



**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**  
COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION & ADVOCACY  
LAFP BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Conference Call  
April 21, 2025

**ROLL CALL**

**Committee Members Present:**

Richard Bridges, MD Chair  
Roxanne Boyd, MD  
James Campbell, MD  
Lisa Casey, MD  
Chris Foret, MD  
Wayne Gravois, MD  
Brian Harrell, MD  
Emily Holt, MD  
Lindsey Liles, MD  
Joe Nida, MD  
Jason Schrock, MD  
Shweta Sharan, MD  
Christopher Van Hise, MD  
Shweta Sharan, MD

**LAFP Board of Directors Members Present**

Luis Arencibia, MD  
Jason Fuqua, MD  
Brandon Page, MD

**Staff Present:**

Ragan LeBlanc, Executive Vice President  
Lee Ann Albert, Membership & Outreach Coordinator  
Joe and Sandy Mapes, LAFP Lobbyist

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Richard Bridges at 6:38 PM

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the March 11, 2024 meeting were reviewed. The following motion was adopted by unanimous consent of the Committee:

**MOTION (APPROVED)**

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 11, 2024 MEETING BE APPROVED AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION – APRIL 29, 2025**

Dr. Bridges informed those on the call that the LAFP along with other specialty societies would be hosting a legislative reception on April 29, 2025 for all the legislators of the House and the Senate at the Pentagon Barracks and that all LAFP members were welcome to participate. Mrs. LeBlanc stated that a registration link had been sent out to all of the committee and board members on how to RSVP to attend and asked that all committee and board members complete the form if they were planning to participate.

**WHITE COAT WEDNESDAY – May 21, 2025**

Dr. Bridges stated that White Coat Wednesday would be held on May 21, 2025 and for members to please mark their calendars to attend. He stated that we needed as many physicians present that day to make a presence at the capitol.

**FAMILY DOCTOR OF THE DAY**

Dr. Bridges reminded everyone to sign-up for at least one day for Family Doctor of the Day and asked that members of the committee also get colleagues to sign-up as well. Ragan stated that you can sign up on the LAFP website or by completing the registration form in the meeting packet.

### **2025 SESSION BILL REVIEW**

The committee met to review and discuss various legislative bills, focusing on those of most concern to members. They debated and took positions on numerous healthcare-related bills, including those concerning medical treatments, informed consent, healthcare provider qualifications, and public health initiatives. The committee also discussed strategies for engaging with legislators and agreed on methods for staying updated on bill changes during the legislative process. The 2025 legislation tracking list established is as follows:

## **HOUSE BILLS**

<b><u>Bill</u></b>	<b><u>Author</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Current Status</u></b>	<b><u>LAFP Position</u></b>	<b><u>Notes</u></b>
<a href="#"><u>HB15</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>MACK</u></a>	CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES: Adds certain substances to the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law	Pending House Administration of Criminal Justice	<b>MONITOR</b>	adds N-Desethyl isotonitazene, Etonitazepipne, and Ethylphenidate to the list of Schedule I drugs
<a href="#"><u>HB34</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>GLORIOSO</u></a>	CIVIL/LAW: Provides for transparency in medical expenses	House Civil Law and Procedure - Reported with amendments (11-3-1) - Pending House final passage	<b>MONITOR</b>	Provides relative to medical expenses that may be recovered at trial
<a href="#"><u>HB60</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>GALLE</u></a>	VETERANS: Provides relative to healthcare facilities operated by the Department of Veterans Affairs for war veterans	Pending House Judiciary - Sched. for 4/24/25	<b>MONITOR</b>	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 – <b>COMP – HB 233</b>
<a href="#"><u>HB112</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>EDMONSTON</u></a>	DRUGS/PRESCRIPTION: Provides relative to the prescribing, administering, and dispensing of drugs for off-label use	Pending House Health and Welfare	<b>MONITOR</b>	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.
<a href="#"><u>HB114</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>DOMANGUE</u></a>	HEALTH CARE/PROVIDERS: Provides for the use of artificial intelligence by healthcare providers	Pending House Health and Welfare	<b>MONITOR</b>	Establishes authorized uses, prohibited uses, and penalties for the use of artificial intelligence by healthcare providers
<a href="#"><u>HB117</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>ECHOLS</u></a>	WORKERS COMPENSATION: Provides for adoption of a medical fee reimbursement schedule for workers' compensation	Pending House Labor and Industrial Relations - Sched. for 4/24/25	<b>MONITOR</b>	Provides for the adoption of a medical fee reimbursement schedule for workers' compensation claims

<a href="#">HB118</a>	<a href="#">EGAN</a>	HEALTH CARE: Provides relative to emergency certificates in St. Tammany Parish	Pending House Health and Welfare - - Sched. for 4/23/25	<b>MONITOR</b>	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
<a href="#">HB137</a>	<a href="#">CARLSON</a>	HEALTH/EMERG MED SERVICE: Authorizes psychologists and medical psychologists to evaluate a patient via telehealth for emergency certificates	Pending House Health and Welfare	<b>MONITOR</b>	Authorizes psychologists and medical psychologists to conduct certain examinations via telehealth
<a href="#">HB138</a>	<a href="#">DEWITT</a>	PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS: Provides with respect to the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners	Pending House Health and Welfare	<b>OPPOSE</b>	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
<a href="#">HB159</a>	<a href="#">STAGNI</a>	PHYSICAL THERAPISTS: Provides relative to the supervision of physical therapist assistants	House Health and Welfare - Reported with amendments (14-0) - Pending House floor action	<b>MONITOR</b>	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
<a href="#">HB197</a>	<a href="#">MIKE JOHNSON</a>	MALPRACTICE/MEDICAL: Expands application of medical malpractice to include physical therapist assistants and occupational therapist assistants	Pending House Civil Law and Procedure	<b>MONITOR</b>	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
<a href="#">HB202</a>	<a href="#">BOYD</a>	HIGHER EDUCATION: Provides for a privacy waiver relative to certain mental health information of postsecondary education students	Pending House Education	<b>MONITOR</b>	Provides relative to a waiver of confidentiality of certain mental health information for postsecondary students
<a href="#">HB210</a>	<a href="#">CHASSION</a>	PHARMACIES: Provides relative to retention and archiving of records in the state prescription monitoring program	House Health and Welfare - Reported with amendments (14-0) - Pending House floor action	<b>SUPPORT</b>	Provides for record retention of audit trail information in the state prescription monitoring program

<a href="#">HB233</a>	<a href="#">ECHOLS</a>	TAX CREDITS: Establishes an income tax credit for certain pharmaceutical and medicine manufacturers	Pending House Ways and Means	<b>MONITOR</b>	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
<a href="#">HB253</a>	<a href="#">BOYER</a>	DRUGS: Provides relative to kratom	House Health and Welfare - Reported with amendments (13-0) - Pending House floor action	<b>MONITOR</b>	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.
<a href="#">HB264</a>	<a href="#">ECHOLS</a>	INSURANCE/HEALTH: Provides for the utilization of pharmaceutical rebates by a pharmacy benefit manager	Pending House Insurance	<b>MONITOR</b>	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
<a href="#">HB266</a>	<a href="#">WILEY</a>	MEDICAID: Provides for the personal needs allowance of residents in nursing homes and other facilities	Pending House Health and Welfare	<b>MONITOR</b>	Provides for the minimum monthly personal needs allowance for individuals living inpatient at a healthcare facility.
<a href="#">HB272</a>	<a href="#">BAMBURG</a>	ATHLETICS/TRAINERS: Provides relative to athletic trainer licensure	Pending House Health and Welfare	<b>MONITOR</b>	Provides relative to the licensure of athletic trainers - <b>NEED MORE INFO</b>
<a href="#">HB275</a>	<a href="#">BERAULT</a>	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 floor action	<b>SUPPORT</b>	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
<a href="#">HB307</a>	<a href="#">CHANCE HENRY</a>	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: Requires individuals requesting public assistance who are not United States citizens be reported to United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement	Pending House Judiciary	<b>MONITOR</b>	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)- <b>watch in case physicians are required to report</b>

<a href="#">HB314</a>	<a href="#">DUSTIN MILLER</a>	HEALTH CARE/FACILITIES: Modifies the regulatory authority of the Louisiana Department of Health in relation to hospital classifications	Pending House Health and Welfare - Sched. for 4/23/25	<b>MONITOR</b>	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
<a href="#">HB317</a>	<a href="#">ECHOLS</a>	HEALTH CARE/FACILITIES: Establishes prohibited acts by certain healthcare facility lessors and lessees	Pending House Health and Welfare - Sched. for 4/23/25	<b>MONITOR</b>	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
<a href="#">HB325</a>	<a href="#">BRYANT</a>	TAX/TOBACCO TAX: Provides for the rate of tax levied on certain cigars	Pending House Ways and Means - Sched. for 4/22/25	<b>SUPPORT</b>	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
<a href="#">HB357</a>	<a href="#">FREEMAN</a>	INSURANCE/HEALTH: Requires health insurance coverage for integrative cancer treatments	Pending House Insurance	<b>MONITOR</b>	Requires health insurers, including Medicare and Medicaid providers, to cover integrative cancer treatments in combination with medical treatment for cancer
<a href="#">HB358</a>	<a href="#">DUSTIN MILLER</a>	PHARMACISTS: Permits a pharmacy technician to work remotely in certain circumstances	Pending House Health and Welfare - Sched. for 4/23/25	<b>MONITOR / OPPOSE</b>	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
<a href="#">HB359</a>	<a href="#">DUSTIN MILLER</a>	MENTAL HEALTH: Provides relative to the mental health treatment of victims of human sex trafficking	Pending House Health and Welfare	<b>MONITOR</b>	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
<a href="#">HB377</a>	<a href="#">CHARLES OWEN</a>	HEALTH SERVICES: Authorizes an individual to refuse certain medical treatments	Pending House Health and Welfare	<b>OPPOSE</b>	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) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes punishment for doctors deemed in violation including fines and licensure suspension</li> <li>• Owen expects some amendment to this bill. He's</li> </ul>

					conferring with the Medical Society for some adjustments
<a href="#">HB382</a>	<a href="#">BAYHAM</a>	INSURANCE/HEALTH: Requires insurance coverage of home visiting services for newborns and young children	Pending House Insurance	<b>MONITOR</b>	Requires health insurance coverage for home visiting services for newborns and children up to age three
<a href="#">HB390</a>	<a href="#">MANDIE LANDRY</a>	TAX/TOBACCO TAX: Levies an additional tax on cigarettes	Pending House Ways and Means - Sched. for 4/22/25	<b>SUPPORT</b>	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
<a href="#">HB398</a>	<a href="#">BRASS</a>	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	<b>SUPPORT</b>	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
<a href="#">HB399</a>	<a href="#">CHENEVERT</a>	DIETITIANS: Provides with respect to the profession of dietetics and dieticians	Pending House Health and Welfare - Sched. for 4/23/25	<b>MONITOR</b>	Creates the Dietitian Licensure Compact in Louisiana
<a href="#">HB400</a>	<a href="#">CHENEVERT</a>	HEALTH/CHILDREN: Provides relative to a minor's consent for medical procedures and treatments	Pending House Health and Welfare	<b>OPPOSE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Informed consent required for all medical and mental health treatment, including blood donation</li> <li>• Exceptions for emancipated minors, emancipated pregnant minors excluding abortion, and in cases of emergencies, and gives parents access to minor's patient records</li> <li>• Creates access barriers that extend beyond vaccines, especially for children in out of home custody placements.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">HB408</a>	<a href="#">DICKERSON</a>	INSURANCE/HEALTH: Requires health insurance coverage relative to pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome and related conditions	Pending House Insurance	<b>MONITOR</b>	Requires health insurance coverage for PANS, PANDAS, and other types of AE
<a href="#">HB419</a>	<a href="#">AMEDEE</a>	CRIME: Creates the crime of intentional exposure to a self-spreading pathogen	Pending House Administration of Criminal Justice	<b>MONITOR / OPPOSE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defines self-spreading pathogen as an engineered virus or bacteria, criminalizes "vaccine shedding"</li> <li>• It is expected that this bill will also be significantly amended,</li> </ul>

					perhaps with tort being removed or significantly watered down.
<a href="#">HB422</a>	<a href="#">FREEMAN</a>	HEALTH CARE: Provides with respect to timely reimbursement of overpaid medical bills to patients by healthcare providers	Pending House Health and Welfare	<b>MONITOR</b>	Requires a healthcare provider to issue a refund to a patient who overpays for medical services
<a href="#">HB423</a>	<a href="#">LACOMBE</a>	HEALTH CARE/PROVIDERS: Provides relative to healthcare providers displaying evidence of proper licensure in advertising	Pending House Health and Welfare	<b>SUPPORT</b>	Requires a licensed healthcare provider to display evidence of proper licensure on his person or in advertisements – <b>POSSIBLY ADD POSTING COLLABORATING PHYSICIAN</b>
<a href="#">HB427</a>	<a href="#">BAMBURG</a>	CIVIL/PROCEDURE: Provides for a reversionary trust	Pending House Civil Law and Procedure - Sched. for 4/22/25	<b>MONITOR</b>	Establishes a reversionary trust
<a href="#">HB440</a>	<a href="#">CHANCE HENRY</a>	INSURANCE CLAIMS: Provides relative to automobile liability policies and related medical claims	House Insurance - Reported with amendments (11-7) - Pending House floor action	<b>MONITOR</b>	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
<a href="#">HB442</a>	<a href="#">CHANCE HENRY</a>	SPEECH/PATH/AUDIO: Provides relative to the practice of audiology and speech-language pathology	Pending House Health and Welfare	<b>MONITOR</b>	Provides relative to qualifications and disciplinary measures for licensees of audiology and speech-language pathology
<a href="#">HB456</a>	<a href="#">TURNER</a>	MEDICAID: Provides relative to the Local Healthcare Provider Participation Program	Pending House Health and Welfare - Sched. for 4/23/25	<b>MONITOR</b>	Provides relative to the Local Healthcare Provider Participation Program
<a href="#">HB474</a>	<a href="#">BRAUD</a>	MTR VEHICLE/EMERGENCY: Provides relative to emergency vehicles for coroners	Pending House Transportation, Highways, and Public Works	<b>MONITOR</b>	Adds authorized vehicles used for coroner investigations to the definition of "authorized emergency vehicle"
<a href="#">HB478</a>	<a href="#">HORTON</a>	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	Pending House Education	<b>MONITOR</b>	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
<a href="#">HB486</a>	<a href="#">FISHER</a>	HEALTH: Requires public schools to offer a mental health assessment to certain students	Pending House Education	<b>MONITOR</b>	Requires public schools to offer a mental health assessment to certain students at the beginning of each school year

<a href="#">HB498</a>	<a href="#">PHELPS</a>	HOSPITALS: Creates an exception to hospital credentialing requirements in certain circumstances	Pending House Health and Welfare	<b>MONITOR</b>	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
<a href="#">HB506</a>	<a href="#">DAVIS</a>	CIVIL/LAW: Provides relative to in vitro fertilization	Pending House Civil Law and Procedure	<b>MONITOR</b>	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. <b>COMP – SB 156 – POSSIBLY SUPPORT IF AMENDED</b>
<a href="#">HB514</a>	<a href="#">WILLARD</a>	INSURANCE/HEALTH: Modifies the Louisiana Doula Registry Board within the Louisiana Department of Health and provides for respective regulatory authority	Pending House Health and Welfare	<b>MONITOR</b>	Modifies the La. Doula Registry Board and provides regulatory authority and restrictions relative to the La. Doula Registry Board and La. Dept. of Health
<a href="#">HB517</a>	<a href="#">BRASS</a>	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	Pending House Ways and Means - Sched. for 4/22/25	<b>SUPPORT</b>	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
<a href="#">HB531</a>	<a href="#">TRAVIS JOHNSON</a>	NURSES: Provides for forensic medical examinations of sexual assault survivors	Pending House Health and Welfare	<b>MONITOR</b>	Requires a licensed healthcare facility or hospital to offer treatment and examinations to sexual assault survivors
<a href="#">HB539</a>	<a href="#">BERAULT</a>	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	Pending House Health and Welfare - Sched. for 4/23/25	<b>SUPPORT</b>	Establishes a loan repayment program administered by the La. Dept. of Health ("department") for qualifying physician specialists practicing in Louisiana - <b>AMEND TO ADD FAMILY MEDICINE</b>
<a href="#">HB544</a>	<a href="#">TURNER</a>	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	Pending House Health and Welfare - Sched. for 4/23/25	<b>MONITOR</b>	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

<a href="#">HB555</a>	<a href="#">AMEDEE</a>	HEALTH/MEDICAL TREATMENT: Provides relative to medical intervention	Pending House Health and Welfare	<b>OPPOSE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Exceptions for masking/face shields for healthcare providers and business or governmental agencies consistent w/ occupational safety</li> <li>• Business &amp; Industry will likely oppose</li> </ul>
<a href="#">HB559</a>	<a href="#">ECHOLS</a>	HEALTH/LDH: Organizes the state human services district under the secretary and surgeon general of the Louisiana Department of Health	Pending House Health and Welfare	<b>MONITOR / SUPPORT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creates Louisiana Population Health Coordinating Council to implement all HSA strategic and programmatic strategies</li> <li>• HSAs under SG's oversight, with population health priorities including "increase in preventative care utilization including cancer screenings and vaccinations."</li> <li>• <b>AMEND TO ADD A REP FROM LAFF TO BOARD</b></li> </ul>
<a href="#">HB560</a>	<a href="#">EGAN</a>	MEDICAID: Provides relative to the Medical Assistance Programs Integrity Act	Pending House Health and Welfare	<b>MONITOR</b>	Provides relative to unlawful acts, procedures, and penalties arising out of fraudulent or false claims under Medicaid
<a href="#">HB565</a>	<a href="#">SPELL</a>	MEDICAID: Provides relative to third-party liability, claim adjudication, and timeliness of such within the state medical assistance program	Pending House Health and Welfare - Sched. for 4/23/25	<b>SUPPORT</b>	Provides relative to third-party liability and claim adjudication within the state medical assistance program
<a href="#">HB575</a>	<a href="#">VENTRELLA</a>	ABORTION: Provides relative to liability for the unlawful termination of a pregnancy	Pending House Civil Law and Procedure	<b>MONITOR</b>	Provides relative to causes of action for an unlawful termination of a pregnancy
<a href="#">HB595</a>	<a href="#">PHELPS</a>	MEDICAID: Provides relative to Medicaid coverage through the TEFRA option program	Pending House Health and Welfare	<b>MONITOR</b>	Adds eligibility criteria used to determine a child's eligibility for Medicaid coverage through the TEFRA option – <b>GET MORE INFORMATION</b>
<a href="#">HB596</a>	<a href="#">WRIGHT</a>	CAMPAIGN FINANCE: Provides for revisions to the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act	Pending House and Governmental Affairs	<b>MONITOR</b>	Provides for revisions to the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act
<a href="#">HB603</a>	<a href="#">MCKAMIN</a>	BOARDS/COMMISSIONS: Amends the appointing process for certain occupational licensing boards, committees, and authorities	Pending House and Governmental Affairs	<b>MONITOR</b>	Provides relative to appointments for occupational licensing boards, committees, and authorities

<a href="#">HB629</a>	<a href="#">GALLE</a>	HEALTH CARE: Provides with respect to informed consent for medical interventions	Pending House Health and Welfare	<b>MONITOR / OPPOSE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires informed consent prior to accepting or declining any medical intervention, including provision of Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) document (currently a federal requirement)</li> <li>• Employers or businesses prohibited from requiring medical intervention as condition of employment, enrollment, admission, or service (may include schools)</li> <li>• Cannot require a person to receive vaccine as condition to be a patient or receive medical care</li> <li>• Statutory damages of \$5,000 and option for civil remedies</li> </ul>
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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Current Status</u>	<u>LAFP Position</u>	<u>Notes</u>
<a href="#">HCR7</a>	<a href="#">BACALA</a>	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 referral	<b>MONITOR</b>	

## SENATE BILLS

<u>Bill</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Current Status</u>	<u>LAFP Position</u>	<u>Notes</u>
<a href="#">SB2</a>	<a href="#">FESI</a>	PUBLIC HEALTH: Provides relative to water fluoridation. (8/1/25)	Pending Senate Health and Welfare - Sched. for 4/23/25	<b>MONITOR</b>	Repeals the Louisiana Department of Health's water fluoridation program AND prohibits the fluoridation of any public water systems
<a href="#">SB14</a>	<a href="#">MCMATH</a>	PUBLIC HEALTH: Provides relative to nutrition. (See Act)	Pending Senate Health and Welfare	<b>MONITOR / OPPOSE</b>	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 - <b>Amend to take out CME requirement</b>

<a href="#">SB17</a>	<a href="#">BOUDREAUX</a>	HEALTH SERVICES: Extends the termination date of the Palliative Care Interdisciplinary Advisory Council. (gov sig)	Senate Health and Welfare - Reported with amendments - Pending Senate floor action - Sched. for 4/22/25	<b>MONITOR</b>	extends the termination date of the council from August 1, 2025, to August 1, 2028
<a href="#">SB19</a>	<a href="#">FESI</a>	PHARMACEUTICALS: Provides relative to the dispensing of ivermectin. (8/1/25)	Pending Senate Health and Welfare - Sched. for 4/23/25	<b>MONITOR</b>	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 href="#">SB24</a>	<a href="#">MCMATH</a>	FUNDS/FUNDING: Provides for dedication of revenue and use of monies in the Medical Assistance Programs Fraud Detection Fund. (gov sig)	Pending Senate Finance	<b>MONITOR</b>	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
<a href="#">SB26</a>	<a href="#">BOUDREAUX</a>	PUBLIC HEALTH: Provides relative to diabetes information. (8/1/25)	Senate Health and Welfare - Reported favorably - Pending Senate floor action - Sched. for 4/22/25	<b>MONITOR</b>	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
<a href="#">SB42</a>	<a href="#">SELDERS</a>	HEALTH CARE: Provides relative to perinatal behavioral health treatment. (8/1/25)	Pending Senate Insurance - Sched. for 4/23/25	<b>MONITOR</b>	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
<a href="#">SB70</a>	<a href="#">MYERS</a>	HEALTH SERVICES: Provides relative to remote patient monitoring services. (gov sig)	Pending Senate Health and Welfare - Sched. for 4/23/25	<b>MONITOR</b>	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

<a href="#">SB78</a>	<a href="#">MYERS</a>	CONTROL DANGER SUBSTANCE: Provides relative to drug paraphernalia. (gov sig)	Senate Judiciary C - Pending Senate final passage - Sched. for 4/22/25	<b>MONITOR</b>	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
<a href="#">SB96</a>	<a href="#">MCMATH</a>	MEDICAID: Establishes Medicaid reimbursement rates for certain behavioral health services. (7/1/25)	Pending Senate Health and Welfare	<b>MONITOR</b>	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
<a href="#">SB100</a>	<a href="#">MIGUEZ</a>	STATE AGENCIES: Provides for the gathering of data relative to the legal status of individuals receiving state services. (gov sig)	Pending Senate Finance	<b>MONITOR</b>	<b>Do physicians become mandated reporters?</b> 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.
<a href="#">SB102</a>	<a href="#">ALLAIN</a>	HEALTH CARE: Provides relative to obstetric care. (gov sig)	Pending Senate Health and Welfare	<b>MONITOR</b>	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
<a href="#">SB108</a>	<a href="#">GREGORY MILLER</a>	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	<b>MONITOR</b>	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%

<a href="#">SB111</a>	<a href="#">SEABAUGH</a>	INSURANCE CLAIMS: Provides for fair claims processing. (8/1/25)	Pending Senate Insurance - Sched. for 4/23/25	<b>MONITOR</b>	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
<a href="#">SB117</a>	<a href="#">MIGUEZ</a>	NUTRITION: Prohibits the serving and selling of ultra-processed foods in public schools. (gov sig)	Pending Senate Education	<b>SUPPORT</b>	prohibits serving or selling ultra-processed foods in public schools
<a href="#">SB120</a>	<a href="#">SELDERS</a>	MENTAL HEALTH: Provides relative to use of emergency certificates for formal voluntary admission. (8/1/25)	Pending Senate Health and Welfare	<b>MONITOR / SUPPORT</b>	adds a provision to the certificate that the person is willing to seek voluntary admission upon arrival at the treating facility – <b>GET MORE INFORMATION FROM AUTHOR ON BILL</b>
<a href="#">SB121</a>	<a href="#">SELDERS</a>	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH: Provides for mental health screenings in schools. (8/1/25)	Pending Senate Education	<b>MONITOR</b>	requires each public school to offer mental health screenings for all students in grades K-12 during the first semester of the school year – <b>SIMILAR BILL HB 486</b>
<a href="#">SB129</a>	<a href="#">PRESSLY</a>	INSURERS: Requires health insurers to cover proton therapy for cancer patients. (8/1/25)	Pending Senate Insurance - Sched. for 4/23/25	<b>MONITOR</b>	adds proton therapy treatment for cancer to the list of treatments health insurance plans must cover - <b>Shell bill</b>
<a href="#">SB130</a>	<a href="#">CLOUD</a>	MEDICAID: Provides relative to Medicaid. (gov sig)	Pending Senate Health and Welfare	<b>MONITOR</b>	legislative intent regarding the integrity of the Medicaid program
<a href="#">SB134</a>	<a href="#">PRESSLY</a>	HEALTH CARE: Provides relative to health care definitions. (8/1/25)	Pending Senate Health and Welfare - Sched. for 4/23/25	<b>MONITOR</b>	changes the definition to align with the definition of "health care provider" in the Medical Malpractice Act
<a href="#">SB154</a>	<a href="#">MORRIS</a>	AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES: Criminalizes the possession or distribution of kratom. (8/1/25)	Pending Senate Judiciary C	<b>SUPPORT</b>	adds <i>Mitragyna speciosa</i> (kratom) to Schedule I; makes it a crime to distribute kratom or a product containing kratom to a person of any age
<a href="#">SB156</a>	<a href="#">PRESSLY</a>	HUMAN DEVELOPMENT: Provides for in vitro fertilization. (8/1/25)	Pending Senate Judiciary A - Sched. for 4/22/25	<b>SUPPORT</b>	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 – <b>COMP. HB 506</b>
<a href="#">SB173</a>	<a href="#">JACKSON-ANDREWS</a>	HEALTH/ACC INSURANCE: Provides for reimbursement rates paid by Pharmacy Benefit Managers. (8/1/25)	Pending Senate Insurance	<b>MONITOR</b>	appeal procedure for pharmacies challenging the maximum allowable cost for a drug set by a pharmacy benefit manager

<a href="#">SB174</a>	<a href="#">JACKSON-ANDREWS</a>	PUBLIC HEALTH: Provides relative to screening pregnant women for HIV and syphilis. (gov sig)	Pending Senate Health and Welfare - Sched. for 4/23/25	<b>MONITOR</b>	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 consent is implied unless the woman declines the testing - <b>issue is with the added testing after delivery</b>
<a href="#">SB182</a>	<a href="#">TALBOT</a>	MEDICAID: Provides relative to Medicaid prior authorization during a declared emergency. (8/1/25)	Pending Senate Health and Welfare - Sched. for 4/23/25	<b>MONITOR</b>	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
<a href="#">SB194</a>	<a href="#">HARRIS</a>	HEALTH/ACC INSURANCE: Provides relative to pharmacy benefit managers. (gov sig)	Pending Senate Insurance	<b>MONITOR</b>	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
<a href="#">SB209</a>	<a href="#">HODGES</a>	CIVIL PROCEDURE: Provides for recoverable damages and medical expenses for personal injury from a motor vehicle accident. (8/1/25)	Pending Senate Judiciary A	<b>MONITOR</b>	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
<a href="#">SB213</a>	<a href="#">SEABAUGH</a>	WORKERS' COMPENSATION: Provides for preliminary determination hearings in workers' compensation. (1/1/27)	Pending Senate Labor and Industrial Relations - Sched. for 4/23/25	<b>MONITOR</b>	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 - <b>bill will be amended</b>

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

<u>Bill</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Current Status</u>	<u>LAFP Position</u>	<u>Notes</u>

After the discussion concluded, the following motion was adopted by unanimous consent of the Committee:

**MOTION (APPROVED)**

**THAT THE LEGISLATIVE & ADVOCACY COMMITTEE APPROVE THE AMENDED CONSENT CALENDAR OF BILLS WITH POSITIONS THAT THE LAFP WILL TRACK DURING THE 2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION. THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**COMMITTEE MAPS**

Mrs. LeBlanc informed the Committee that a copy of the House and Senate Committee maps were included in the meeting packet. She stated that these maps could be used during the session when asked to contact members on the committees regarding certain bills.

**REVIEW OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Mrs. LeBlanc informed the Committee that an updated roster was located in the meeting packet. She asked everyone to review the information for accuracy. If there is any information that needs to be updated on the roster, to please let the LAFP office know.

**CODE OF ETHICS FORMS**

Mrs. LeBlanc informed the Committee that members complete and return the LAFP Code of Ethics to the LAFP office.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business before the Committee, the following motion was adopted by unanimous consent of the Committee:

**MOTION (APPROVED)**

**THAT THE LEGISLATIVE & ADVOCACY COMMITTEE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 8:48 PM. THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Bridges, MD Chair