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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>
HB95	BACALA	INSURANCE/HEALTH: Provides health insurance coverage with respect to certain claims	Pending House Civil Law and Procedure	MONITOR/ OPPOSE	Provides relative to recovery of damages in an automobile accident when a claimant does not use available health insurance; provides that the recovery of past medical expenses shall not exceed the amount the claimant's health insurance would have paid
HB152	MACK	CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES: Adds certain substances to the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law	Pending House Administration of Criminal Justice	MONITOR	adds new entries for opiates to Schedule I of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law
HB181	BACALA	MEDICAID: Provides for Medicaid fraud detection and prevention	Pending House and Governmental Affairs	MONITOR	Authorizes the La. Dept. of Revenue to share individual-level state income tax return data with the legislative auditor for purposes of Medicaid fraud detection and prevention
HB182	TRAVIS JOHNSON	NURSES: Provides relative to victims of sexual assault	Pending House Health and Welfare	MONITOR	Requires a healthcare provider to make available a healthcare professional to conduct forensic sexual assault examinations
HB184	MELERINE	PHARMACIES: Provides an exemption to certain outpatient prescription fees for charitable pharmacies	Pending House Health and Welfare	MONITOR	Exempts charitable pharmacies from certain fees collected by the La. Dept. of Health
HB193	PHELPS	HEALTH/SICKLE CELL ANEM: Provides for the membership of the Sickle Cell Commission	Pending House Health and Welfare	MONITOR	Provides that the executive directors of certain Louisiana sickle cell disease organizations are members of the Louisiana Sickle Cell Commission
HB197	DOMANGUE	HEALTH CARE/PROVIDERS: Provides for the use of artificial intelligence by healthcare providers	Pending House Health and Welfare	OPPOSE	Establishes authorized uses, prohibited uses, and penalties for the unauthorized use of artificial intelligence by healthcare providers – FIND OUT MORE INFO – Does not define AI well enough
HB198	ECHOLS	HEALTH: Provides relative to Medicaid reimbursement of ambulatory surgical centers for certain procedures	Pending House Health and Welfare	MONITOR	Provides for Medicaid reimbursement for certain gastroenterology procedures performed in ambulatory surgical centers
HB222	BERAULT	MEDICAID: Requires Medicaid to cover dental procedures for certain Medicaid enrollees	Pending House Health and Welfare	MONITOR/ SUPPORT	Requires coverage for medically necessary dental procedures required for clearance to receive another Medicaid-covered medical procedure

HB230	BAYHAM	CONSUMERS/PROTECTION: Provides for disclosure of artificial intelligence-generated content	Pending House Commerce	MONITOR	Proposed law requires any artificial intelligence system that produces images, videos, audio, or multimedia artificial intelligence-generated content to include a clear and conspicuous disclosure that identifies the content as generated by artificial intelligence
HB236	RISER	HOSPITALS: Provides for the duties of a hospital director	Pending House Health and Welfare	OPPOSE	Provides that a hospital director has exclusive control over all executive functions and the general operation of a hospital service district
HB255	BAYHAM	CRIMINAL/PENALTIES: Provides relative to wearing masks in public	Pending House Administration of Criminal Justice	MONITOR	Enhances criminal penalties for certain crimes when committed while wearing a mask
HB261	BOYD	ABORTION: Provides for exceptions to abortion laws relative to rape and certain sex offenses	Pending House Administration of Criminal Justice	MONITOR	Provides for exceptions to abortion laws relative to acts that constitute certain sex offenses
HB264	GLORIOSO	DWI: Provides relative to operating a vehicle while intoxicated	Pending House Administration of Criminal Justice	MONITOR	Requires a safe-release clearance determination before releasing a person arrested for operating a vehicle while impaired
HB277	BAMBURG	DRUGS/PRESCRIPTION: Requires educational or marketing materials for prescription drugs directed to healthcare providers to include price information	Pending House Health and Welfare	MONITOR	Requires educational or marketing materials for prescription drugs directed to healthcare providers to include price information
HB288	BOYER	HEALTH CARE/RECORDS: Provides for the use of certain medical terminology in medical documentation	Pending House Health and Welfare	MONITOR	Requires the use of certain medical terminology in medical documentation – miscarriage is not a medical term
HB291	BERAULT	INSURANCE/HEALTH: Prohibits health insurers from taking adverse payment or contracting actions against participating facilities based solely on another provider's network status	Pending House Insurance	SUPPORT	Prohibits a health insurance issuer from reducing payments, suspending, or terminating provider agreements with a participating licensed health care facility solely on the basis that another provider engaged in the patient's care as a nonparticipating provider
HB295	GREEN	TECHNOLOGY: Prohibits the development of artificial intelligence systems with certain capabilities involving interactions with minors	Pending House Commerce	MONITOR	that the chatbot is not, nor directly or indirectly represents, that it is a licensed professional nor claims to be a licensed professional. For purposes of this Paragraph, "licensed professional" includes but is not limited to a therapist, physician, lawyer, financial advisor, or other professional

HB302	CHASSION	TOBACCO/TOBACCO PRODUCTS: Prohibits the sale of vapor products near schools	Pending House Judiciary	SUPPORT	Prohibits the sale of vapor products near a school
HB329	DICKERSON	EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: Provides relative to the definition of "first responder"	Pending House Judiciary	MONITOR	Expands the definition of "first responder" to include members of the United Cajun Navy and defines "the United Cajun Navy"
HB357	ECHOLS	WORKERS COMPENSATION: Provides for the adoption of a medical fee reimbursement schedule for workers' compensation	Pending House Labor and Industrial Relations	MONITOR	Provides for the adoption of a medical fee reimbursement schedule for workers' compensation claims
HB404	CHASSION	CORR FACILITIES/JAILS: Provides for medication-assisted treatment for substance abuse in jails and prisons	Pending House Administration of Criminal Justice	MONITOR/SUPPORT	Directs the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C) to develop a program to provide medication-assisted treatment for inmates – FIND OUT MORE INFO
HB414	CHENEVERT	HEALTH: Provides for prohibitions on hiring individuals with certain criminal convictions	Pending House Health and Welfare	MONITOR	Prohibits healthcare providers from hiring certain individuals with certain criminal convictions
HB452	AMEDEE	INSURANCE: Prohibits financial incentives or penalties to encourage healthcare providers to administer vaccinations	Pending House Insurance	OPPOSE	Prohibits health insurers from offering financial incentives or imposing penalties to encourage healthcare providers to administer vaccinations
HB454	BUTLER	HUMAN REMAINS: Enacts the Gracey Claire Rushing Act which provides for the chain of custody for human remains and internal organs	Pending House Judiciary	MONITOR	involves the coroner
HB460	MANDIE LANDRY	EMPLOYMENT/DISCRIMINATION: Provides relative to employment discrimination against certain employees being treated with medical marijuana	Pending House Labor and Industrial Relations	MONITOR	Provides that provisions of law, which prevent employment discrimination based on medical marijuana usage, be applicable to certain entities and employees within certain state government departments and agencies
HB475	BERAULT	HEALTH CARE/PROVIDERS: Requires a healthcare provider to obtain a patient's consent prior to recording a medical visit	Pending House Health and Welfare	MONITOR	Requires a healthcare professional to obtain a patient's verbal consent before recording a medical visit or treatment for artificial intelligence transcription
HB477	HEBERT	INSURANCE/HEALTH: Modifies provisions of law regarding health insurance coverage of prosthetic and custom orthotic devices and services	Pending House Insurance	SUPPORT	Mandates that health coverage plans provide comprehensive coverage for prosthetic and custom orthotic devices and associated services
HB485	AMEDEE	FAMILY LAW: (Constitutional Amendment) Provides relative to parental rights	Pending House Civil Law and Procedure	MONITOR	Adds the fundamental right of parents to decide the nurturing, education, care, custody, and control of their children

HB486	SPELL	PSYCHOLOGISTS: Provides relative to the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT)	Pending House Health and Welfare	MONITOR	Establishes the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact - pg. 10 - line 26
HB554	WILFORD CARTER	HEALTH CARE/PROVIDERS: Provides relative to civil monetary penalties for violations by healthcare facilities	Pending House Health and Welfare	MONITOR	Modifies penalties for certain healthcare facilities for violations that result in harm to or increase the likelihood of harm to a resident or patient of the facility
HB557	DEWITT	INSURANCE/HEALTH: Provides relative to long-term care pharmacy	Pending House Health and Welfare	MONITOR	Defines long-term care pharmacy
HB574	SPELL	MENTAL HEALTH: Provides for the membership of the Mental Health Advocacy Service	Pending House Health and Welfare	MONITOR	LSMS bill - corrects name - Provides for the name change of the state's mental health organizations that are members of the Mental Health Advocacy Service board of trustees
HB609	CHASSION	HEALTH CARE/RECORDS: Provides for the prohibition of fees for health records when requested for the federal and state veterans affairs departments.	Pending House Civil Law and Procedure	MONITOR	Provides for the one-time exemption of fees for health records when veterans are seeking disability benefits administered by the federal and state veterans affairs departments and that healthcare providers may require reasonable documentation to establish veteran status
HB611	FREEMAN	HEALTH/WOMEN'S: Provides relative to pregnancy-related service centers	Pending House Health and Welfare	MONITOR	does not require pregnancy help centers to provide or refer for abortion services; to regulate religious activity unrelated to healthcare services; and limits speech and advocacy not connected to the provision of healthcare
HB678	TURNER	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	Pending House Education	SUPPORT	Proposed law retains present law and allows students to apply unused award amounts if they are enrolled in a doctor of medicine, doctor of osteopathic medicine, or doctor of dentistry program in La. during or after the 2025-2026 academic year and have earned an academic baccalaureate degree from an out-of-state college. Applicable to students who qualify for TOPS upon high school graduation regardless of whether they left the state for the entirety of college or used part of their award at a TOPS-eligible college and then transferred out of state. Requires students to pay a sum equaling award amounts and interest thereon unless they are

					enrolled in a residency program or they practice medicine or dentistry full-time for three consecutive years in La. after residency. Requires the administering agency (the Bd. of Regents) to provide by rule for collecting unpaid amounts and other excepted circumstances relative to payment.
HB737	AMEDEE	VACCINES/VACCINATION: Provides relative to the requirement that certain students present evidence of immunization against meningococcal disease as a condition of school entry	Pending House Education	OPPOSE	Removes requirement for submission of evidence of immunization against meningococcal disease as a condition of school entry
HB740	CHENEVERT	MEDICAID MANAGED CARE: Provides for independent claims review of Coordinated System of Care providers	Pending House Health and Welfare	MONITOR	Provides for independent claims review of Coordinated System of Care providers and their rights to independent claims review, defines new terms, and lists the individuals affected by the changes
HB742	AMEDEE	HEALTH/LDH: Provides relative to certain eligibility requirements for certain public assistance programs	Pending House Health and Welfare	MONITOR	Repeals the requirement that a recipient of Medicaid or the Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program (FITAP) be immunized as a condition of eligibility
HB747	DUSTIN MILLER	BOARDS/COMMISSIONS: Provides relative to medical psychologists	Pending House Health and Welfare	MONITOR	Combines the licensing and certification of medical psychologists and authorizes the board to establish a fee for the licensing
HB760	EGAN	MEDICAID: Provides relative to unauthorized fees charged by healthcare providers for certain treatments	Pending House Health and Welfare	MONITOR	Prohibits unauthorized co-payments to healthcare providers related to certain treatments
HB761	HILFERTY	HEALTH/CANCER: Provides with respect to the advisory board created to recommend new treatments for rare cancers	Pending House Insurance	MONITOR	Revises the composition of the advisory board for rare cancer treatments and provides for meetings and reporting requirements
HB766	FREEMAN	INSURANCE/HEALTH: Provides relative to coverage for orally administered anti-cancer medications	Pending House Insurance	MONITOR	Establishes updated requirements governing health insurance coverage for orally administered anti-cancer medications
HB771	TAYLOR	INSURANCE/HEALTH: Provides Medicare as the secondary payer for retirees with employer-sponsored health insurance	Pending House Insurance	MONITOR	Requires insurers in the state of La. to coordinate health benefits for retired persons who are Medicare-eligible and who have returned to employment
HB774	BOYER	INSURANCE/HEALTH: Provides relative to insurance coverage for hearing aids	Pending House Insurance	SUPPORT	Changes the age requirement for hearing aids covered under an individual's insurance policy, contract, program, or plan

HB775	CHENEVERT	HEALTH/CHILDREN: Provides relative to minor's consent for medical procedures and treatments	Pending House Health and Welfare	OPPOSE	Requires informed, written, parental consent for the provision or performance of certain medical procedures or services to minors
HB779	FREEMAN	HEALTH/MEDICAL TREATMENT: Provides relative to expedited partner therapy	Pending House Health and Welfare	SUPPORT	Authorizes the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) to provide for the sexually associated infections that may be treated with expedited partner therapy
HB786	EGAN	MEDICAID MANAGED CARE: Prohibits certain processes used in healthcare provider claim payments	Pending House Health and Welfare	MONITOR/ SUPPORT	Provides for the prohibited use of certain processes for healthcare provider payment claims
HB790	JORDAN	CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES: Provides relative to medical emergency preparedness in correctional facilities	Pending House Administration of Criminal Justice	MONITOR	Proposed law provides that every correctional officer employed and every chaplain who provides services within a correctional facility in La. shall obtain and maintain a current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automated external defibrillator (AED) use from the American Heart Assoc., American Red Cross, or equivalent organization approved by the LDH.
HB792	MCMAHEN	CORRECTIONS/PRISONERS: Provides relative to the creation of screening procedures for the purpose of testing inmates for certain infectious diseases	Pending House Administration of Criminal Justice	MONITOR	An inmate may decline participation in the screening procedures. Any refusal shall be documented in the medical record of the inmate and shall not affect the inmate's classification status, privileges, or eligibility for services. "Screening procedures" means the evaluation or laboratory-based testing conducted in accordance with established medical standards to determine infection with HIV or the hepatitis C virus.
HB796	STAGNI	CHIROPRACTORS: Provides relative to the Louisiana Board of Chiropractic Examiners	Pending House Health and Welfare	MONITOR	Provides relative to the Louisiana Board of Chiropractic Examiners definitions for preceptor and preceptee and their duties and responsibilities
HB815	CARVER	VITAL RECORDS/DEATH CERT: Provides with respect to which entities are entitled to receive death certificates	Pending House Health and Welfare	MONITOR	Provides for federally insured financial institutions or its duly authorized agent to receive death certificates
HB819	CREWS	WORKERS COMPENSATION: Provides relative to the medical treatment schedule under workers' compensation	Pending House introduction	MONITOR	Revises the workers' compensation medical treatment schedule to provide for the adoption and implementation of the Official Disability Guidelines (ODG) by MCG

HB866	DEWITT	INSURANCE CLAIMS: Prohibits pharmacy benefit managers and managed care plans from reducing pharmacy reimbursements	Pending House Insurance	MONITOR	Prohibits pharmacy benefit managers and managed care plans from reducing pharmacy reimbursements. Requires pharmacy benefit managers and managed care plans to use the pass-through model to submit covered claims in this state
HB869	LYONS	INSURANCE/HEALTH: Provides relative to expand glucose-improving medications coverage to individuals based on body mass index	Pending House Insurance	SUPPORT	Requires health coverage for medication that improve glucose levels
HB870	TURNER	INSURANCE/HEALTH: Provides relative to formulary placement and cost-sharing requirements for certain generic drugs and biosimilars	Pending House Insurance	MONITOR/ SUPPORT	Requires health insurance issuers to provide favorable formulary placement and prohibits the implementation of utilization management barriers for specific generic drugs and biosimilars with lower wholesale acquisition costs than their corresponding reference products
HB895	BOYD	HEALTH/MEDICAL TREATMENT: Provides relative to the treatment of sexual assault survivors by hospitals and healthcare providers	Pending House Health and Welfare	MONITOR	Requires a healthcare provider to provide, at minimum, a three-day supply of post-exposure prophylaxis to all survivors of sexual assault
HB897	MANDIE LANDRY	HEALTH: Provides relative to protecting healthcare data	Pending House Health and Welfare	MONITOR	Provides for the protection of data for individual utilizing services provided by the Louisiana Pregnancy and Baby Care Initiative
HB907	DUSTIN MILLER	HEALTH CARE/PROVIDERS: Provides civil and criminal immunity for the distribution or use of Naloxone and other opioid antagonists beyond their shelf-life end date	Pending House Health and Welfare	MONITOR/ SUPPORT	Provides for civil and criminal immunity for the distribution or use of opioid antagonists beyond their shelf-life end dates and prohibits disciplinary actions by professional licensing boards for healthcare professionals granted civil and criminal immunity
HB915	DICKERSON	MEDICAID: Provides with respect to utilization management practices	Pending House Health and Welfare	MONITOR/ SUPPORT	Provides for utilization management practices instead of prior authorization and the appropriate guidelines for utilization management
HB918	GALLE	PHARMACIES: Provides relative to pharmaceutical costs	Pending House Health and Welfare	MONITOR/ SUPPORT	requires the La. Dept. of Health (department) to develop and maintain a list of critical prescription drugs for which there is substantial public interest in understanding pricing

HB919	ECHOLS	INSURANCE/HEALTH: Provides relative to pharmacy benefit managers	Pending House Health and Welfare	SUPPORT	Requires pharmacy benefit managers to reimburse under-reimbursed dispensing fees. Restricts pharmacy benefit managers from assigning reimbursement costs to plans or members. Prohibits pharmacy benefit managers from operating a pharmacy that the pharmacy benefit manager or its subsidiaries is contracted by or owned. Establishes duties of a pharmacy benefit manager
HB920	JORDAN	INSURANCE/HEALTH: Requires drug manufacturers to limit pricing of GLP-1 medications for health insurance plans	Pending House Insurance	SUPPORT	Limits drug manufacturers pricing of 30-day supply of GLP-1 medications for health insurance plans. Extends GLP-1 medication coverage to Medicaid, Office of Group Benefits (OGB), and other health plans regardless of the insured's medical condition or diagnosis
HB925	CHANCE HENRY	SPEECH/PATH/AUDIO: Provides relative to the practice of audiology and speech-language pathology	Pending House Health and Welfare	MONITOR/OPPOSE	Provides clarification relative to the practice of audiology and speech-language pathology - removes the referral of a physician provision
HB926	BAYHAM	VACCINES/VACCINATION: Prohibits the use of vaccine status to determine admission to public buildings	Pending House Health and Welfare	MONITOR	Provides for the prohibition of the use of vaccination status to prevent admission to public buildings and events, provides for individual rights regarding medical intervention decisions, and provides for the prohibition of medical mandates
HB927	MCMAHEN	MEDICAID: Provides relative to the Medicaid Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee	Pending House Health and Welfare	MONITOR	Provides relative to the change in Section title, the addition of a committee position for the Medicaid Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee, and the revocation of certain allowable drug restrictions
HB930	COATES	HEALTH/LDH: Eliminates the requirement for the Louisiana Department of Health to register cosmetic products	Pending House Health and Welfare	MONITOR	Provides for the elimination of the requirement for manufacturers, packers, or proprietors of cosmetics in package form to register with the La. Dept. of Health (LDH)
HB931	MANDIE LANDRY	HEALTH: Prohibits a contractor or subcontractor of the Louisiana Pregnancy and Baby Care initiative from conditioning services on religious requirements	Pending House Health and Welfare	MONITOR	Prohibits a contractor or subcontractor from conditioning services offered by the Louisiana Pregnancy and Baby Care Initiative on the attendance or completion of classes or videos including religious instruction

HB933	CHARLES OWEN	RECORDS/RECORDATION: Provides for commemorative birth certificates	Pending House Health and Welfare	MONITOR	Provides for the creation of commemorative birth certificates, the appropriate fees, and the allocation of the fees
HB935	TURNER	TOPS: Provides for TOPS awards to students enrolled in graduate medical sciences at certain institutions	Pending House Education	SUPPORT	Proposed law authorizes such a student to apply his award to a program at an institution that meets all of the following criteria: The institution offers a graduate program in medical sciences.
HB938	TURNER	INSURANCE/HEALTH: Provides relative to pharmacy benefit managers	Pending House Insurance	MONITOR	Regulates pharmacy benefit managers by setting standards for reimbursement, restricting income and rebates, requiring disclosure, granting the commissioner access to data and procuring pharmacy benefit manager services by reverse auction
HB944	HILFERTY	HEALTH SERVICES: Creates the Louisiana Women's Health Consortium	Pending House Health and Welfare	MONITOR	establishes the Women's Health Consortium (consortium) within the La. Dept. of Health (LDH), office on women's health and community health - PG 2 - LINE 14 CHANGE TO MD
HB946	MANDIE LANDRY	HEALTH: Provides relative to penalties for noncompliance with Federal requirements for healthcare cost publication	Pending House Health and Welfare	SUPPORT	Provides clarification of legislative intent relative to healthcare consumers' right to know, for penalties for noncompliance with Federal requirements for healthcare cost transparency, and for definitions relevant to federal price transparency regulations
HB948	AMEDEE	HEALTH/CHILDREN: Provides with respect to the rights of parents regarding the medical treatment of their minor children	Pending House Health and Welfare	OPPOSE	Authorizes parents to seek alternative treatments for their minor children diagnosed with cancer
HB949	COATES	HEALTH CARE/PROVIDERS: Provides relative to the Louisiana State Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners	Pending House Health and Welfare	OPPOSE	Provides relative to the La. State Radiological Technology Board of Examiners
HB962	DUSTIN MILLER	NURSES: Provides relative to reconstitution of medications for intravenous therapy	Pending House referral	MONITOR	provides that a nurse practitioner or advanced practice nurse working within his scope of practice may administer a reconstituted medication for intravenous therapy in accordance with product packaging
HB971	STAGNI	MEDICAID: Provides relative to Medicaid reimbursement for rural health clinics	Pending House referral	SUPPORT	Requires the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) to take all necessary actions to ensure that independent rural health clinics are reimbursed by Medicaid at the same rate as provider-based rural health clinics.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Current Status</u>	<u>LAFP Position</u>	<u>Notes</u>
HCR3	MCFARLAND	HOSPITALS: Provides for a hospital stabilization formula	Pending House Appropriations	MONITOR	Provides for a hospital stabilization formula pursuant to present constitution (Art. VII, §10.13), including assessments and reimbursement enhancements

SENATE BILLS

<u>Bill</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Current Status</u>	<u>LAFP Position</u>	<u>Notes</u>
SB4	FESI	PUBLIC HEALTH: Provides relative to water fluoridation. (1/1/27)	Pending Senate Health and Welfare - Sched. for 3/18/26	MONITOR	repeals the program; prohibits the fluoridation of any public water systems unless 15% of registered voters in the precincts served by the water system sign a petition and a local election is called by the governing authority in which a majority of registered voters approve fluoridation
SB5	HENSGENS	MENTAL HEALTH: Provides for the regulation of mental health chatbots that use artificial intelligence technology. (gov sig)	Pending Senate Health and Welfare	MONITOR	defines "artificial intelligence", "mental health chatbot", "operator", and "user"; requires an operator of a mental health chatbot to disclose to a user that the chatbot is an artificial intelligence technology and not a human at certain intervals
SB26	MCMATH	HEALTH SERVICES: Provides relative to opioid treatment programs. (gov sig)	Senate Health and Welfare - Reported favorably - Pending Senate floor action - Sched. for 3/16/26	MONITOR	repeals the requirement that the La. Dept. of Health to utilize facility need review to determine the need for new or additional opioid treatment programs licensed under a behavioral health services provider license

SB29	MCMATH	PUBLIC HEALTH: Requires coroners to report certain information regarding sudden child deaths. (8/1/26)	Senate Health and Welfare - Reported with amendments - Pending Senate floor action - Sched. for 3/16/26	OPPOSE	expands the requirement to children under the age of 15 who die unexpectedly without explanation; requires a review of the child's immunization records through the state immunization registry; requires the coroner to document in the autopsy report any immunizations administered to the child within 90 days before the child's death; requires the coroner to report to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Institutes of Health's Sudden Unexpected Infant Death and Sudden Death in the Young Case Registry if he finds that the cause of death was Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, Sudden Unexpected Infant Death, Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome, or Sudden Death in the Young
SB30	MCMATH	HEALTH CARE: Provides relative to telehealth. (gov sig)	Senate Health and Welfare – Reported with amendments - Pending Senate floor action - Sched. for 3/16/26	OPPOSE	prohibits state agencies licensing boards or commission from adopting or enforcing any rule or policy that prohibits or restricts a licensed healthcare provider from using telehealth to evaluate, diagnose, or treat obesity or a related metabolic condition
SB32	MCMATH	HEALTH/HOSPITALS DEPT: Establishes a Perinatal Bereavement Care Initiative within the Louisiana Department of Health. (8/1/26)	Senate Health and Welfare – Reported with amendments - Pending Senate floor action - Sched. for 3/16/26	SUPPORT	establishes a Perinatal Bereavement Care Initiative within the La. Dept. of Health, office on women's health and community health; requires the office to provide perinatal bereavement resources to hospitals that provide maternity care.
SB33	MCMATH	CHILDREN/FAMILY SERVICES DEPT: Provides relative to children in foster care. (8/1/26)	Pending Senate Health and Welfare	MONITOR	requires the Dept. of Children and Family Services to determine whether a child in custody of the department is receiving or is eligible to receive earned federal benefits. Proposed law further requires the determination to be made within 60 days of the child's entry into care

SB36	FESI	PUBLIC HEALTH: Provides relative to vaccines. (8/1/26)	Pending Senate Health and Welfare - Sched. for 3/18/26	MONITOR	adds the use of food as a delivery mechanism for an mRNA vaccine as a prohibited act; Proposed law provides for the process for a healthcare provider to obtain informed consent from a patient prior to administering a vaccine. Proposed law provides for circumstances in which a person shall not be considered capable of providing informed consent for vaccinations. Proposed law provides that the patient informed consent for vaccinations is in addition to any informed consent to medical treatment required by present law.
SB37	MCMATH	HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Provides relative to lead poisoning prevention. (8/1/26)	Pending Senate Health and Welfare	MONITOR	consolidates all lead poisoning provisions relative to children into Title 40
SB43	MCMATH	HEALTH SERVICES: Provides relative to psychedelic-assisted therapy. (8/1/26)	Pending Senate Health and Welfare	MONITOR/ SUPPORT	establishes the Psychedelic-Assisted Therapy Program within the La. Dept. of Health, office of behavioral health
SB44	SEABAUGH	LAW ENFORCEMENT: Requires a law enforcement agency to approve firearms and ammunition carried by its tactical medical professionals. (8/1/26)	Pending Senate Judiciary B - Sched. for 3/17/26	MONITOR	Present law defines "tactical medical professional" as a licensed paramedic or physician who is employed or contracted by a law enforcement agency to provide direct support to a tactical law enforcement unit by providing medical services at high-risk incidents. Proposed law provides that the appointing law enforcement agency must approve any firearm or ammunition that a tactical medical professional carries but that it will not be required to issue it.
SB45	WHEAT	HEALTH SERVICES: Provides relative to hospice care. (gov sig)	Senate Health and Welfare - Reported with amendments - Pending Senate floor action - Sched. for 3/16/26	MONITOR	provides an exemption from licensure for a nonprofit organization that provides gratuitous end-of-life care to terminally ill patients in a home-like setting if the organization meets certain criteria identified in proposed law
SB57	MCMATH	PUBLIC HEALTH: Provides relative to nutrition. (1/1/28)	Pending Senate Health and Welfare	MONITOR	adds foods for special dietary use to the list of exempted products

SB66	HODGES	CHILDREN: Provides for testimony of medical experts in child custody and in need of care cases. (8/1/26)	Pending Senate Judiciary A	MONITOR	provides that in any proceeding in which a medical expert has been subpoenaed to testify based upon allegations of abuse or neglect of a child, the court shall take the testimony of the medical expert priority to the parties and other witnesses. The court shall take the testimony of the medical expert for all purposes by which the medical expert's appearance is responsive to a subpoena
SB74	PRESSLY	LIABILITY: Defines the Residual Malpractice Insurance Authority. (8/1/26)	Pending Senate Health and Welfare	MONITOR/SUPPORT	clarifies that the term "authority" relative to medical malpractice means the Residual Malpractice Insurance Authority
SB84	MYERS	HEALTH/ACC INSURANCE: Provides relative to health insurance coverage for prostate cancer screening. (gov sig)	Senate Insurance – Reported with amendments - Pending Senate floor action - Sched. for 3/16/26	SUPPORT	changes this provision to provide for coverage in accordance with guidelines from the National Comprehensive Cancer Network and clarifies that it covers men between 40 and 49 years of age
SB113	ABRAHAM	HEALTH CARE: Provides relative to the Local Healthcare Provider Participation Program. (gov sig)	Pending Senate Health and Welfare	MONITOR	provides that institutional providers included in the assessment payment are limited to providers within the jurisdictional boundaries of the municipality
SB124	TALBOT	HEALTH CARE: Provides relative to peer review of health systems. (8/1/26)	Pending Senate Health and Welfare	MONITOR	adds hospital systems to the list of medical organizations whose peer review committee materials are confidential and not subject to disclosure – FIND OUT MORE INFO
SB131	PRESSLY	ATTORNEYS: Provides for limitations on recovery of attorney fees and costs in occupational licensing board disciplinary hearings. (8/1/26)	Pending Senate Judiciary A	MONITOR	provides that when a professional or occupational board initiates a disciplinary action against a licensee and the final resolution of the proceeding before the board results in a consent order, judgment or finding in which the length of the suspension or probationary period imposed or the amount of the monetary payment required of the licensee is less than an offer of judgment made or monetary amount offered previously by the licensee in a consent order negotiation, the board shall not collect from the licensee the attorney fees or costs of the proceeding incurred by the board after the offer of judgment or offer in negotiation was made in writing

SB144	ALLAIN	HEALTH CARE: Provides relative to hospital service districts. (8/1/26)	Pending Senate Health and Welfare	MONITOR	adds cooperating with healthcare facilities that are engaged in providing hospital and other health services to the residents of the district as an object and purpose of the district
SB155	TALBOT	HEALTH/ACC INSURANCE: Provides for coverage of certain dental care when connected with cancer treatment. (gov sig)	Pending Senate Insurance	MONITOR	Companion - Berault HB - requires healthcare insurance provide coverage for medically necessary dental procedures for an insured diagnosed with cancer
SB158	PRESSLY	MEDICAID: Provides relative to Medicaid. (8/1/26)	Pending Senate Health and Welfare	MONITOR	placeholder bill - makes technical changes to the administration of the Medicaid managed care program and exempts certain entities from the requirements of present law
SB162	SEABAUGH	WORKERS' COMPENSATION: Provides relative to the workers' compensation medical treatment schedule. (8/1/26)	Pending Senate Labor and Industrial Relations - Sched. for 3/18/26	MONITOR	retains present law but provides that only the evidence reviewed by the medical director or associate medical director will be admissible on appeal
SB168	STINE	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH: Provides relative to the Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority. (2/3CA7s2.1(A)) (8/1/26)	Pending Senate Health and Welfare - Sched. for 3/18/26	MONITOR	adds that ADRA shall issue and recognize credentials for professionals engaged in providing substance use disorder counseling, prevention, and peer support services for those who suffer from behavioral health conditions
SB169	TALBOT	GENETICS: Provides relative to biomarker testing. (gov sig)	Pending Senate Insurance	MONITOR	resolves any inconsistencies between present law relative to coverage for genetic testing to screen for cancer and present law relative to biomarker testing of existing conditions

SB195	MYERS	HEALTH CARE: Provides relative to the administration of medications. (8/1/26)	Pending Senate Health and Welfare - Sched. for 3/18/26	MONITOR/ OPPOSE	adds a requirement for the commission to establish protocols to authorize certain licensed EMS practitioners to administer patient-carried, time-critical prescription medication to patients with rare diseases, chronic illnesses, and special medical needs; authorizes the EMS practitioners to administer the medication at the request of the patient or patient's family and in accordance with protocols established by the commission; shall be immune from civil liability, criminal prosecution, or disciplinary or other adverse action under any professional licensing statute for any outcomes resulting from the administration of the medication, unless personal injury results from the gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct of the EMS practitioner administering the medication
SB206	GREGORY MILLER	HEALTH SERVICES: Provides blood pressure testing in schools. (8/1/26)	Pending Senate Education	MONITOR	requires blood pressure testing to be performed with the vision and hearing tests and extends those requirements to blood pressure testing and requires the parent or tutor of every pupil with abnormal blood pressure to be notified

SB212	GREGORY MILLER	MALPRACTICE: Provides for filing procedures and amounts recoverable in medical malpractice actions. (8/1/26)	Pending Senate Judiciary A	OPPOSE	provides that the total amount recoverable for all malpractice claims for injuries to or death of a patient, exclusive of past and future medical care and related benefits as provided in present law shall not exceed \$500,000 plus interest and costs for each claimant having a right of action; provides that when there is an increase in the federal Consumer Price Index, with respect to the amount of the foregoing limitation of liability set forth in present law from September 1, 1975, the liability limit prescribed in proposed law shall be increased by a sum equal to the amount of such limit multiplied by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) (seasonally adjusted, U.S. City Average, All Items), as published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, between September 1, 1975 and the time at which damages subject to such limits are awarded by final judgment
SB216	WHEAT	DEATH/MORTALITY: Provides relative to medical pronouncement of death. (8/1/26)	Pending Senate Health and Welfare - Sched. for 3/18/26	MONITOR/ OPPOSE	retains present law and provides that the medical pronouncement of death by a coroner may also be based on personal observation, information or statements obtained from licensed practical nurses who are reporting from firsthand observation of the physical condition of the deceased
SB219	MCMATH	HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Creates the office of health and nutrition within the Louisiana Department of Health. (gov sig)	Pending Senate Health and Welfare	MONITOR	adds the office of health and nutrition within the La. Dept. of Health
SB221	BOUDREAUX	HEALTH SERVICES: Provides relative to ambulance providers. (8/1/26)	Pending Senate Health and Welfare - Sched. for 3/18/26	MONITOR	Ambulance provider treatment-in-place services; medical assistance program - Proposed law requires Medicaid to cover treatment-in-place services provided by ambulance providers. Proposed law defines a "treatment-in-place service" as an encounter between an ambulance provider and beneficiary which takes place in response to a 911 call where an assessment or treatment is provided by the ambulance provider to the beneficiary but

					transport of the beneficiary is not performed.
SB222	PRESSLY	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH: Provides for Medicaid behavioral health services. (gov sig)	Pending Senate Health and Welfare	MONITOR	prohibits the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) and any managed care entity administering Medicaid behavioral health services from requiring pre-employment reference letters as a condition of provider enrollment, staff credentialing, or the delivery of services, from requiring CPR or first aid certification for behavioral health staff, revise Medicaid behavioral health provider documentation requirements to align with federal guidance, provides that when a Medicaid behavioral health provider is required by rule to maintain a nurse on staff or to maintain a written agreement for nursing services solely for the purpose of medication administration, the requirement is satisfied by the presence of a licensed physician, psychiatrist, or physician assistant acting within the lawful scope of practice and a physician assistant may serve as medical director for a Medicaid behavioral health provider when the physician assistant has a minimum of two years of qualifying experience in treating psychiatric disorders and is practicing pursuant to a collaborative practice agreement or supervision arrangement - TALK TO AUTHER ABOUT INTENT
SB234	PRESSLY	POSTSECONDARY ED: Provides for medical school students' grading. (2/3-CA7s2.1(A)) (7/1/26)	Pending Senate Education	MONITOR/ SUPPORT	requires public postsecondary education institutions that offer medical doctorate degrees to adopt policies that ensure any coursework offered in their curriculum for a medical degree or certificate assesses a student's performance based on the assignment of a letter grade of A, B, C, D, or F, with a plus or minus for each letter A through D, or another tiered system with at least four such designations TALK TO AUTHER ABOUT INTENT

SB236	ROBERT OWEN	HEALTH CARE: Provides relative to kidney disease. (8/1/26)	Pending Senate Health and Welfare - Sched. for 3/18/26	SUPPORT	provides legislative intent relative to the importance of prevention, early screening, diagnosis, and treatment of kidney disease; requires the La. Dept. of Health to conduct an annual review of all medications and forms of treatment for chronic and rare kidney diseases and services for enrollees with a diagnosis of chronic or rare kidney disease that are eligible for coverage under Medicaid
SB237	BARROW	CHILDREN: Provides relative to child welfare. (8/1/26)	Pending Senate Health and Welfare	MONITOR/ OPPOSE	Mandatory reporters shall complete annual training on the statutory requirements and responsibility of reporting child abuse and neglect and how to identify the signs and symptoms of child neglect and abuse, including sexual abuse and human trafficking. The training shall be made available by the Department of Children and Family Services. The department may provide for an annual competency assessment which may be used to satisfy the training requirement.
SB242	MCMATH	HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Provides relative to home health licensure by the Louisiana Department of Health. (8/1/26)	Pending Senate Health and Welfare	MONITOR	makes technical changes to the definition of "home health aide services" and makes technical changes to the disclosure requirements
SB245	MYERS	MENTAL HEALTH: Provides relative to treatments for veterans. (8/1/26)	Pending Senate Health and Welfare	SUPPORT	requires the La. Dept. of Health, office of behavioral health to develop a comprehensive plan to prevent veteran suicides, including connecting veterans to ongoing, barrier-free care and utilizing non-traditional, high-impact interventions that can rapidly stabilize post-traumatic stress disorder symptoms
SB250	MCMATH	HEALTH SERVICES: Provides relative to comprehensive weight management services. (8/1/26)	Pending Senate Finance	MONITOR/ SUPPORT	authorizes the Office of Group benefits to contract with qualified healthcare providers, pharmacy partners, and program administrators to provide comprehensive weight management services for plan participants

SB253	MCMATH	PUBLIC HEALTH: Provides relative to peptides. (8/1/26)	Senate Health and Welfare - Reported with amendments - Pending Senate floor action - Sched. for 3/16/26	OPPOSE	provides that no professional or occupational licensing board shall prohibit a healthcare provider with prescriptive authority from providing patients with peptides shipped from a FDA-registered 503B facility or a 503A compounding pharmacy that buys its active pharmaceutical ingredients from an FDA-registered manufacturer and requires the prescribing provider to ensure any peptides prescribed pursuant to proposed law are not on the FDA's prohibited compounding list
SB255	SELDERS	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH: Provides relative to psychosocial rehabilitation (PSR) services. (8/1/26)	Pending Senate Health and Welfare	MONITOR	adds that an individual may also have a bachelor's degree in health sciences or therapeutic recreation to render PSR services
SB264	LUNEAU	NURSES: Provides relative to the administration of anesthetics. (8/1/26)	Pending Senate Health and Welfare	MONITOR	placeholder bill - makes technical changes to the findings
SB265	BARROW	CHILDREN: Abolishes the Department of Children and Family Services. (10/1/26)	Pending Senate Health and Welfare	MONITOR	abolishes the Dept. of Children and Family Services and transfers all functions related to child support enforcement to La. Works
SB270	JACKSON-ANDREWS	HEALTH CARE: Provides for access to medical marijuana for terminally ill patients in a healthcare facility. (8/1/26)	Pending Senate Health and Welfare	MONITOR	requires healthcare facilities to permit a terminally ill patient to use medical marijuana that has been recommended to the patient pursuant to present law
SB273	ABRAHAM	HEALTH SERVICES: Provides relative to inpatient licensed facilities. (8/1/26)	Pending Senate Health and Welfare	MONITOR	provides legislative intent for requiring additional patient protections to protect patients receiving hospice services in a licensed facility other than an inpatient hospice facility
SB275	MYERS	HEALTH/ACC INSURANCE: Provides for reimbursement rates of services provided by CRNAs within their lawful scope of practice. (1/1/27)	Pending Senate Insurance	MONITOR	requires health insurers to reimburse certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNA) for services within the lawful scope of a CRNA's practice at no less than the same amount the insurer reimburses a physician for the same service – CHECK WITH ANESTHESIA – LET THEM TAKE LEAD
SB295	WHEAT	HEALTH/ACC INSURANCE: Provides for insurance coverage of services for persons with acquired brain injuries. (8/1/26)	Pending Senate Insurance	MONITOR/SUPPORT	provides that covered treatment and services must be provided by individual practitioners and treatment facilities qualified to provide acute care and post-acute care rehabilitation services to a person with an acquired brain injury

SB337	HARRIS	HEALTH/ACC INSURANCE: Provides relative to pharmacy benefit managers. (8/1/26)	Pending Senate Insurance	MONITOR	retains present law and adds definitions for "enrollee", "healthcare service", "person", "pharmacy benefit management fee", "pharmacy benefit management service", "provider", and "related entity". Proposed law also amends the definition for "rebates"
SB360	JACKSON-ANDREWS	WELFARE: Provides relative to the pathway to independency workforce training and education initiative. (8/1/26)	Pending Senate Health and Welfare	MONITOR	Present law establishes the pathway to independency workforce training and education pilot initiative for public assistance recipients for the purpose of improving employment opportunities and promoting workforce advancement - Proposed law provides that the program may be expanded upon the conclusion of the evaluation
SB363	BARROW	HEALTH/ACC INSURANCE: Provides for health insurance. (8/1/26)	Pending Senate Insurance	MONITOR	prohibits an insurer from requiring an insured to accept a lower level of care when it is contrary to the determination of the treating provider; provides an exception for an alternative level of care consistent with generally accepted standards of medical practice

SB366	HARRIS	MALPRACTICE: Provides relative to the Medical Malpractice Act. (8/1/26)	Pending Senate Judiciary A	OPPOSE	raises the amount recoverable per claim to \$1,000,000 plus interest and cost and excludes economic damages; raises a qualified healthcare provider's potential liability from \$100,000 plus interest and costs to \$250,000 plus interest and costs; requires a court or fact finder to find a specific amount of future medical expenses and related benefits for a claimant; allows a court, after determining that a total award exceeds the \$1,000,000 cap, to hold excess damages in a trust with the Patient Compensation Fund to be paid in reimbursement to a patient or to his provider for future medical care; changes the present law requirement that all medical malpractice claims against healthcare providers be heard by a medical review panel, and offers a claimant an alternative to initiate a claim through an affidavit by a board certified doctor. The affidavit shall certify that the doctor has reviewed the necessary records and that there was a breach of the standard of care which caused or contributed to the injury or death of a patient; and provides a prescriptive period for actions initiated by the affidavit process
SB368	BASS	PHARMACEUTICALS: Provides for prescription drug pricing. (8/1/26)	Pending Senate Insurance	MONITOR	requires a pharmaceutical drug manufacturer to notify the commissioner of insurance and the secretary of the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) no later than 30 days after either of the following occur: The wholesale acquisition drug cost of a brand name drug, generic, or biosimilar drug increases by more than the percentage change from the preceding year and A new drug is introduced for distribution in the state that has a wholesale acquisition cost greater than the amount that causes the drug to be considered a specialty drug under the Medicare Part D program

SB369	BASS	PHARMACEUTICALS: Provides for prescription drug pricing. (1/1/27)	Pending Senate Insurance	MONITOR / SUPPORT	prohibits a drug manufacturer from selling a drug in this state at a higher price than the price Medicare pays for the same drug. prohibits an insurer or pharmacy benefit manager from providing reimbursement for any drug less than the price Medicare pays for the same drug
SB372	BASS	HEALTH/ACC INSURANCE: Provides relative to pharmacy benefit managers. (8/1/26)	Pending Senate Insurance	MONITOR / SUPPORT	allows the commissioner to also examine the books or records of any entity in the PBM's corporate vertical integration structure
SB377	HARRIS	HEALTH/ACC INSURANCE: Provides relative to pharmacy benefit managers. (gov sig)	Pending Senate Insurance	MONITOR/ SUPPORT	provides that a 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
SB381	BASS	HEALTH/ACC INSURANCE: Provides for pharmacy benefit managers. (gov sig)	Pending Senate Insurance	MONITOR/ SUPPORT	further allows a pharmacist or pharmacy to submit a consolidated appeal representing multiple substantially similar claims; prohibits a PBM from obtaining rebates on name brand drugs in exchange for not placing drugs in the same class of drugs on the PBM's drug formulary; requires a PBM revising the formulary of covered drugs to provide a 60 day continuity-of-care period when a drug being removed from the formulary continues to be provided at the same cost. Further provides for exceptions to the continuity-of-care requirement; prohibits a PBM from requiring the use of more expensive name brand drugs when less expensive drugs in the same class are available; prohibits the removal of a drug from the formulary during a policy year; prohibits reclassifying a drug to a more restrictive tier or a higher cost-sharing tier during a policy year; and allows the addition of prescription drugs to the formulary during the policy year

SB387	BASS	HEALTH/ACC INSURANCE: Provides relative to pharmacy benefit managers. (1/1/27)	Pending Senate Insurance	MONITOR/ SUPPORT	provides for a PBM's duty of care and good faith and fair dealing to enrollees, health plans, and providers; provides for PBM compensation through pharmacy benefit manager fees and prohibits a PBM from retaining rebates and fees
SB401	TALBOT	PHARMACEUTICALS: Provides for a Prescription Drug Affordability Board that sets the maximum amount for each prescription drug sold in Louisiana. (8/1/26)	Pending Senate Insurance	SUPPORT	establishes the Prescription Drug Affordability Board within the Dept. of Insurance; requires the committee to develop a list of critical prescription drugs made available in La., for which there is a substantial public interest in understanding the development of pricing for the drugs; requires any person engaging in any form of prescription drug marketing directly to a healthcare provider with the intent that the provider may prescribe the drug for use by his patients; requires the completed form to be provided to the healthcare provider at the same time and in the same manner as any other marketing materials provided to the provider. Further provides, if the marketing activities are performed telephonically, the form to be sent to the healthcare provider by mail or electronically within one business day of the marketing activity
SB404	MCMATH	HEALTH CARE: Provides relative to eye care providers. (gov sig)	Pending Senate Health and Welfare - Sched. for 3/18/26	MONITOR	expands the applicability of present law to vision benefit plans, vision benefit discount plans, and any agent acting on behalf of any plan or entity that offers an agreement or contract of insurance that provides medical eye care or vision care benefit
SB405	TALBOT	NURSING HOMES: Provides for the Nursing Home Choice Act. (8/1/26)	Pending Senate referral	SUPPORT	requires any nursing home resident or potential resident in a home that receives an overall quality rating of one-star from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to receive individual counseling from the office of aging and adult services

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

<u>Bill</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Current Status</u>	LAFP Position	<u>Notes</u>
SCR2	MYERS	HOSPITALS: Amends rules relative to certain licensure requirements of hospitals.	Pending Senate Health and Welfare - Sched. for 3/18/26	MONITOR	Changes the La. Dept. of Health's rule to require hospital architectural plans to comply with the most recent edition of the Facility Guidelines Institute, Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospitals and Outpatient Facilities.