



LOUISIANA ACADEMY
of FAMILY PHYSICIANS

LEGISLATIVE SESSION POSITION TRACKER 2025

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HOUSE BILLS

<u>Bill</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Current Status</u>	<u>LAFP Position</u>	<u>Notes</u>
HB15	MACK	CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES: Adds certain substances to the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law	House Administration of Criminal Justice - Reported favorably (9-0) - House final passage - final passage, yeas 96, nays 0 - Pending Senate Judiciary C - Sched. for 5/28/25	MONITOR	adds N-Desethyl isotonitazene, Etonitazepipne, and Ethylphenidate to the list of Schedule I drugs
HB34	GLORIOSO	CIVIL/LAW: Provides for transparency in medical expenses	House Civil Law and Procedure - Reported with amendments (11-3-1) - House final passage - final passage, yeas 69, nays 26. Pending Senate Judiciary A	MONITOR	Provides relative to medical expenses that may be recovered at trial
HB60	GALLE	VETERANS: Provides relative to healthcare facilities operated by the Department of Veterans Affairs for war veterans	House Judiciary - Reported favorably (12-0) - House final passage - final passage, yeas 97, nays 0 - Senate Health and Welfare - Reported favorably - Pending Legislative Bureau	MONITOR	Authorizes an income tax credit based on capital investments for pharmaceutical manufacturers that relocate their manufacturing operations from certain foreign countries to sites within La – COMP – HB 233
HB112	EDMONSTON	DRUGS/PRESCRIPTION: Provides relative to the prescribing, administering, and dispensing of drugs for off-label use	Pending House Health and Welfare	MONITOR	Provides that no healthcare professional licensing board or commission of the state shall prohibit or restrict the prescribing, administering, or dispensing of drugs for off-label use.
HB114	DOMANGUE	HEALTH CARE/PROVIDERS: Provides for the use of artificial intelligence by healthcare providers	Pending House Health and Welfare - Considered 4/29/25	MONITOR	Establishes authorized uses, prohibited uses, and penalties for the use of artificial intelligence by healthcare providers
HB117	ECHOLS	WORKERS COMPENSATION: Provides for adoption of a medical fee reimbursement schedule for workers' compensation	House Labor and Industrial Relations - Reported with amendments (10-0) - House final passage - final passage, yeas 62, nays 26 - Pending Senate Labor and Industrial Relations	MONITOR	Provides for the adoption of a medical fee reimbursement schedule for workers' compensation claims

			- Considered 5/21/25		
HB118	EGAN	HEALTH CARE: Provides relative to emergency certificates in St. Tammany Parish	House Health and Welfare - Reported favorably (14-0) - House final passage - final passage, yeas 95, nays 0 - Senate Health and Welfare - Reported favorably - Legislative Bureau - Reported without Legislative Bureau amendments - Pending Senate final passage - Sched. for 5/28/25	MONITOR	Removes the requirement that an initial examination, conducted prior to issuing an emergency certificate, be executed by a psychiatrist, a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner, or a psychologist in St. Tammany Parish
HB137	CARLSON	HEALTH/EMERG MED SERVICE: Authorizes psychologists and medical psychologists to evaluate a patient via telehealth for emergency certificates	Pending House Health and Welfare - Reported favorably (11-0) - House final passage - final passage, yeas 99, nays 0 - Pending Senate Health and Welfare - Sched. for 5/28/25	MONITOR	Authorizes psychologists and medical psychologists to conduct certain examinations via telehealth
HB138	DEWITT	PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS: Provides with respect to the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners	House Health and Welfare - Reported with amendments (14-0) - House final passage - yeas 89, nays 2 - Pending Senate referral - Sched. for 5/28/25	OPPOSE	increases the membership of the LSBME from 10 to 11 voting members by adding one member from a list submitted by the La. Academy of Physician Assistants; adds to those grounds that the governor may remove and reappoint members at the beginning of a governor's term; changes present law by providing that no member shall serve more than two consecutive terms
HB159	STAGNI	PHYSICAL THERAPISTS: Provides relative to the supervision of physical therapist assistants	House Health and Welfare - Reported with amendments (14-0) - House floor action - final passage, yeas 89, nays 0 - Senate Health and Welfare - Reported favorably - Legislative Bureau - Reported without Legislative Bureau amendments - Pending Senate	MONITOR	allows a physical therapist to supervise no more than eight physical therapist assistants and five unlicensed supportive personnel; requires a physical therapist to be accessible by telecommunication; repeals that a supervising physical therapist conduct documented conferences with the physical therapist assistant regarding patients

			final passage - Sched. for 5/28/25		
HB197	MIKE JOHNSON	MALPRACTICE/MEDICAL: Expands application of medical malpractice to include physical therapist assistants and occupational therapist assistants	Pending House Civil Law and Procedure - Considered 5/27/25	MONITOR	Adds "physical therapist assistant" and "occupational therapist assistant" to the definition of "health care provider" and "state healthcare provider" for the purposes of medical malpractice
HB202	BOYD	HIGHER EDUCATION: Provides for a privacy waiver relative to certain mental health information of postsecondary education students	House Education - Reported favorably (11-0) - House final passage - final passage, yeas 93, nays 4 - Senate Education - Reported favorably - Pending Legislative Bureau	MONITOR	Provides relative to a waiver of confidentiality of certain mental health information for postsecondary students
HB210	CHASSION	PHARMACIES: Provides relative to retention and archiving of records in the state prescription monitoring program	House Health and Welfare - Reported with amendments (14-0) - House Floor final passage, yeas 94, nays 0 - Senate Health and Welfare - Reported favorably - Pending Legislative Bureau	SUPPORT	Provides for record retention of audit trail information in the state prescription monitoring program
HB233	ECHOLS	TAX CREDITS: Establishes an income tax credit for certain pharmaceutical and medicine manufacturers	Pending House Ways and Means - Considered 4/28/25	MONITOR	Authorizes an income tax credit based on capital investments for pharmaceutical manufacturers that relocate their manufacturing operations from certain foreign countries to sites within La
HB253	BOYER	DRUGS: Provides relative to kratom	House Health and Welfare - Reported with amendments (13-0) - Pending House Appropriations	MONITOR	Prohibits the sale of kratom products that do not meet certain chemical makeup and packaging requirements. Requires kratom manufacturers to register products with the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) and submit a certificate of analysis verifying the product's contents.
HB264	ECHOLS	INSURANCE/HEALTH: Provides for the utilization of pharmaceutical rebates by a pharmacy benefit manager	House Insurance - Reported with amendments (13-0) - House and Governmental Affairs - Reported with amendments (11-0) - House final passage - yeas 86, nays 0 - Pending	MONITOR	Requires a pharmacy benefit manager to apply any prescription rebate offered to a health plan benefit recipient in excess of the total cost-sharing portion to the benefit of sponsor or employer offering the health plan

			Senate referral - Sched. for 5/28/25		
HB266	WILEY	MEDICAID: Provides for the personal needs allowance of residents in nursing homes and other facilities	House Health and Welfare - Reported favorably (12-0) - House Appropriations - Reported favorably (15-0) - Pending House floor action	MONITOR	Provides for the minimum monthly personal needs allowance for individuals living inpatient at a healthcare facility.
HB272	BAMBURG	ATHLETICS/TRAINERS: Provides relative to athletic trainer licensure	Pending House Health and Welfare	MONITOR	Provides relative to the licensure of athletic trainers - NEED MORE INFO
HB275	BERAULT	TOPS: Authorizes students who qualify for a TOPS award but graduate from an out-of-state college to apply unused award amounts to medical or dental school in Louisiana and requires repayment unless certain conditions are met	House Education - Reported favorably (10-0) - Pending House Appropriations	SUPPORT	Allows students who qualify for TOPS upon high school graduation but graduate from an out-of-state college or university to apply unused award amounts to medical or dental school in La. and requires repayment unless the student satisfies certain criteria
HB307	CHANCE HENRY	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: Requires individuals requesting public assistance who are not United States citizens be reported to United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement	House Judiciary - Reported with amendments (10-5-1) - House Appropriations - Reported with amendments (14-0) - House floor action - amended and passed yeas 67, nays 26 - Pending Senate referral - Sched. for 5/28/25	MONITOR	Requires a state agency or political subdivision to report individuals who seek public assistance and are not citizens of the U.S. to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)- watch in case physicians are required to report
HB314	DUSTIN MILLER	HEALTH CARE/FACILITIES: Modifies the regulatory authority of the Louisiana Department of Health in relation to hospital classifications	House Health and Welfare - Reported with amendments (14-0) - House final passage - final passage, yeas 93, nays 0 - Senate Health and Welfare - Reported favorably - Legislative Bureau - Reported without Legislative Bureau amendments - Passed the Senate - passed by a vote of 37 yeas and 0 nays	MONITOR	Removes an exemption that certain rural hospitals have to maintain a healthcare professional with credentials to administer obstetric anesthesia twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week in order to receive certain Medicaid reimbursements

HB317	ECHOLS	HEALTH CARE/FACILITIES: Establishes prohibited acts by certain healthcare facility lessors and lessees	House Health and Welfare - Reported with amendments (13-0) - House final passage - final passage, yeas 97, nays 0 - Pending Senate Health and Welfare	MONITOR	Prohibits certain acts by lessor healthcare facility owners and lessee healthcare facility operators and establishes penalties including personal liability for hospital executives and board members for certain acts
HB325	BRYANT	TAX/TOBACCO TAX: Provides for the rate of tax levied on certain cigars	House Ways and Means - Reported with amendments (9-3) - House final passage - amended, final passage, yeas 74, nays 20 - Pending Senate introduction	SUPPORT	Changes the tax levied on cigars invoiced by manufacturers at more than \$120 per 1,000 from 20% of the invoice price to 50¢ per cigar
HB357	FREEMAN	INSURANCE/HEALTH: Requires health insurance coverage for integrative cancer treatments	House Insurance - Reported with amendments (16-0) - House Appropriations - Reported with amendments (23-0) - House floor action - yeas 96, nays 1 - Pending Senate Insurance	MONITOR	Requires health insurers, including Medicare and Medicaid providers, to cover integrative cancer treatments in combination with medical treatment for cancer
HB358	DUSTIN MILLER	PHARMACISTS: Permits a pharmacy technician to work remotely in certain circumstances	House Health and Welfare - Reported favorably (11-0) - House final passage - final passage, yeas 95, nays 0 - Senate Health and Welfare - Reported with amendments - Legislative Bureau - Reported without Legislative Bureau amendments - Senate final passage - amended bill passed by a vote of 37 yeas and 0 nays - Received from the Senate with amendments - Pending House concurrence	MONITOR / OPPOSE	Establishes that a pharmacy may allow a pharmacy technician licensed in this state and employed or contracted with the pharmacy to access prescription records to provide remote services

HB359	DUSTIN MILLER	MENTAL HEALTH: Provides relative to the mental health treatment of victims of human sex trafficking	House Health and Welfare - Reported with amendments (11-0) - House final passage - amended, final passage, yeas 97, nays 0 - Pending Senate Health and Welfare	MONITOR	Clarifies that a victim of sex trafficking may suffer from a mental illness or condition as a result of the victim's experiences that may require a qualified healthcare professional to determine that an emergency certificate may be appropriate
HB377	CHARLES OWEN	HEALTH SERVICES: Authorizes an individual to refuse certain medical treatments	House Health and Welfare - Reported by substitute (10-0) - Substitute adopted on the House floor. Became HB690	OPPOSE	Provides that an individual has the authority to refuse a drug or other pharmaceutical if the product has only received Emergency Authorization from the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) • Includes punishment for doctors deemed in violation including fines and licensure suspension • Owen expects some amendment to this bill. He's conferring with the Medical Society for some adjustments
HB382	BAYHAM	INSURANCE/HEALTH: Requires insurance coverage of home visiting services for newborns and young children	House Insurance - Reported with amendments (13-0) - House final passage - final passage, yeas 101, nays 0 - Senate Insurance - Reported with amendments - Pending Legislative Bureau	MONITOR	Requires health insurance coverage for home visiting services for newborns and children up to age three
HB390	MANDIE LANDRY	TAX/TOBACCO TAX: Levies an additional tax on cigarettes	Pending House Ways and Means - Considered 4/22/25	SUPPORT	Levies an additional tax of .33¢ per pack of 20 cigarettes thereby increasing the total tax per pack of 20 cigarettes from \$1.08 per pack to \$1.41 per pack
HB398	BRASS	TAX/TOBACCO TAX: Increases the tax levied on smokeless tobacco and dedicates a portion of avails of the tax into the Youth Cessation and Prevention Fund	Pending House Ways and Means - Sched. for 4/22/25	SUPPORT	Increases the excise tax levied on smokeless tobacco from 20% of the invoice price to 33% of the invoice price and dedicates a portion of the avails of the tax levied on smokeless tobacco to the Youth Cessation and Prevention Fund to be used to address youth and adult prevention and cessation of tobacco product use
HB399	CHENEVERT	DIETITIANS: Provides with respect to the profession of dietetics and dieticians	House Health and Welfare - Reported with amendments (10-0). House and Governmental	MONITOR	Creates the Dietitian Licensure Compact in Louisiana

			Affairs - Reported with amendments (10-0) - House final passage - amended, final passage, yeas 98, nays 0 - Pending Senate Health and Welfare - Sched. for 5/28/25		
HB400	CHENEVERT	HEALTH/CHILDREN: Provides relative to a minor's consent for medical procedures and treatments	House Health and Welfare - Reported with amendments (10-0) - House final passage - amended, final passage, yeas 83, nays 9 - Pending Senate introduction	OPPOSE	• Informed consent required for all medical and mental health treatment, including blood donation • Exceptions for emancipated minors, emancipated pregnant minors excluding abortion, and in cases of emergencies, and gives parents access to minor's patient records • Creates access barriers that extend beyond vaccines, especially for children in out of home custody placements.
HB408	DICKERSON	INSURANCE/HEALTH: Requires health insurance coverage relative to pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome and related conditions	House Insurance - Reported favorably (12-0) - House Appropriations - Discharged from the Committee on Appropriations - House final passage - final passage, yeas 96, nays 0 - Pending Senate Insurance - Sched. for 5/28/25	MONITOR	Requires health insurance coverage for PANS, PANDAS, and other types of AE
HB419	AMEDEE	CRIME: Creates the crime of intentional exposure to a self-spreading pathogen	Pending House Administration of Criminal Justice - Sched. for 5/28/25	MONITOR/OPPOSE	• Defines self-spreading pathogen as an engineered virus or bacteria, criminalizes "vaccine shedding" • It is expected that this bill will also be significantly amended, perhaps with tort being removed or significantly watered down.
HB422	FREEMAN	HEALTH CARE: Provides with respect to timely reimbursement of overpaid medical bills to patients by healthcare providers	Pending House Health and Welfare - Considered 5/8/25	MONITOR	Requires a healthcare provider to issue a refund to a patient who overpays for medical services
HB423	LACOMBE	HEALTH CARE/PROVIDERS: Provides relative to healthcare providers displaying evidence of proper licensure in advertising	House Health and Welfare - Reported with amendments (12-0) - House floor action - final passage, yeas 98, nays 0 - Pending Senate Health and Welfare	SUPPORT	Requires a licensed healthcare provider to display evidence of proper licensure on his person or in advertisements – POSSIBLY ADD POSTING COLLABORATING PHYSICIAN

HB427	BAMBURG	CIVIL/PROCEDURE: Provides for a reversionary trust	House Civil Law and Procedure - Reported favorably (10-2-1) - House final passage - final passage, yeas 63, nays 23 - Pending Senate Judiciary A	MONITOR	Establishes a reversionary trust
HB440	CHANCE HENRY	INSURANCE CLAIMS: Provides relative to automobile liability policies and related medical claims	House Insurance - Reported with amendments (11-7) - House final passage - final passage, yeas 64, nays 27 - Pending Senate Judiciary A - Sched. for 5/28/25	MONITOR	Requires an insured claimant to first file a medical claim with his personal medical coverage provider and authorizes the provider's subrogation for the claim
HB442	CHANCE HENRY	SPEECH/PATH/AUDIO: Provides relative to the practice of audiology and speech-language pathology	House Health and Welfare - Reported with amendments (12-0) - House final passage - final passage, yeas 97, nays 0 - Pending Senate Health and Welfare	MONITOR	Provides relative to qualifications and disciplinary measures for licensees of audiology and speech-language pathology
HB456	TURNER	MEDICAID: Provides relative to the Local Healthcare Provider Participation Program	House Health and Welfare - Reported with amendments (12-0) - House final passage - final passage, yeas 98, nays 0 - Senate Health and Welfare - Reported favorably - Legislative Bureau - Reported without Legislative Bureau amendments - Senate floor amendments read and adopted - passed by a vote of 36 yeas and 0 nays, and ordered returned to the House - Pending House concurrence	MONITOR	Provides relative to the Local Healthcare Provider Participation Program
HB474	BRAUD	MTR VEHICLE/EMERGENCY: Provides relative to emergency vehicles for coroners	House Transportation, Highways, and Public Works - Reported favorably (8-1-1) - House final passage - amended, final passage, yeas 97, nays 0 - Pending	MONITOR	Adds authorized vehicles used for coroner investigations to the definition of "authorized emergency vehicle"

			Senate Transportation, Highways, and Public Works - Sched. for 5/29/25		
HB478	HORTON	HEALTH/SCHOOL CLINICS: Requires certain information about pregnancy, adoption, and neonatal care to be posted and distributed at school health centers in public high schools and student health centers on public postsecondary education institution campuses	House Education - Reported with amendments (11-0) - Pending House Appropriations	MONITOR	Requires certain health and resource information to be posted and made available to patients at school health centers in public high schools and student health centers on public postsecondary education campuses
HB486	FISHER	HEALTH: Requires public schools to offer a mental health assessment to certain students	House Education - Reported with amendments (11-0) with recommendation to recommit to the Committee on Appropriations - House Appropriations - Discharged from the Committee on Appropriations - House final passage - amended, final passage, yeas 64, nays 32 - Pending Senate Health and Welfare	MONITOR	Requires public schools to offer a mental health assessment to certain students at the beginning of each school year
HB498	PHELPS	HOSPITALS: Creates an exception to hospital credentialing requirements in certain circumstances	Pending House Health and Welfare	MONITOR	Requires a hospital to grant emergency privileges that allow a healthcare professional to perform a unique procedure on a patient in hospital where he is not generally authorized to practice medicine
HB506	DAVIS	CIVIL/LAW: Provides relative to in vitro fertilization	Pending House Civil Law and Procedure	MONITOR	provides criminal immunity from liability and extends the protection to additional providers of services and acts related to in vitro fertilization. Proposed law requires all civil matters brought against a qualified healthcare provider to be brought in accordance with the La. Medical Malpractice Act. Proposed law provides that any civil matter brought against a nonqualified healthcare provider shall be subjected to civil liability based upon the applicable standard of care. COMP – SB 156 – POSSIBLY SUPPORT IF AMENDED

HB514	WILLARD	INSURANCE/HEALTH: Modifies the Louisiana Doula Registry Board within the Louisiana Department of Health and provides for respective regulatory authority	House Health and Welfare - Reported with amendments (14-0) - House final passage - amended, roll called on final passage, yeas 87, nays 9 - Pending Senate referral - Sched. for 5/28/25	MONITOR	Modifies the La. Doula Registry Board and provides regulatory authority and restrictions relative to the La. Doula Registry Board and La. Dept. of Health
HB517	BRASS	TAX/TOBACCO TAX: Increases the excise tax levied on vapor products and electronic cigarettes and changes the basis of the tax to a percentage of the invoice price of these products	House Ways and Means - Reported with amendments (9-6) - House final passage - amended, final passage, yeas 79, nays 12 - Pending Senate Revenue and Fiscal Affairs	SUPPORT	Changes the tax levied on vapor products and electronic cigarettes from .15¢ per milliliter of consumable nicotine liquid solution or other material containing nicotine that is depleted as a vapor product is used to 33% of the invoice price of these products
HB531	TRAVIS JOHNSON	NURSES: Provides for forensic medical examinations of sexual assault survivors	House Health and Welfare - Reported with amendments (11-0) - House final passage - final passage, yeas 95, nays 0 - Pending Senate Health and Welfare	MONITOR	Requires a licensed healthcare facility or hospital to offer treatment and examinations to sexual assault survivors
HB539	BERAULT	PHYSICIANS: Creates a program and fund administered by the La. Dept. of Health for the purpose of recruiting specialist physicians to practice medicine in the state	House Health and Welfare - Reported with amendments (12-0) - Pending House Appropriations	SUPPORT	Establishes a loan repayment program administered by the La. Dept. of Health ("department") for qualifying physician specialists practicing in Louisiana - AMEND TO ADD FAMILY MEDICINE
HB544	TURNER	HEALTH CARE: Transfers powers and duties of the Nursing Supply and Demand Council and the Simulation Medical Training and Education Council to the Louisiana Health Works Commission	House Health and Welfare - Reported with amendments (10-0) - House final passage - final passage, yeas 97, nays 0 - Senate Health and Welfare - Reported favorably - Legislative Bureau - Reported without Legislative Bureau amendments - Senate final passage - Senate floor amendments read and adopted. Passed by a vote of 37 yeas and 0 nays - Pending House concurrence	MONITOR	Abolishes the Nursing Supply and Demand Council and the Simulation Medical Training and Education Council for La. and provides for the La. Health Works Commission

HB555	AMEDEE	HEALTH/MEDICAL TREATMENT: Provides relative to medical intervention	Pending House Health and Welfare - Considered 5/7/25	OPPOSE	• Prohibits government and business entities (likely includes schools) from requiring any medical treatment, including facemasks, as condition of employment, entry into public building, service, public assistance or aid, or licensure and provides statutory damages of \$5,000 • Exceptions for masking/face shields for healthcare providers and business or governmental agencies consistent w/ occupational safety • Business & Industry will likely oppose
HB559	ECHOLS	HEALTH/LDH: Organizes the state human services district under the secretary and surgeon general of the Louisiana Department of Health	House Health and Welfare - Reported with amendments (12-0) - House floor action - amended, final passage, yeas 96, nays 0 - Pending Senate Health and Welfare - Sched. for 5/28/25	MONITOR / SUPPORT	• Creates Louisiana Population Health Coordinating Council to implement all HSA strategic and programmatic strategies • HSAs under SG's oversight, with population health priorities including "increase in preventative care utilization including cancer screenings and vaccinations." • AMEND TO ADD A REP FROM LAFP TO BOARD
HB560	EGAN	MEDICAID: Provides relative to the Medical Assistance Programs Integrity Act	House Health and Welfare - Reported with amendments (14-0) - House final passage - final passage, yeas 76, nays 20 - Senate Health and Welfare - Reported favorably - Pending Legislative Bureau	MONITOR	Provides relative to unlawful acts, procedures, and penalties arising out of fraudulent or false claims under Medicaid
HB565	SPELL	MEDICAID: Provides relative to third-party liability, claim adjudication, and timeliness of such within the state medical assistance program	House Health and Welfare - Reported with amendments (12-0) - House floor action - amended, final passage, yeas 97, nays 0 - Pending Senate Health and Welfare - Sched. for 5/28/25	SUPPORT	Provides relative to third-party liability and claim adjudication within the state medical assistance program
HB575	VENTRELLA	ABORTION: Provides relative to liability for the unlawful termination of a pregnancy	House Civil Law and Procedure - Reported with amendments (8-2-1) - House final passage - amended, final passage, yeas 59, nays 25 -	MONITOR	Provides relative to causes of action for an unlawful termination of a pregnancy

			Pending Senate Judiciary A - Sched. for 5/28/25		
HB595	PHELPS	MEDICAID: Provides relative to Medicaid coverage through the TEFRA option program	House Health and Welfare - Reported with amendments (11-0) - House floor action - final passage, yeas 75, nays 10 - Pending Senate Health and Welfare - Sched. for 5/28/25	MONITOR	Adds eligibility criteria used to determine a child's eligibility for Medicaid coverage through the TEFRA option – GET MORE INFORMATION
HB596	WRIGHT	CAMPAIGN FINANCE: Provides for revisions to the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act	House and Governmental Affairs - Reported by substitute (10-4) - Substitute adopted on the House floor. Became HB 693	MONITOR	Provides for revisions to the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act
HB603	MCMAKIN	BOARDS/COMMISSIONS: Amends the appointing process for certain occupational licensing boards, committees, and authorities	House and Governmental Affairs - Reported with amendments (14-0) - House final passage - final passage, yeas 75, nays 17 - Pending Senate and Governmental Affairs - Sched. for 5/28/25	MONITOR	Provides relative to appointments for occupational licensing boards, committees, and authorities
HB629	GALLE	HEALTH CARE: Provides with respect to informed consent for medical interventions	Pending House Health and Welfare	MONITOR / OPPOSE	• Requires informed consent prior to accepting or declining any medical intervention, including provision of Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) document (currently a federal requirement) • Employers or businesses prohibited from requiring medical intervention as condition of employment, enrollment, admission, or service (may include schools) • Cannot require a person to receive vaccine as condition to be a patient or receive medical care • Statutory damages of \$5,000 and option for civil remedies
HB655	FISHER	HEALTH/LDH: Provides relative to fees charged by the Louisiana Department of Health in parish health units	House Health and Welfare - Reported favorably (12-0) - House floor action - final passage, yeas	MONITOR	Establishes the maximum fees that may be charged by the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) at a parish health unit for certain healthcare services.

			93, nays 1 - Pending Senate Health and Welfare - Sched. for 5/28/25		
HB657	RISER	MEDICAL MARIJUANA: Provides relative to fees collected by the Louisiana Department of Health related to the sale of therapeutic marijuana	House Health and Welfare - Reported with amendments (10-0) - House final passage - amended, final passage, yeas 94, nays 0 - Pending Senate Health and Welfare	MONITOR	Requires the La. Dept. of Health to establish and collect an annual fee from a retail permit holder authorized to sell therapeutic marijuana
HB658	TURNER	MEDICAID: Establishes the Medicaid Trust Fund for Addiction Recovery	House Health and Welfare - Reported with amendments (13-0) - House Appropriations - Reported favorably (16-0) - Pending House floor action	MONITOR	Establishes the Medicaid Trust Fund for Addiction Recovery and imposes a fee for addiction recovery services.
HB659	MANDIE LANDRY	TAX/AD VALOREM-EXEMPTION: Establishes a definition for purposes of a prohibition on ad valorem tax exemptions for certain property owned by nonprofit organizations	Pending House Ways and Means	MONITOR	Defines "commercial purposes" with respect to a proposed prohibition on ad valorem tax exemptions for property of nonprofit organizations used for such purposes.
HB661	DUSTIN MILLER	HEALTH/LDH: Provides relative to fees collected by the Louisiana Department of Health	House Health and Welfare - Reported with amendments (12-0) - House final passage - final passage, yeas 84, nays 11 - Pending Senate Health and Welfare	MONITOR	Modifies fees collected by the La. Dept. of Health (LDH), office of public health.
HB668	WRIGHT	TAX/EXCISE: Continues a portion of the excise tax levied on cigarettes in statute and authorizes a reduced excise tax rate on certain tobacco products	Pending House Ways and Means - Sched. for 5/5/25	OPPOSE	Continues in statute 4¢ of the \$1.08 per pack state excise tax levied on cigarettes levied in present constitution and authorizes a reduced excise tax rate on certain modified risk tobacco products.
HB669	RISER	TAX/EXCISE: Continues a portion of the excise tax levied on cigarettes in statute and authorizes a reduced excise tax rate on certain tobacco products	House Ways and Means - Reported with amendments (8-3) - House final passage - amended, final passage, yeas 87, nays 10 -	OPPOSE	Continues in statute 4¢ of the \$1.08 per pack state excise tax levied on cigarettes levied in present constitution and authorizes a reduced excise tax rate on certain modified risk tobacco products.

			Pending Senate Revenue and Fiscal Affairs		
HB690	CHARLES OWEN	PUBLIC HEALTH: Directs the Surgeon General to draft and promulgate rules for the administration of medical activities under Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for all members of the healthcare community in Louisiana	Substitute for HB No. 377 reported by the Committee on Health and Welfare (10-0) - House final passage - final passage, yeas 73, nays 22 - Pending Senate Health and Welfare	OPPOSE	
HB693	WRIGHT	CAMPAIGN FINANCE: Provides for revisions to the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act (EG +\$97,000 GF EX See Note)	Substitute for HB No. 596 reported by the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs (10-4) - House final passage - amended, final passage, yeas 77, nays 16 - Pending Senate referral - Sched. for 5/28/25	MONITOR	

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Current Status</u>	<u>LAFP Position</u>	<u>Notes</u>
HCR7	BACALA	INSURANCE/GROUP-STATE: Authorizes and directs the state Office of Group Benefits to study and report to legislature regarding savings available from requiring eligible participants to enroll in Medicare and options for plan provisions that could return some of those savings to those participants	Pending House Appropriations - Considered 4/22/25	MONITOR	
HCR44	BOYD	HEALTH/CANCER: Urges the Louisiana Department of Health to develop a program for early breast cancer screening	House Health and Welfare - Reported favorably (12-0) - House final passage - amended, yeas 99, nays 2 - Pending Senate introduction	MONITOR	
HCR55	DUSTIN MILLER	HEALTH CARE: Continues the Health Inequities and Disparities in Rural Areas Task Force	Pending House Health and Welfare - Sched. for 5/28/25	MONITOR	

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SB2	FESI	PUBLIC HEALTH: Provides relative to water fluoridation. (8/1/25)	Senate Health and Welfare - Reported with amendments - Senate final passage - Senate floor amendments read and adopted - passed by a vote of 24 yeas and 10 nays - Pending House Health and Welfare - Sched. for 5/28/25	MONITOR	Repeals the Louisiana Department of Health's water fluoridation program AND prohibits the fluoridation of any public water systems
SB14	MCMATH	PUBLIC HEALTH: Provides relative to nutrition. (See Act)	Senate Health and Welfare - Reported with amendments - Senate final passage - Senate floor amendments read and adopted. passed by a vote of 39 yeas and 0 nays - House Health and Welfare - Reported with amendments (12-0) - Referred to the Legislative Bureau - Reported without Legislative Bureau amendments - Pending House final passage	MONITOR / OPPOSE	requires physicians and physician assistants that practice family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, and obstetrics and gynecology to complete continuing education on nutrition and metabolic health. Proposed law further provides that the board shall determine the number of hours, frequency, and content of the continuing education - Amend to take out CME requirement
SB17	BOUDREAUX	HEALTH SERVICES: Extends the termination date of the Palliative Care Interdisciplinary Advisory Council. (gov sig)	Senate Health and Welfare - Reported with amendments - Senate floor action - finally passed 38 yeas and 0 nays - House Health and Welfare - Reported favorably (13-0) - Referred to the Legislative Bureau - Reported without Legislative Bureau amendments - Pending House final passage	MONITOR	extends the termination date of the council from August 1, 2025, to August 1, 2028
SB19	FESI	PHARMACEUTICALS: Provides relative to the dispensing of ivermectin. (8/1/25)	Senate Health and Welfare - Reported with amendments - Senate final passage - passed by	MONITOR	authorizes a pharmacist to dispense ivermectin to a person 18 or older pursuant to a standing order issued by the La. Dept. of Health

			a vote of 28 yeas and 8 nays - Pending House Health and Welfare - Sched. for 5/28/25		
SB24	MCMATH	FUNDS/FUNDING: Provides for dedication of revenue and use of monies in the Medical Assistance Programs Fraud Detection Fund. (gov sig)	Senate Finance - Reported with amendments - Senate floor action - passed by a vote of 37 yeas and 0 nays - Pending House Appropriations	MONITOR	expands the source of monies deposited into the fund to all monies received by any state entity related to a recovery, fine, or penalty pertaining to the medical assistance programs, including all monetary sanctions assessed against providers and managed care organizations
SB26	BOUDREAUX	PUBLIC HEALTH: Provides relative to diabetes information. (8/1/25)	Senate Health and Welfare - Reported favorably - Senate floor action - finally passed 38 yeas and 0 nays - House Health and Welfare - Reported with amendments (14-0) - Referred to the Legislative Bureau - Reported with Legislative Bureau amendments - Pending House final passage	MONITOR	requires the La. Dept. of Health to develop and provide certain type 1 diabetes information to the Dept. of Education; requires the school boards to distribute the information to parents and legal guardians of all prekindergarten and K-12 students upon enrollment and annually thereafter by posting on school websites or by electronic distribution
SB42	SELDERS	HEALTH CARE: Provides relative to perinatal behavioral health treatment. (8/1/25)	Senate Insurance - Reported with amendments - Senate Finance - Reported with amendments - Senate floor action - passed by a vote of 36 yeas and 0 nays - Pending House Insurance - Sched. for 5/28/25	MONITOR	requires health benefit plans offered by a health insurance issuer that provide mental health benefits with respect to treatment for perinatal psychiatric diagnoses and Medicaid managed care organizations to provide coverage for voluntary inpatient treatment for a patient with a perinatal psychiatric diagnosis
SB70	MYERS	HEALTH SERVICES: Provides relative to remote patient monitoring services. (gov sig)	Senate Health and Welfare - Reported with amendments - Senate floor action - Senate Finance - Recalled from Committee - Senate floor action - passed by a vote of 36 yeas and 0 nays - House Health and Welfare - Reported favorably (12-0) - Pending House Appropriations	MONITOR	authorizes patients to use remote patient monitoring services if the patient has a recommendation from the patient's healthcare provider for disease management services through remote patient monitoring and meets one of the following qualifications

SB78	MYERS	CONTROL DANGER SUBSTANCE: Provides relative to drug paraphernalia. (gov sig)	Senate Judiciary C - Reported with amendments - Senate final passage - passed by a vote of 37 yeas and 0 nays - House Administration of Criminal Justice - Reported favorably (10-0) - Referred to the Legislative Bureau - Reported without Legislative Bureau amendments - Pending House final passage	MONITOR	expands the definition to include any testing equipment or devices solely used, intended for use, or designed to determine whether a substance contains any controlled substance, chemical, or compound that can cause physical harm or death
SB96	MCMATH	MEDICAID: Establishes Medicaid reimbursement rates for certain behavioral health services. (7/1/25)	Senate Health and Welfare - Reported with amendments - Senate Finance - Reported with amendments - Senate final passage - passed by a vote of 37 yeas and 0 nays - Pending House Health and Welfare	MONITOR	requires Medicaid reimbursement rates for services provided as part of a partial hospitalization program or intensive outpatient program to be the same as Medicare reimbursement rates for those services
SB100	MIGUEZ	STATE AGENCIES: Provides for the gathering of data relative to the legal status of individuals receiving state services. (gov sig)	Senate Finance - Reported with amendments - Pending Senate floor action - Sched. for 5/28/25	MONITOR	Do physicians become mandated reporters? Requires every state agency, board, and commission to adhere to and comply with federal immigration law and all other laws applicable to confidentiality and privacy of the information gathered, compiled, reported, and published.
SB102	ALLAIN	HEALTH CARE: Provides relative to obstetric care. (gov sig)	Pending Senate Health and Welfare	MONITOR	provides for legislative intent regarding maternal care deserts and the role of the La. Dept. of Health in ensuring access to obstetric care. Proposed law requires the La. Dept. of Health to ensure that obstetric services are available throughout the state and that no more than 30 miles exists between each obstetric provider. Proposed law requires the La. Dept. of Health to utilize Medicaid funds to provide funding for hospitals to provide obstetric services at hospitals or satellite clinics

SB108	GREGORY MILLER	CIVIL PROCEDURE: Provides for recoverable medical expenses, limitation upon jury trials and admissibility of evidence in civil actions. (8/1/25)	Pending Senate Judiciary A	MONITOR	reduces the portion the court shall award to the claimant of the difference between the amount billed and the amount actually paid to the contracted medical provider by a health insurance issuer or Medicare, from 40% to 30%
SB111	SEABAUGH	INSURANCE CLAIMS: Provides for fair claims processing. (8/1/25)	Senate Insurance - Reported with amendments - Senate final passage - Senate floor amendments read and adopted. passed by a vote of 26 yeas and 13 nays - House Insurance - Reported favorably (10-3) - Referred to the Legislative Bureau - Reported without Legislative Bureau amendments - Pending House final passage - Sched. for 5/28/25	MONITOR	further clarifies that a misrepresentation of relevant policy provisions constitutes a violation of the duty of good faith and fair dealing; limits a cause of action when certain conditions are present
SB117	MIGUEZ	NUTRITION: Prohibits the serving and selling of ultra-processed foods in public schools. (gov sig)	Senate Education - Reported with amendments - Senate floor action - passed by a vote of 38 yeas and 0 nays - House Education - Reported with amendments (8-1) - Referred to the Legislative Bureau - Reported without Legislative Bureau amendments - Pending House final passage	SUPPORT	prohibits serving or selling ultra-processed foods in public schools
SB120	SELDERS	MENTAL HEALTH: Provides relative to use of emergency certificates for formal voluntary admission. (8/1/25)	Senate Health and Welfare - Reported favorably - Senate final passage - passed by a vote of 38 yeas and 0 nays - Pending House Health and Welfare - Sched. for 5/28/25	MONITOR / SUPPORT	adds a provision to the certificate that the person is willing to seek voluntary admission upon arrival at the treating facility – GET MORE INFORMATION FROM AUTHOR ON BILL

SB121	SELDERS	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH: Provides for mental health screenings in schools. (8/1/25)	Senate Education - Reported with amendments - Senate Finance - Recalled from Committee - Senate final passage - Senate floor amendments read and adopted and passed by a vote of 32 yeas and 3 nays - Pending House Education	MONITOR	requires each public school to offer mental health screenings for all students in grades K-12 during the first semester of the school year – SIMILAR BILL HB 486
SB129	PRESSLY	INSURERS: Requires health insurers to cover proton therapy for cancer patients. (8/1/25)	Senate Insurance - Reported with amendments - Senate floor action - Senate Finance - Recalled from Committee - Senate final passage - passed by a vote of 35 yeas and 0 nays - House Insurance - Reported with amendments (11-0) - Referred to the Legislative Bureau - Reported without Legislative Bureau amendments - Pending House final passage	MONITOR	adds proton therapy treatment for cancer to the list of treatments health insurance plans must cover - Shell bill
SB130	CLOUD	MEDICAID: Provides relative to Medicaid. (gov sig)	Senate Health and Welfare - Reported with amendments - Senate Finance - Recalled from Committee - Senate final passage - Senate floor amendments read and adopted and passed by a vote of 37 yeas and 0 nays - Pending House Health and Welfare	MONITOR	legislative intent regarding the integrity of the Medicaid program
SB134	PRESSLY	HEALTH CARE: Provides relative to health care definitions. (8/1/25)	Senate Health and Welfare - Reported favorably - Senate final passage - passed by a vote of 26 yeas and 11 nays - House Health and Welfare - Reported favorably (10-0) - Referred to the	MONITOR	changes the definition to align with the definition of "health care provider" in the Medical Malpractice Act

			Legislative Bureau - Reported without Legislative Bureau amendments - Pending House final passage		
SB154	MORRIS	AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES: Criminalizes the possession or distribution of kratom. (8/1/25)	Senate Judiciary C - Reported with amendments - Senate final passage - passed by a vote of 26 yeas and 11 nays - House Administration of Criminal Justice - Reported favorably (10-1) - Referred to the Legislative Bureau - Reported without Legislative Bureau amendments - House final passage - final passage, yeas 86, nays	SUPPORT	adds Mitragyna speciosa (kratom) to Schedule I; makes it a crime to distribute kratom or a product containing kratom to a person of any age
SB156	PRESSLY	HUMAN DEVELOPMENT: Provides for in vitro fertilization. (8/1/25)	Senate Judiciary A - Reported with amendments - Senate floor action - passed by a vote of 34 yeas and 5 nays - House Civil Law and Procedure - Reported with amendments (8-4) - Referred to the Legislative Bureau - Reported with Legislative Bureau amendments - House final passage - final passage, yeas 82, nays 14 - Pending Senate concurrence - Sched. for 5/28/25	SUPPORT	additional criteria for persons engaging in in vitro fertilization procedures; requires all civil matters brought against a qualified healthcare provider to be brought in accordance with the La. Medical Malpractice Act – COMP. HB 506
SB173	JACKSON-ANDREWS	HEALTH/ACC INSURANCE: Provides for reimbursement rates paid by Pharmacy Benefit Managers. (8/1/25)	Pending Senate Insurance - Considered 5/21/25	MONITOR	appeal procedure for pharmacies challenging the maximum allowable cost for a drug set by a pharmacy benefit manager
SB174	JACKSON-ANDREWS	PUBLIC HEALTH: Provides relative to screening pregnant women for HIV and syphilis. (gov sig)	Senate Health and Welfare - Reported with amendments - Senate final passage - Senate floor amendments read and adopted -	MONITOR	Requires the physician or authorized medical professional to order the blood sample at the designated intervals and to notify the woman that the testing will be performed. Proposed law provides that

			passed by a vote of 37 yeas and 0 nays - Pending House Health and Welfare - Sched. for 5/28/25		consent is implied unless the woman declines the testing - issue is with the added testing after delivery
SB182	TALBOT	MEDICAID: Provides relative to Medicaid prior authorization during a declared emergency. (8/1/25)	Senate Health and Welfare - Reported favorably - Senate floor action - passed by a vote of 39 yeas and 0 nays - Pending House Health and Welfare	MONITOR	authorizes the La. Dept. of Health to suspend prior authorization requirements for Medicaid during a declared emergency to ensure uninterrupted access to medically necessary oncology health care
SB194	HARRIS	HEALTH/ACC INSURANCE: Provides relative to pharmacy benefit managers. (gov sig)	Pending Senate Insurance	MONITOR	pharmacy benefit manager may negotiate but not retain rebates and fees, and may only derive income from pharmacy benefit management fees for pharmacy benefit management services provided to an insurer or health plan in this state
SB209	HODGES	CIVIL PROCEDURE: Provides for recoverable damages and medical expenses for personal injury from a motor vehicle accident. (8/1/25)	Pending Senate Judiciary A - Considered 5/20/25	MONITOR	cases where a claimant injured in a motor vehicle accident does not have coverage through a health insurance issuer, the claimant's recovery of medical expenses is limited to amounts paid to a medical provider on behalf of the claimant
SB213	SEABAUGH	WORKERS' COMPENSATION: Provides for preliminary determination hearings in workers' compensation. (1/1/27)	Pending Senate Labor and Industrial Relations - Sched. for 4/30/25	MONITOR	reimbursement schedule will provide for payment for such care, services, treatment, drugs, and supplies in accordance with professional service charges for care, services, treatment, drugs, and supplies for which a current procedural terminology code is assigned will be reimbursed based on the applicable (RVU) established under the resource-based relative value scale system - bill will be amended
SB243	REESE	TAX EXEMPTIONS: Provides relative to the sales and use tax exemption for the sale of certain prescription drugs. (gov sig)	Senate Revenue and Fiscal Affairs - Reported with amendments - Senate final passage - passed by a vote of 31 yeas and 0 nays - House Ways and Means - Reported favorably (14-0) - Referred to the Legislative Bureau - Pending Legislative Bureau	MONITOR	clarifies that sale of prescription drugs to an individual enrolled in any Louisiana Children's Health Insurance under Title XXI of the Social Security Act or enrolled in any Louisiana Medicaid program under Title XIX of the Social Security Act is exempt from state and local sales and use taxes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

<u>Bill</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Current Status</u>	<u>LAFP Position</u>	<u>Notes</u>
SCR27	MCMATH	CONGRESS: Memorializes Congress to take action relative to the corporate practice of medicine.	Senate Health and Welfare - Reported favorably - Senate final passage - adopted by a vote of 37 yeas and 0 nays - Pending House Health and Welfare - Sched. for 5/28/25	MONITOR	
SCR32	MCMATH	CONGRESS: Memorializes Congress to avoid cuts to the Medicaid program.	Senate Health and Welfare - Reported favorably - Pending Senate final passage - Sched. for 5/28/25	MONITOR	
SR98	MIZELL	PUBLIC HEALTH: Requests the Louisiana Department of Health to educate the public on risk factors and symptoms of lung cancer and to promote lung cancer screening.	Senate Health and Welfare - Reported favorably - Passed the Senate	MONITOR	