may request any information necessary to make a determination of eligibility for the payment of such expenses.

(2) Within ten days after the board has reached its decision, it shall send notice of its decision to the officer by certified mail. If the board denies the claim, the officer shall have one year from the date of denial to file suit against the state through the board in the parish where the incident that brought about the injury occurred. The date of denial shall be calculated as one year from the date of receipt of the decision from the board.

E. If the board determines the officer qualifies for the benefit payable under this Section, the board shall notify the state risk director.

F. The maximum benefit payable shall be twenty-five thousand dollars per injury per officer.

G. No benefit shall be payable pursuant to this Section if any of the following applies:

(1) The injury was caused by the intentional misconduct of the officer or by the officer's intention to bring about his death, disability, or injury.

(2) The officer was voluntarily intoxicated at the time of his injury.

(3) The officer was performing his duties in a grossly negligent manner at the time of his injury.

H. The board may adopt rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Section.

I. The provisions of this Section shall be applicable to extraordinary medical or dental expenses incurred due to an injury arising out of and in the course of the performance of an officer's duties on or after January 1, 2023.

Section 3. This Act shall become effective July 1, 2026.

Approved by the Governor, June 3, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 622

HOUSE BILL NO. 158
BY REPRESENTATIVE HORTON
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 900(A)(6)(b), relative to probation; to provide relative to technical violations of probation; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Code of Criminal Procedure Article 900(A)(6)(b) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Art. 900. Violation hearing; sanctions

A. * * *

(6) * * *

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraph (5) of this Paragraph, any defendant who has been placed on probation by the court for the conviction of an offense other than a crime of violence as defined in R.S. 14:2(B) or of a sex offense as defined by R.S. 15:541, and who has been determined by the court to have committed a technical violation of his probation, may be required to serve a sentence of not more than ninety days without diminution of sentence. If the sentence is to be served in a custodial substance abuse treatment program, the defendant may be required to serve a sentence of not more than one hundred eighty days without diminution of sentence.

Approved by the Governor, June 2, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 623

HOUSE BILL NO. 160
BY REPRESENTATIVE KNOX
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:34.9(L)(1) and 35.3(L)(1), relative to certain domestic violence offenses; to provide relative to the minimum and maximum penalties when the offense involves strangulation; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 14:34.9(L)(1) and 35.3(L)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§34.9. Battery of a dating partner

L.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, if the offense involves strangulation, the offender, in addition to any other penalties imposed pursuant to this Section, shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not more than ~~three ten~~ years. At least one year of the sentence imposed shall be served without the benefit of probation or suspension of sentence.

§35.3. Domestic abuse battery

L.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, if the domestic abuse battery involves strangulation, the offender, in addition to any other penalties imposed pursuant to this Section, shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not more than ~~three ten~~ years. At least one year of the sentence imposed shall be served without the benefit of probation or suspension of sentence.

Approved by the Governor, June 2, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 624

HOUSE BILL NO. 181
BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 24:513(Q) and R.S. 47:1508(B)(44), relative to Medicaid program and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program integrity; to authorize the Louisiana Department of Revenue to share state income tax return data with the legislative auditor for certain limited purposes; to authorize the legislative auditor to utilize such data for purposes of Medicaid and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program fraud detection and prevention; to provide for interagency agreements relative to sharing of data; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 24:513(Q) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§513. Powers and duties of legislative auditor; audit reports as public records; assistance and opinions of attorney general; frequency of audits; subpoena power

Q. The legislative auditor may access individual-level state income tax return data in accordance with R.S. 47:1508(B)(44) for the limited purposes of ensuring accuracy of Medicaid and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program eligibility determinations, detecting and preventing fraud in the Medicaid program and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and fulfilling all other applicable requirements of the Medical Assistance Programs Integrity Law, R.S. 46:437.1 et seq.

Section 2. R.S. 47:1508(B)(44) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
§1508. Confidentiality of tax records

B. Nothing contained in this Section shall be construed to prevent:

(44)(a) The secretary from disclosing individual-level state income tax

return data to the legislative auditor, upon request of the legislative auditor, exclusively for the purposes specified in this Paragraph.

(b) The legislative auditor shall utilize data disclosed pursuant to this Paragraph for only the following purposes:

(i) Ensuring accuracy of Medicaid and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program eligibility determinations.

(ii) Detecting and preventing fraud in the Medicaid program and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

(iii) Fulfilling the requirements of the Medical Assistance Programs Integrity Law, R.S. 46:437.1 et seq.

(c) The secretary shall enter into any memorandum of understanding, cooperative endeavor, or other type of agreement as may be necessary to facilitate the sharing of data with the legislative auditor for the purposes set forth in this Paragraph.

(d) Any disclosure authorized pursuant to this Paragraph shall comply with applicable federal law, including 26 U.S.C. 6103.

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, June 2, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 625

HOUSE BILL NO. 196
BY REPRESENTATIVES BEAULLIEU AND CHASSION
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:1208, relative to personal leave for certain teachers; to provide for the number of days of personal leave that may be used without loss of pay; to provide for sick leave for certain teachers; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:1208 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
§1208. Amount of personal leave

Every teacher employed by a parish or city school board of this state, except those employees who receive annual leave, shall be entitled to and shall be allowed to use up to ~~two~~ four days absence during each school year to be used for such purposes as may be determined by the individual teacher without loss of pay. The teacher requesting such leave shall give his principal at least twenty-four hours notice prior to taking the leave without loss of pay. Personal leave shall be charged to and deducted from the teacher's sick leave for the current year or sick leave accumulated as provided in R.S. 17:1201. Personal leave shall not be accumulated from year to year, nor shall personal leave be compensated for upon death or retirement or paid in any other manner except as provided for in this Section.

Approved by the Governor, June 1, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 626

HOUSE BILL NO. 198
BY REPRESENTATIVE ECHOLS AND SENATORS BARROW, JACKSON-ANDREWS, AND JENKINS AND REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:452, relative to ambulatory surgical centers; to provide for Medicaid reimbursement rates; to provide for a reimbursement rate plan; to provide for implementation; to provide for a deadline; to authorize the Louisiana Department of Health to promulgate rules; to provide for implementation; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 46:452 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§452. Medicaid ambulatory surgical center reimbursement plan; Medicare rate comparability

A.(1) The Louisiana Department of Health shall develop and implement a plan for increased Medicaid managed care organization reimbursement rates and fee-for-service reimbursement rates for gastroenterology, dental ophthalmology, dental and otolaryngology procedures conducted at ambulatory surgical centers.(2)The reimbursement rate established pursuant to this Section shall be the lesser of the following:

(a) The rate paid for the same or similar procedure in an outpatient hospital setting.

(b) One hundred percent of the Medicare rate for the same or similar procedure.

(3) The plan shall include procedure codes utilized for gastroenterology, ophthalmology, dental and otolaryngology procedures conducted at

ambulatory surgical centers and the estimated cost of implementation of the plan.

B. The Louisiana Department of Health shall take all necessary actions to annually update the reimbursement rates for gastroenterology, dental, ophthalmology, and otolaryngology procedures conducted at ambulatory surgical centers in accordance with the methodology provided in Subsection A of this Section.

C. The Louisiana Department of Health shall submit the plan required by this Section to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, the Senate Committee on Finance, the House Committee on Health and Welfare, and the House Committee on Appropriations no later than October 1, 2026.

D. Not later than October 1, 2026, the Louisiana Department of Health shall take all necessary actions, including but not limited to filing any Medicaid state plan amendment required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, to implement the provisions of this Section.

E. The Louisiana Department of Health shall promulgate all rules and regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act as are necessary to implement the provisions of this Section.

Section 2. Not later than October 1, 2026, the Louisiana Department of Health shall take all necessary actions including but not limited to filing a Medicaid state plan amendment, to implement the provisions of Section 1 of this Act.

Section 3. The implementation of the provisions of this Act shall be subject to the appropriation of funds by the legislature for this purpose.

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, June 2, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 627

HOUSE BILL NO. 205
BY REPRESENTATIVES BACALA, ADAMS, BAYHAM, BEAULLIEU,
BILLINGS, BOUDREAUX, BOURRIQUE, BOYD, BRASS, BRAUD,
BROUSSARD, WILFORD CARTER, CHASSION, DICKERSON,
EDMONSTON, EGAN, FARNUM, GADBERRY, GREEN, DANA HENRY,
HORTON, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, KERNER, KNOX, LAFLEUR,
LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARCELLE, MOORE, MURRAY, MUSCARELLO,
PHELPS, SCHAMERHORN, TAYLOR, THOMAS, VILLIO, WALTERS,
WILEY, WYBLE, YOUNG, AND ZERINGUE

AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 18:426.1(B) and to enact R.S. 18:426.1(C), relative to compensation for election commissioners; to authorize the parish governing authority to pay supplemental compensation to certain election day commissioners; to provide for the scope of compensated services; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 18:426.1(B) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 18:426.1(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
§426.1. Election commissioners; compensation
* * *

B. The compensation provided for in Subsection A of this Section shall serve as compensation for time worked on election day and for participation in any courses of instruction provided for in this Part.

B. C.(1) For an election held within one year following the date of the issuance of any gubernatorial declaration of an emergency, upon application of a parish board of election supervisors, the secretary of state may approve payment of up to one hundred dollars per election or each day of assistance, if applicable, as compensation to each commissioner in addition to compensation provided for in Subsection A of this Section.

(2) The secretary of state may pay each commissioner as provided in Paragraphs (A)(1), (2), and (4) of this Section a supplemental payment of one hundred dollars per election day or each day of assistance, if applicable, in addition to the compensation provided in Subsection A of this Section, subject to appropriation of funds.

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

Approved by the Governor, June 2, 2026.

A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 628

HOUSE BILL NO. 218
BY REPRESENTATIVES LAFLEUR, BOYD, BRASS, CARPENTER,
CARVER, CHASSION, ECHOLS, EDMONSTON, FISHER, FREEMAN,
FREIBERG, GREEN, DANA HENRY, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON,
JORDAN, KNOX, TERRY LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARCELLE,

MARTINEZ, MURRAY, TAYLOR, WALTERS, AND YOUNG
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:2113 and 3996(B)(24), relative to student questionnaires; to provide for the inclusion of questions pertaining to food insecurity on a residency questionnaire; to provide for the administration of the questionnaire; to provide for the confidentiality of responses; to provide for information on resources and services; to provide for applicability; to provide a limitation of liability; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:2113 and 3996(B)(24) are hereby enacted to read as follows:
§2113. Food insecurity

A.(1) The state Department of Education, in consultation with the Louisiana Department of Health, shall include questions pertaining to food insecurity on the residency questionnaire administered for purposes of the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Children and Youth Assistance Act.

(2) Each public school shall annually distribute the questionnaire to each student in grades kindergarten through twelve upon enrollment, change of address, and reasonable suspicion of food insecurity by school personnel or school-based health clinics.

B.(1) If the questionnaire responses indicate that a student is at risk for food insecurity, the school shall provide the parents or legal guardian information on federal, state, community, and school resources and services that may be available, including but not limited to public assistance applications, social services, community food banks and food pantries, and school meal programs and food pantries. For any emancipated minor or student who has reached the age of majority, the school shall provide the information directly to the student.

(2) The information on federal, state, and community resources shall be compiled by the Louisiana Department of Health, which shall provide the information to each school at no cost to the school or its school board.

C. Responses to the questionnaire shall remain confidential except for disclosure to a student's parent or legal guardian or to the student if he has reached the age of majority or is an emancipated minor and to authorized school personnel responsible for the provision of information as provided in Subsection B of this Section.

D. No school employee shall use questionnaire responses to make any decision relating to student instruction, academic opportunities, or discipline.

E. No school board or employee thereof shall be liable for damages in a civil action for injury, death, or loss to person or property that allegedly arises from an act or omission associated with the provisions of this Section unless the act or omission constitutes willful or wanton misconduct.

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§3996. Charter schools; exemptions; requirements
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B. Notwithstanding any state law, rule, or regulation to the contrary and except as may be otherwise specifically provided for in an approved charter, a charter school established and operated in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter and its approved charter and the school's officers and employees shall be exempt from all statutory mandates or other statutory requirements that are applicable to public schools and to public school officers and employees except for the following laws otherwise applicable to public schools with the same grades:
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(24) Food insecurity questions on residency questionnaire, R.S. 17:2113.
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Approved by the Governor, June 2, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 629

HOUSE BILL NO. 222
BY REPRESENTATIVES BERAULT, ADAMS, BACALA, BOUDREAUX,
BRAUD, BUTLER, CARRIER, WILFORD CARTER, CARVER, CHASSION,
COX, DEWITT, EGAN, FISHER, GLORIOSO, GREEN, CHANCE HENRY,
HILFERTY, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, KNOX,
LAFLEUR, TERRY LANDRY, LYONS, MACK, MARCELLE, MARTINEZ,
MOORE, MURRAY, OWEN, PHELPS, STAGNI, TAYLOR, WALTERS,
WYBLE, AND ZERINGUE

AN ACT
To enact R.S. 40:1259.3, relative to Medicaid coverage; to require Medicaid coverage for dental procedures in certain circumstances; to require the Louisiana Department of Health to take certain administrative actions; to provide for a state plan amendment; to provide for administrative rules; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 40:1259.3 is hereby enacted to read as follows:
§1259.3. Medicaid coverage for dental procedures in certain circumstances

A. The Louisiana Medicaid program shall cover a dental procedure for a Medicaid enrollee if the procedure is medically necessary in order for the patient to be cleared to receive another Medicaid-covered medical procedure.

B. Pursuant to this Section, the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health shall do all of the following:

(1) Submit to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services all necessary

state plan amendments.
(2) Promulgate all necessary rules and regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.(3) Take any other actions as are necessary to implement the provisions of this Section.
Approved by the Governor, June 2, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 630

HOUSE BILL NO. 243
BY REPRESENTATIVE WILDER
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 682, relative to the recusal of a district attorney; to provide for the notification to the attorney general; to provide for the appointment of an attorney for the recused district attorney; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. Code of Criminal Procedure Article 682 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Art. 682. Appointment of substitute for a recused district attorney
When a district attorney is recused, or recuses himself, the trial judge ~~shall either appoint an attorney at law, who has the qualifications of a district attorney and is not an assistant to the recused district attorney, to act in the place of the district attorney in the case, or shall notify the attorney general in writing of the recusation. In the latter instance, it~~ It shall be the duty of the attorney general to appoint a member of his staff or a district attorney of another district to act in the place of the recused district attorney. The substitute appointed for the recused district attorney shall have all powers of the recused district attorney with reference to the case.

Approved by the Governor, June 1, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 631

HOUSE BILL NO. 256
BY REPRESENTATIVES FREEMAN, BAYHAM, CARVER, CHASSION,
EDMONSTON, FREIBERG, KNOX, LAFLEUR, LYONS, MARTINEZ,
MOORE, MURRAY, SCHLEGEL, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, AND WALTERS
AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:421 and 3996(B)(24), relative to school employees; to provide for the applicability of laws relative to mandatory reporters to certain school employees; to provide relative to certain training provided by the Department of Children and Family Services; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 17:421 and 3996(B)(24) are hereby enacted to read as follows:
§421. School employees; mandatory reporting requirements
Each school employee who is a mandatory reporter as defined in Children's Code Article 603 is subject to all provisions of state law relative to mandatory reporters, including but not limited to the training and reporting requirements for teaching or child care providers provided in Children's Code Article 603.1.

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§3996. Charter schools; exemptions; requirements
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B. Notwithstanding any state law, rule, or regulation to the contrary and except as may be otherwise specifically provided for in an approved charter, a charter school established and operated in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter and its approved charter and the school's officers and employees shall be exempt from all statutory mandates or other statutory requirements that are applicable to public schools and to public school officers and employees except for the following laws otherwise applicable to public schools with the same grades:

* * *
(24) Mandatory reporter requirements, R.S. 17:421.
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Approved by the Governor, June 2, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 632

HOUSE BILL NO. 267
BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1474(B) and (D), relative to the membership of the Louisiana State Board of Home Inspectors; to provide for appointments to the board; to provide for the qualifications of members of the board; to provide for term limitations; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 37:1474(B) and (D) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
§1474. Louisiana State Board of Home Inspectors; creation; qualifications; domicile; terms of office; confirmation; oath of office; compensation
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B.(1) The board shall be composed of one member from each congressional district and one at-large member appointed by the governor ~~from a list of names submitted by the board of directors of the Louisiana Chapter of the American Society of Home Inspectors, the Louisiana Realtors Association, and the Louisiana Home Builders Association. Names of qualified candidates may be submitted to the governor by any active home inspector licensed in this state who resides within the district of the board vacancy. Both the candidates for the board and the licensees submitting names of candidates shall have all of the following qualifications:(a) Held a license for at least three years.~~

(b) Not been found guilty of any violations of the board rules or licensing law within the preceding three years.

(c) Be in good standing with the board.

(2) Each member of the board shall be a United States citizen and a resident of the state, and shall have been actively engaged in the home inspection business on a full-time basis for three years preceding the appointment. The initial board members shall be required to obtain a license in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter. Thereafter, each member of the board shall be a licensed home inspector.
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~~D.(1) Initially, one member of the board shall be appointed for a two-year term, three members for four-year terms, and three members for six-year terms. No person shall be appointed for more than one full six-year term. On and after August 1, 2017, all members shall be appointed for four years. Except as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection for the at-large member, any~~ Each member of the board shall be appointed for a term of four years. A member may serve two four-year terms; however, a formal nomination is required for reappointment to a second consecutive term. No member shall serve more than a total of two terms on the board, whether by consecutive or non-consecutive terms or serving at-large. A board member whose term has ended may continue to serve until a replacement has been appointed by the governor. This interim service shall not count toward the term limits provided in this Subsection. Any vacancy on the board caused by death, resignation, or disability of a member shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the governor from the congressional district where the vacancy occurred.

~~(2) On and after August 1, 2017, the board member from the Third Congressional District who was appointed to the board on July 27, 2012, is designated as the at-large member. Any vacancy of the at-large member caused by death, resignation, or disability shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the governor.~~
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Approved by the Governor, June 1, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 633

HOUSE BILL NO. 271
BY REPRESENTATIVE WYBLE
AN ACT

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. Part XIV of Chapter 1 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 17:410.21, is hereby enacted to read as follows:
PART XIV. LOUISIANA COMMISSION ON FOUNDATIONAL EDUCATION
§410.21. Louisiana Commission on Foundational Education
A. The Louisiana Commission on Foundational Education, referred to in this Section as the "commission", is hereby created for the purpose of evaluating and making recommendations to improve foundational education policy.

B. The commission has the following powers and duties:
(1) To serve as an advisory body to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state Department of Education on matters relating to foundational literacy, numeracy, and family engagement from kindergarten through grade eight.

(2) To research and analyze all policies, regulations, procedures, and funding structures relative to the implementation of foundational education initiatives, reforms, and instructional practices.(3) To request, receive,

and review state, regional, and national data necessary to determine and understand the effectiveness and impact of foundational education initiatives, instructional strategies, and student outcomes.

(4) To develop and formulate policy, programmatic, and instructional recommendations aligned with evidence-based practices, including but not limited to literacy practices consistent with the science of reading and research-based mathematics and numeracy instruction.

(5) To recommend strategies to strengthen family engagement and promote alignment from prekindergarten through eighth grade to ensure kindergarten readiness and continuity in foundational skill development.

(6) To establish subcommittees or working groups to identify, analyze, and develop recommendations in areas deemed appropriate by the commission. Such subcommittees or working groups shall report to the commission and may include commission members and individuals with relevant subject-matter expertise who are not commission members.

C. The commission consists of the following members:

(1) One member appointed by the governor.

(2) One member appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives.

(3) One member appointed by the president of the Senate.

(4) The state superintendent of education or his designee.

(5) One member appointed by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

(6) One member appointed by the commissioner of higher education.

(7) The secretary of Louisiana Works or his designee.

(8) The secretary of Louisiana Economic Development or his designee.

(9) One member from the Louisiana Parent Teacher Association appointed by the president of the association.

(10) One member from the Louisiana Association for the Education of Young Children appointed by the executive director of the association.

(11) One currently employed classroom teacher or expert in literacy instruction appointed by the state superintendent of education.

(12) One currently employed classroom teacher or expert in numeracy and mathematics instruction appointed by the state superintendent of education.

(13) One currently serving parish or city school superintendent appointed by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

(14) The chief executive of Decoding Dyslexia Louisiana, or his designee.

(15) One member from the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry appointed by the president of the association.

(16) One member from the Pelican Institute for Public Policy appointed by the chief executive officer of the institute.

(17) One member from a national nonprofit organization with demonstrated experience advising states on comprehensive education reform and evidence-based academic standards, appointed by the governor.

(18) One member from the Southeastern Louisiana University College of Education appointed by the dean of the college.

(19) One member from the Center for Literacy and Learning appointed by the president of the center.

(20) One member from the Louisiana Policy Institute for Children appointed by the chief executive officer of the institute.

(21) One member from Leaders for a Better Louisiana appointed by the chief executive officer.

(22) One direct provider with a membership in the Child Care Association of Louisiana appointed by the board of directors of the association.

D.(1) Members appointed pursuant to Paragraphs (C)(1) through (C)(8) of this Section shall serve for the duration of their respective terms of office or for a term concurrent with the term of the appointing authority, as applicable.

(2) Members listed in Paragraphs (C)(9) through (C)(22) of this Section shall serve three-year terms, except that for initial terms, such members shall serve staggered terms as follows:

(a) Members listed in Paragraphs (C)(9) through (C)(12) of this Section shall serve an initial term of one year.

(b) Members listed in Paragraphs (C)(13) through (C)(16) of this Section shall serve an initial term of two years.

(c) Members listed in Paragraphs (C)(17) through (C)(22) of this Section shall serve an initial term of three years.

(3) Any appointed member may be removed for cause by the appointing authority.

(4) Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original selection.

E.(1) The state superintendent of education shall call the initial meeting no later than September 15, 2026.

(2) The commission shall elect a chair and vice chair.

(3) The commission shall meet at least quarterly and at such other times as determined necessary by the chair.

(4) Eight members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

(5) An affirmative vote of a majority of the members present shall be required for any official action.

(6) All meetings shall comply with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, R.S. 42:11 et seq.

(7) Members of the commission shall serve without compensation except per diem or expenses reimbursement to which they may be individually entitled as members of their constituent organizations.

F. The state Department of Education shall provide staff support to the commission and shall provide for the records of the Louisiana Literacy Advisory Commission to be transferred to the commission.

G. Not later than February fifteenth annually, the commission shall submit a written report of its findings and recommendations and the status

of the implementation of its recommendations to the House Committee on Education, the Senate Committee on Education, the governor, and the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Section 2. R.S. 36:651(F)(8) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§651. Transfer of boards, commissions, departments, and agencies to Department of Education; boards, commissions, and agencies within Department of Education

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F. The following agencies are transferred to and hereafter shall be within the Department of Education as provided in R.S. 36:901 et seq.:

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(8) ~~The Louisiana Literacy Advisory Commission (R.S. 17:410.11).~~ The Louisiana Commission on Foundational Education (R.S. 17:410.21).

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Section 3. Part XIII of Chapter 1 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 17:410.11, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Approved by the Governor, June 2, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry

Secretary of State

ACT No. 634

HOUSE BILL NO. 289
BY REPRESENTATIVE EGAN
AN ACT

To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 873, relative to sentencing; to provide relative to the imposition of sentence in certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Code of Criminal Procedure Article 873 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Art. 873. Delay between conviction and sentence

If a defendant is convicted of a felony, at least three days shall elapse between conviction and ~~sentence~~ sentencing. If a motion for a new trial; or in arrest of judgment; is filed, sentence shall not be imposed until ~~at least twenty-four hours~~ after the motion is overruled. If the defendant expressly waives a delay provided for in this ~~article~~ Article or pleads guilty, sentence may be imposed immediately.

Approved by the Governor, June 2, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry

Secretary of State

ACT No. 635

HOUSE BILL NO. 308
BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM
AN ACT

To enact Chapter 3 of Subtitle I of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 39:441, relative to public facilities; to provide for acceptance of certain types of payments at facilities; to provide definitions; to provide exceptions; 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. Chapter 3 of Subtitle I of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 39:441, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

CHAPTER 3. PAYMENTS ACCEPTED AT CERTAIN PUBLIC FACILITIES

§441. Required acceptance of certain payment types at state-owned facilities
A. As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(1) “Cash” means legal tender of the United States in the form of coins or currency.

(2) “Corporeal” shall have the same meaning as in Civil Code Article 461.

(3) “Customer” means any person who uses, purchases, or leases goods or services.

(4) “Incorporeal” shall have the same meaning as in Civil Code Article 461.

(5) “Public facility” means a stadium facility owned by the state or any of its instrumentalities, agencies, boards, or commissions that is normally used for athletic or entertainment events, activities, or enterprises. The term shall include but not be limited to the Louisiana Superdome, the Smoothie King Center, and Louisiana State University’s Tiger Stadium.

B.(1) Each public facility shall accept an offer of payment in cash for any transaction involving the purchase of any corporeal or incorporeal if, in connection with such transaction, the public facility would accept one or more other forms of payment for the same purchase and the customer seeking to engage in the transaction is physically present at the public facility.

(2) An entity owning a public facility may satisfy the requirement in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection by having available on site a cash-to-card kiosk into which a customer deposits cash and is given a debit card loaded with the amount deposited. The customer may use the debit card to complete a transaction at the public facility.

(3) An entity owning a public facility may not charge a fee or place any other

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condition on its acceptance of cash as required pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.

- C. The provisions of this Chapter shall not apply to any of the following:
(1) Sales that are not conducted in person, including telephone, mail, and internet-based or other electronic transactions.
(2) Sales in which the entity suspects the use of counterfeit cash.
(3) The use of cash denominations larger than twenty dollars by a customer.
(4) Single transactions above five thousand dollars.
(5) Transactions related to parking at the public facility.
D. The provisions of this Chapter shall apply to transactions initiated on or after July 1, 2027.

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, June 2, 2026.

A true copy:

Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 636

HOUSE BILL NO. 313
BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND
AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:407.30(B), R.S. 39:100.118(B), 100.256(D) and (E), 1533(A), R.S. 48:197(B)(3), R.S. 49:259(B)(1) and (C)(3), and R.S. 51:2316(B) (2), to enact R.S. 39:82(L), 100.112(F)(2)(e), 100.171(D), 100.252(F), 100.253(D) (4), 100.255(D)(6), 100.257, and 100.258 and R.S. 51:1260(I) and 2316(D), and to repeal R.S. 39:100.49 and 100.50, relative to certain treasury funds; to provide for the transfer, deposit, and use, as specified, of monies in certain treasury funds and accounts; to provide for the dedication of certain monies to the Louisiana Early Childhood Education Fund; to provide for use of monies in the Local Revenue Fund; to provide for use of monies in the Hurricane Ida Recovery Fund; to provide for use of monies in the Louisiana Transportation Infrastructure Fund; to provide for the use of monies in the Higher Education Campus Revitalization Fund; to provide for the use of monies in the Louisiana Economic Development Initiatives Fund; to establish the Criminal Justice Technology Innovation Fund; to establish the Strategic Investments Across Louisiana Fund; to restrict payments of certain monies in the Self-Insurance Fund; to provide for the use of monies in the Regional Maintenance and Improvement Fund; to provide for approvals for the use of certain monies in the Major Events Incentive Fund; to provide for the investment and use of monies in the Site Investment and Infrastructure Improvement Fund; to authorize appropriation from the Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund; to modify threshold amounts and percentages allowable for appropriations from the Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund; to repeal certain treasury funds; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$144,268,468 to be comprised wholly of nonrecurring revenues out of the State General Fund from the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 surplus, as recognized by the Revenue Estimating Conference, to the Budget Stabilization Fund.

Section 2.(A) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$12,760,000 from the State General Fund (Direct) into the Voting Technology Fund.

(B) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$5,000,000 from the State General Fund (Direct) into the Oil and Gas Regulatory Dedicated Fund Account.

(C) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$1,000,000 from the State General Fund (Direct) into the Carbon Dioxide Geologic Storage Trust Fund.

(D) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$892,093 from the State General Fund (Direct) into the Criminal Justice Priority Fund.

(E) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$2,400,000 from the State General Fund (Direct) into the Federal Energy Settlement Fund.

(F) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to deposit into the Overcollections Fund from the revenues in the state general fund an amount equal to the amount of the State General Fund (Direct) for each line item appropriation in the Act that originated as House Bill No. 312 of the 2026 Regular Session of the Legislature that has a State General Fund (Direct) appropriation that is vetoed by the governor other than pursuant to his authority under Article IV, Section 5(G)(2) of the Constitution of Louisiana and that is not overridden by the legislature.

Section 3.(A) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$900,000 from the State General Fund (Direct) into the Imagination Library of Louisiana Fund.

(B) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$1,000,000 from the State General Fund (Direct) into the Reading Enrichment and Academic Deliverables Fund.

(C) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$500,000 from the State General Fund (Direct) into the Conservation Incentive Program Account.

(D) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to deposit into the Overcollections Fund from the revenues in the state general fund an amount equal to the amount of the State General Fund (Direct) for each line item appropriation in the Act that originated as House Bill No. 1 of the 2026 Regular Session of the Legislature that has a State General Fund (Direct) appropriation that is vetoed by the governor other than pursuant to his authority under Article IV, Section 5(G)(2) of the Constitution of Louisiana and that is not overridden by the legislature.

(E) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to deposit into the Overcollections Fund from the revenues in the state general fund an amount equal to the amount of the State General Fund (Direct) for each appropriation in the Act that originated as House Bill No. 1 of the 2026 Regular Session of the Legislature that has an appropriation that is reduced by the governor pursuant to his authority under Article VIII, Section 13(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana and that is consented to in writing by two-thirds of the elected members of each house of the legislature. No funding applicable to the instructional activities of city, parish, or other local public school systems or schools pursuant to the Minimum Foundation Program formula shall be transferred pursuant to this Subsection.

Section 4. R.S. 17:407.30(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

\$407.30. Louisiana Early Childhood Education Fund

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B. After satisfying the requirements of the Bond Security and Redemption Fund as provided in Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, except as otherwise provided by law, monies shall be deposited into the fund as follows:

(1) The avails of the monies provided for in R.S. 39:82(J).

(2) Any appropriations, public or private grants, gifts, or donations received by the state or the Department of Education for the purposes of this Section, other than federal funds for the Child Care and Development Fund Program, shall also be credited to the fund.

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Section 5. R.S. 39:100.118(B) and 100.256(D) and (E) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 39:82(L), 100.112(F)(2)(e), 100.171(D), 100.252(F), 100.253(D)(4), 100.255(D)(6), 100.257, and 100.258 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

\$82. Remission of cash balances to the state treasurer; authorized withdrawals of state monies after the close of the fiscal year; reports

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L. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section, for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, the treasurer shall deposit all cash balances of any state funds occurring from any appropriations made by legislative act or the Interim Emergency Board to the Department of Education at the end of the fiscal year into the Louisiana Early Childhood Education Fund. Provided, however, the provisions of this Subsection shall not apply to any dedicated funds that would otherwise be retained by the respective funds or state funds for which a bona fide liability exists on the last day of Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

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\$100.112. Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund

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(e) Notwithstanding any provision of this Paragraph to the contrary, for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, the minimum fund balance shall equal one billion five hundred thirty-two million one hundred thirty-two thousand two hundred eighty-five dollars and the allowable percentage shall equal thirty-six percent.

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\$100.118. Local Revenue Fund

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~~B. The monies in the fund shall be used solely for distribution to ad valorem tax recipient bodies within a parish to offset losses attributable to business inventory exemptions to the ad valorem tax granted by a parish; the following:~~

~~(1) Distribution to ad valorem tax recipient bodies within a parish to offset losses attributable to business inventory exemptions to the ad valorem tax granted by a parish.~~

~~(2) Beginning July 1, 2026, the treasurer shall annually deposit five million dollars of these monies into the Local Infrastructure Fund for reimbursement of qualifying expenses of a political subdivision incurred in the repair or mitigation of damage caused by the expansion of broadband services.~~

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\$100.171. Hurricane Ida Recovery Fund

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D. All monies received by a recipient entity pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall be expended no later than June 30, 2027. All such monies not expended by this date shall be returned to the state treasury by the recipient entity no later than August 1, 2027. As used in this Section, the term “expended” does not include obligation of funds without payment in

full having been made.

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§100.252. Louisiana Transportation Infrastructure Fund
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F. For Fiscal Year 2026-2027, the monies deposited in the fund shall be utilized for the following:

(1) The amount of one hundred twenty-five million shall be used for transportation infrastructure initiatives.

(2) Of the remaining monies deposited into the fund in Fiscal Year 2026-2027, the amount of one hundred million dollars shall be used for the Highway Priority Program.

(3) Of the remaining monies deposited into the fund in Fiscal Year 2026-2027, the amount of sixty-three million dollars shall be used for district maintenance funding.

(4) Of the remaining monies deposited into the fund in Fiscal Year 2026-2027, the amount of thirty-five million dollars shall be used for a box culvert program administered by the Department of Transportation and Development.

(5) Of the remaining monies deposited into the fund in Fiscal Year 2026-2027, the amount of thirty million dollars will be used for state highway initiatives administered by the division of administration.

(6) Of the remaining monies deposited into the fund in Fiscal Year 2026-2027, the amount of twenty-five million dollars shall be used for a box culvert program administered by the division of administration.

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§100.253. Higher Education Campus Revitalization Fund
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D. The monies in the fund shall be utilized for the following:

(4) For Fiscal Year 2026-2027 monies in the fund shall be used for the following:

(a) Of the remaining monies deposited into the fund in Fiscal Year 2026-2027, the amount of three million eight hundred thousand dollars shall be used for land acquisitions and facilities at Louisiana State University at Alexandria.

(b) Of the remaining monies deposited into the fund in Fiscal Year 2026-2027, the amount of three million three hundred thousand dollars shall be used for costs associated with training initiatives at River Parishes Community College.

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§100.255. Louisiana Economic Development Initiatives Fund
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D. The monies in the fund shall be utilized for the following:

(6) For Fiscal Year 2026-2027 monies in the fund shall be used for the following:

(a) The state treasurer shall deposit the first fifty million dollars of monies received into the Site Investment and Infrastructure Improvement Fund.

(b) Of the remaining monies deposited into the fund in Fiscal Year 2026-2027, the amount of twenty-five million dollars shall be used for strategic investments in the healthcare industry at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport.

(c) Of the remaining monies deposited into the fund in Fiscal Year 2026-2027, the amount of ten million dollars shall be used for economic development investments associated with the redevelopment of the Charity Hospital and Medical Center of Louisiana at New Orleans.

(d) Of the remaining monies deposited into the fund in Fiscal Year 2026-2027, the state treasurer shall deposit the amount of five million dollars into the Rapid Response Fund.

(e) Of the remaining monies deposited into the fund in Fiscal Year 2026-2027, the amount of five million dollars shall be used for economic development initiatives aimed at the wood pellet industry.

(f) Of the remaining monies deposited into the fund in Fiscal Year 2026-2027, the amount of two million dollars shall be used for innovation initiatives throughout the state.

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§100.256. Local Infrastructure Fund
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D. Monies in the fund shall be appropriated to the ~~division of administration, office of community development office of public health, Louisiana Department of Health,~~ for the reimbursement of qualifying expenses of a political subdivision incurred in the repair or mitigation of damage caused by the expansion of broadband services.

E. ~~The division of administration, office of community development office of public health, Louisiana Department of Health,~~ shall develop guidelines for the administration of monies in the fund and shall submit such guidelines for review and approval by the ~~Water Sector Commission~~ Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget prior to implementation. ~~The office of community development shall submit a quarterly report to the Water Sector Commission on the monies expended from the fund.~~

§100.257. Criminal Justice Technology Innovation Fund
There is hereby established in the state treasury, as a special fund, the Criminal Justice Technology Innovation Fund, hereinafter referred to in this Section as the “fund”. Any money transferred or appropriated to the fund by the legislature shall be deposited into the fund after compliance with the requirements of Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana relative to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund. All unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund. The monies in the fund shall be invested by the state treasurer in the same manner as monies in the state general fund, and interest earned

on the investment of monies in the fund shall be credited to the fund. Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 10 of Title 38 and Part V-A of Chapter 1 and Chapter 17 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, monies in the fund shall be used by offices of the district attorney to leverage technology to collaborate with other entities and facilitate interagency communication regarding care and protection of youth.

§100.258. Strategic Investments Across Louisiana Fund
There is hereby established in the state treasury, as a special fund, the Strategic Investments Across Louisiana Fund, hereinafter referred to in this Section as the “fund”. Any money transferred or appropriated to the fund by the legislature shall be deposited into the fund after compliance with the requirements of Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana relative to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund. All unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund. The monies in the fund shall be invested by the state treasurer in the same manner as monies in the state general fund, and interest earned on the investment of monies in the fund shall be credited to the fund. Monies in the fund shall be subject to appropriation.

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Section 6. R.S. 39:1533(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1533. Self-Insurance Fund
A.(1) There is hereby created in the Department of the Treasury a special fund to be known as the “Self-Insurance Fund”. The fund shall consist of all premiums paid by state agencies under the state’s risk management program as established by this Chapter, the investment income earned from such premiums, and commissions retained in accordance with the provisions of this Title. This fund shall be used only for the payment of losses incurred by state agencies under the self-insurance program, premiums for insurance obtained through commercial carriers, administrative expenses associated with the management of the state’s risk, law enforcement officers and firemen’s survivors benefits as provided for in R.S. 40:1665(C) and 1665.2(C), law enforcement officers and firemen’s disability benefits as provided for in R.S. 40:1668, the payment of extraordinary medical and dental expenses for firemen and law enforcement officers as provided for in R.S. 40:1668.1, the payment of losses incurred by the Jefferson Parish Human Services Authority in accordance with R.S. 28:831(J), the payment of losses incurred by the Capital Area Human Services District in accordance with R.S. 28:906, the payment of losses incurred by the Florida Parishes Human Services Authority in accordance with R.S. 28:856, the payment of losses incurred by the Metropolitan Human Services District in accordance with R.S. 28:866, the payment of losses incurred by the Northeast Delta Human Services Authority in accordance with R.S. 28:896, the payment of losses incurred by the South Central Louisiana Human Services Authority in accordance with R.S. 28:876, and the funding of the legal services, such funds to be administered by the commissioner of administration.

(2) Payments for law enforcement officers and firemen survivor and disability benefits and extraordinary medical and dental expenses as provided for in R.S. 40:1665(C), 1665.2(C), and 1668, and 1668.1 shall be made by the office of risk management on behalf of the Law Enforcement Officers and Firemen’s Survivor Benefit Review Board as a result of a specific appropriation received for that purpose. Aggregate payments made pursuant to this Paragraph shall not exceed five million dollars in any given fiscal year.

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Section 7. R.S. 48:197(B)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§197. Motor vehicle license tax; Regional Maintenance and Improvement Fund

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(3) Monies in the fund shall be appropriated to Jefferson Parish and used exclusively for maintenance and improvements along the Westbank Expressway US 90 Business corridor and Louisiana Highway 45 (LA 45), and the construction of walkways and pedestrian bridges along Louisiana Highway 541 (River Road), all located in Jefferson Parish, including the operation and maintenance of all lighting previously operated and maintained by the Department of Transportation and Development.

Section 8. R.S. 49:259(B)(1) and (C)(3) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§259. Department of Justice Legal Support Fund

B.(1) After satisfying the requirements of the Bond Security and Redemption Fund as provided in Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, the treasurer shall transfer into the fund each fiscal year from proceeds received as provided in Subsection A of this Section an amount which together with the balance in the fund as of each July first is sufficient to bring the balance in the fund to fifteen twenty million dollars annually. Annual deposits into the fund shall not exceed a total of fifteen twenty million dollars, and the balance of the fund shall not exceed fifteen twenty million dollars. Any proceeds received as provided in Subsection A of this Section, after making the total annual deposit into the fund of fifteen twenty million dollars, shall be deposited into the state general fund.

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(3) Each fiscal year, monies shall be deposited into the fund in an amount sufficient to bring the unencumbered balance in the fund to ~~fifteen~~ twenty million dollars.

Section 9. R.S. 51:2316(B)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 51:1260(I) and 2316(D) are hereby enacted to read as follows:
§1260. Major Events Incentive Fund; Major Events Incentive Program

I. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection E of this Section, contracts entered into for events which have received a specific appropriation in an Act by the legislature shall not require prior approval of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

§2316. Site Investment and Infrastructure Improvement Fund

(2) ~~Monies in the fund shall be invested in the same manner as monies in the state general fund. Interest earned on investment of monies in the fund shall be deposited into the state general fund. Unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund. The state treasurer is hereby directed to invest the monies in the fund in a separate portfolio. All investment income earned on monies in the fund, net of investment expenditures, shall be credited to Louisiana Economic Development, and may be used as program revenue for purposes consistent with this Section.~~

D. Notwithstanding any other provision of law or rule to the contrary, of the amounts deposited into the Fund in Fiscal Year 2026-2027, the amount of five million nine hundred thousand dollars will serve as the repayment on behalf of the Vinton Harbor and Terminal District.

Section 10. R.S. 39:100.49 and 100.50 are hereby repealed in their entirety.
Section 11. In accordance with the provisions of Article VII, Section 10.15(F) (3) of the Constitution of Louisiana, the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of each house concurring, does hereby authorize appropriation from the Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund for the purpose of addressing emergency conditions across the state in Fiscal Year 2026-2027.
Section 12.(A) The provisions of this Section and Sections 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, and 9 through 11 of 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 Section and Sections 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, and 9 through 11 of this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.
(B) The provisions of Sections 3 and 8 of this Act shall become effective July 1, 2026.
(C) The provisions of Section 6 of this Act shall take effect and become operative if and when the Act which originated as House Bill No. 145 of this 2026 Regular Session of the Legislature is enacted and becomes effective.

Approved by the Governor, June 2, 2026.
A true copy:
Nancy Landry
Secretary of State

ACT No. 637

HOUSE BILL NO. 321
BY REPRESENTATIVES LAFLEUR, ADAMS, BAYHAM, BILLINGS, BOUDREAUX, BOYD, BOYER, BRASS, CARRIER, ROBBY CARTER, WILFORD CARTER, CHASSION, CHENEVERT, COX, EGAN, FISHER, FREEMAN, FREIBERG, GLORIOSO, GREEN, DANA HENRY, HORTON, JACKSON, KNOX, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARCELLE, MILLER, MOORE, MURRAY, NEWELL, OWEN, PHELPS, RISER, SCHLEGEL, SPELL, TAYLOR, VILLIO, WALTERS, WILEY, WYBLE, AND YOUNG AND SENATORS ABRAHAM, BARROW, BARTHELEMY, BASS, BOUDREAUX, CARTER, CONNICK, DUPLESSIS, FESI, HODGES, JACKSON-ANDREWS, JENKINS, KLEINPETER, MORRIS, PRICE, AND WHEAT

AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 14:46.2(F)(1), 46.3(A)(1) and (E), 82(G), 82.1(A) (introductory paragraph) and (1), (B), (D)(2) and (3)(b), (E), and (F), 82.2(E), 83(C), 83.3(D), 83.4(C), 89(C)(2), and 89.2(D)(1) and (5) and Children's Code Articles 804(3) and (5) and 839(D) and to enact R.S. 14:83.1(C), 83.2(C), and 84(C), relative to victims of human trafficking and prostitution offenses; to provide for an exemption from criminal responsibility and delinquency proceedings; to provide relative to affirmative defenses for prosecution of certain offenses; to provide eligibility for specialized services; to provide relative to conduct that constitutes prostitution; to revise certain terminology relative to prostitution involving persons under eighteen years of age; and to provide for related matters.
Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 14:46.2(F)(1), 46.3(A)(1) and (E), 82(G), 82.1(A)(introductory paragraph) and (1), (B), (D)(2) and (3)(b), (E), and (F), 82.2(E), 83(C), 83.3(D), 83.4(C), 89(C)(2), and 89.2(D)(1) and (5) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 14:83.1(C), 83.2(C), and 84(C) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§46.2. Human trafficking

F.(1) A victim of trafficking involving services that include commercial sexual activity or a sex offense as defined in R.S. 15:541 shall have an affirmative defense to prosecution for any of the following offenses which were committed as a direct result of being trafficked:
(a) R.S. 14:82 (Prostitution).
(b) R.S. 14:83 (Soliciting for prostitutes).
(~~b~~) (c) R.S. 14:83.3 (Prostitution by massage).
(~~c~~) (d) R.S. 14:83.4 (Massage; sexual conduct prohibited).
(~~d~~) (e) R.S. 14:89 (Crime against nature).
(~~e~~) (f) R.S. 14:89.2 (Crime against nature by solicitation).

§46.3. Trafficking of children for sexual purposes

A. It shall be unlawful:
(1) For any person to knowingly recruit, harbor, transport, provide, sell, receive, isolate, entice, obtain, or maintain the use of a ~~person under the age of eighteen years~~ child for the purpose of engaging in commercial sexual activity. For the purposes of this Section, “child” means a person under the age of eighteen years.

E.(1) No victim of trafficking as provided by the provisions of this Section shall be prosecuted for unlawful acts committed as a direct result of being trafficked. ~~Any child determined to be a victim pursuant to the provisions of this Subsection shall be eligible for specialized services for sexually exploited children.~~
(2) Any child who is engaged in prostitution or prostitution-related offenses is presumed to be a victim of human trafficking. A child victim of trafficking as provided by the provisions of this Section is exempt from criminal responsibility and delinquency proceedings for prostitution-related offenses.
(3) Any child determined to be a victim pursuant to the provisions of this Subsection is eligible for specialized services for sexually exploited children as provided in R.S. 46:2161.

§82. Prostitution; definition; penalties; enhancement

G.(1) ~~It shall be an affirmative defense to prosecution for a violation of this Section that, during the time of the alleged commission of the offense, the defendant was a victim of trafficking of children for sexual purposes as provided in R.S. 14:46.3(E). Any child determined to be a victim pursuant to the provisions of this Paragraph shall be eligible for specialized services for sexually exploited children. Any child who is engaged in prostitution is presumed to be a victim of human trafficking pursuant to R.S. 14:46.3(E) and is exempt from criminal responsibility and delinquency proceedings for such offenses. A child victim of human trafficking shall be referred and is eligible for specialized services for victims of human trafficking pursuant to R.S. 46:2161.~~
(2) It shall be an affirmative defense to prosecution for a violation of this Section that, during the time of the alleged commission of the offense, the defendant is determined to be a victim of human trafficking pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 14:46.2(F). Any person, eighteen years of age or older, who is determined to be a victim pursuant to the provisions of this Paragraph of human trafficking shall be notified of any treatment or specialized services for human trafficking victims or sexually exploited persons to the extent that such services are available.

§82.1. Prostitution; persons under eighteen; additional offenses

A. It shall be unlawful to do any of the following:
(1) For any person over the age of seventeen to engage in sexual intercourse with any person under the age of eighteen ~~who is practicing prostitution, who receives or agrees to receive anything of value as compensation for such activity~~ and there is an age difference of greater than two years between the two persons.

B.(1) Lack of knowledge of the age of the person ~~practicing prostitution who the offender engages in sexual intercourse with~~ shall not be a defense.
(2) It shall not be a defense to prosecution for a violation of this Section that the person ~~practicing prostitution who the offender engages in sexual intercourse with~~ consented to the activity prohibited by this Section.

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(2) Whoever violates the provisions of Paragraph (A)(1) of this Section when the person ~~practicing prostitution who the offender engages in sexual intercourse with~~ is under the age of fourteen shall be fined not more than seventy-five thousand dollars, imprisoned at hard labor for not less than twenty-five years nor more than fifty years, or both. Twenty-five years of the sentence imposed shall be without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.

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(b) Whoever violates the provisions of Paragraph (A)(2) of this Section when the person ~~practicing prostitution who the offender engages in sexual intercourse with~~ is under the age of fourteen shall be required to serve at least ten years of the sentence imposed in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.
E. It shall not be a defense to prosecution for a violation of this Section that

the person practicing prostitution who is believed who the offender engages in sexual intercourse with and who the offender believes to be under the age of eighteen is actually a law enforcement officer or peace officer acting within the official scope of his duties.

~~F. Any person determined to be a victim of this offense shall be eligible for specialized services for sexually exploited children. Any person under the age of eighteen years who is determined to be a victim of this offense shall be referred and is eligible for specialized services for victims of human trafficking pursuant to R.S. 46:2161.~~

§82.2. Purchase of commercial sexual activity; penalties

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~~E.(1) Any child person under the age of eighteen years who is determined to be a victim of this offense shall be eligible for specialized services for sexually exploited children victims of human trafficking pursuant to R.S. 46:2161.~~

(2) Any person, eighteen years of age or older, who is determined to be a victim of this offense shall be notified of any treatment or specialized services for human trafficking victims or sexually exploited persons to the extent that such services are available.

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§83. Soliciting for prostitutes

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~~C.(1) Any child who is identified to be a victim of the crime of soliciting for prostitutes shall be referred and be eligible for specialized services for victims of human trafficking pursuant to R.S. 14:46.2 or trafficking of children for sexual purposes pursuant to R.S. 14:46.3. In accordance with R.S. 14:46.3(E), no victim of trafficking of children for sexual purposes shall be prosecuted for a violation of this Section if such violation is committed as a direct result of being trafficked. Any child who is engaged in prostitution-related offenses is presumed to be a victim of human trafficking pursuant to R.S. 14:46.3(E) and is exempt from criminal responsibility and delinquency proceedings for such offenses. A child victim of human trafficking shall be referred and is eligible for specialized services for victims of human trafficking pursuant to R.S. 46:2161.~~

(2) It shall be an affirmative defense to prosecution for a violation of this Section that, during the time of the alleged commission of the offense, the defendant is determined to be a victim of human trafficking pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 14:46.2(F). Any other person who is eighteen years of age or older who is identified as determined to be a victim of the crime of soliciting for prostitutes human trafficking shall be notified of any treatment or specialized services for human trafficking victims or sexually exploited persons to the extent that such services are available.

§83.1. Inciting prostitution

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~~C.(1) Any person under the age of eighteen years who is determined to be a victim of this offense shall be referred and is eligible for specialized services for victims of human trafficking pursuant to R.S. 46:2161.~~

(2) Any person who is eighteen years of age or older who is determined to be a victim of human trafficking shall be notified of any treatment or specialized services for human trafficking victims or sexually exploited persons to the extent that such services are available.

§83.2. Promoting prostitution

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~~C.(1) Any person under the age of eighteen years who is determined to be a victim of this offense shall be referred and is eligible for specialized services for victims of human trafficking pursuant to R.S. 46:2161.~~

(2) Any person who is eighteen years of age or older who is determined to be a victim of human trafficking shall be notified of any treatment or specialized services for human trafficking victims or sexually exploited persons to the extent that such services are available.

§83.3. Prostitution by massage

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~~D.(1) It shall be an affirmative defense to prosecution for a violation of this Section that, during the time of the alleged commission of the offense, the defendant was a victim of trafficking of children for sexual purposes as provided in R.S. 14:46.3(E). Any child determined to be a victim pursuant to the provisions of this Paragraph shall be eligible for specialized services for sexually exploited children. Any person under the age of eighteen years who is engaged in prostitution-related offenses is presumed to be a victim of human trafficking pursuant to R.S. 14:46.3(E) and is exempt from criminal responsibility and delinquency proceedings for such offenses. A child victim of human trafficking shall be referred and is eligible for specialized services for victims of human trafficking pursuant to R.S. 46:2161.~~

(2) It shall be an affirmative defense to prosecution for a violation of this Section that, during the time of the alleged commission of the offense, the defendant is determined to be a victim of human trafficking pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 14:46.2(F). Any person, eighteen years of age or older, who is determined to be a victim pursuant to the provisions of this Paragraph of human trafficking shall be notified of any treatment or specialized services for human trafficking victims or sexually exploited persons to the extent that such services are available.

§83.4. Massage; sexual conduct prohibited

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~~C.(1) It shall be an affirmative defense to prosecution for a violation of this Section that, during the time of the alleged commission of the offense, the defendant was a victim of trafficking of children for sexual purposes as~~

~~provided in R.S. 14:46.3(E). Any child determined to be a victim pursuant to the provisions of this Paragraph shall be eligible for specialized services for sexually exploited children. Any child who is engaged in prostitution-related offenses is presumed to be a victim of human trafficking pursuant to R.S. 14:46.3(E) and is exempt from criminal responsibility and delinquency proceedings for such offenses. A child victim of human trafficking shall be referred and is eligible for specialized services for victims of human trafficking pursuant to R.S. 46:2161.~~

(2) It shall be an affirmative defense to prosecution for a violation of this Section that, during the time of the alleged commission of the offense, the defendant is determined to be a victim of human trafficking pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 14:46.2(F). Any person, eighteen years of age or older, who is determined to be a victim pursuant to the provisions of this Paragraph of human trafficking shall be notified of any treatment or specialized services for human trafficking victims or sexually exploited persons to the extent that such services are available.

§84. Pandering

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~~C.(1) Any child who is engaged in prostitution-related offenses is presumed to be a victim of human trafficking pursuant to R.S. 14:46.3(E) and is exempt from criminal responsibility and delinquency proceedings for such offenses. A child victim of human trafficking shall be referred and is eligible for specialized services for victims of human trafficking.~~

(2) Any person who is eighteen years of age or older who is determined to be a victim of human trafficking shall be notified of any treatment or specialized services for human trafficking victims or sexually exploited persons to the extent that such services are available.

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§89. Crime against nature

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(2) It shall be an affirmative defense to prosecution for a violation of Paragraph (A)(1) of this Section that, during the time of the alleged commission of the offense, the defendant is determined to be a victim of human trafficking pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 14:46.2(F). Any person determined to be a victim pursuant to the provisions of this Paragraph shall be notified of any treatment or specialized services for victims of human trafficking and sexually exploited persons to the extent that such services are available.

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§89.2. Crime against nature by solicitation

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~~D.(1) It shall be an affirmative defense to prosecution for a violation of this Section that, during the time of the alleged commission of the offense, the defendant was a victim of trafficking of children for sexual purposes as provided in R.S. 14:46.3(E). Any child determined to be a victim pursuant to the provisions of this Paragraph of this offense shall be eligible for specialized services for sexually exploited children victims of human trafficking pursuant to R.S. 46:2161.~~

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(5) It shall be an affirmative defense to prosecution for a violation of this Section that, during the time of the alleged commission of the offense, the defendant is determined to be a victim of human trafficking pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 14:46.2(F). Any person determined to be a victim ~~pursuant to the provisions of this Paragraph~~ of this offense shall be notified of any treatment or specialized services for victims of human trafficking and sexually exploited persons, including but not limited to the services provided for by R.S. 46:2161.1, to the extent that such services are available.

Section 2. Children's Code Articles 804(3) and (5) and 839(D) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Art. 804. Definitions

As used in this Title:

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(3) "Delinquent act" means an act committed by a child of ten years of age or older which if committed by an adult is designated an offense under pursuant to the statutes or ordinances of this state, or of another state if the offense occurred there, or under federal law, except traffic violations. It includes an act constituting an offense under pursuant to R.S. 14:95.8, an act constituting an offense under pursuant to R.S. 14:81.1.1(A)(2), and a direct contempt of court committed by a child. "Delinquent act" ~~shall~~ does not include a violation of R.S. 14:82, 83.3, 83.4, 89, or 89.2 for a child who, during the time of the alleged commission of the offense, was a victim of trafficking of children for sexual purposes pursuant to R.S. 14:46.3(E)(2).

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(5) "Felony-grade delinquent act" means an offense that if committed by an adult, may be punished by death or by imprisonment at hard labor. "Felony-grade delinquent act" ~~shall~~ does not include a violation of R.S. 14:82, 83.3, 83.4, 89, or 89.2 for a child who, during the time of the alleged commission of the offense, was a victim of trafficking of children for sexual purposes pursuant to R.S. 14:46.3(E)(2).

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Art. 839. Availability of an informal adjustment agreement

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~~D.(1) Where a petition involves an allegation of an act of prostitution pursuant to R.S. 14:82, prostitution by massage pursuant to R.S. 14:83.3 or 83.4, or crimes against nature by solicitation pursuant to R.S. 14:89.2 and it~~

~~is the child's first offense unlawful act committed as a direct result of the child being a victim of human trafficking pursuant to R.S. 14:46.3(E)(1) and the child expresses a willingness to cooperate and receive specialized services for sexually exploited children, the district attorney may effect an informal adjustment agreement which includes specialized services for the child.~~

(2) If, however, the child has previously been adjudicated a delinquent ~~in violation of R.S. 14:82, 83.3, 83.4, or 89.2~~ or is unwilling to cooperate with specialized services for sexually exploited children, continuing with the delinquency proceeding shall be within the discretion of the district attorney.

(3) The specialized services referenced in Subparagraph (1) of this Paragraph may include but are not limited to the services provided pursuant to R.S. 46:2161, safe and stable housing, victim advocacy services, comprehensive ~~on-site~~ onsite case management, integrated mental health and chemical dependency services, including specialized trauma recovery services, education and employment training, and referrals to ~~off-site~~ offsite specialized services, as appropriate.

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