

1A Priority Bills

Business Environment

Bill #	Author	Legislative Summary	Position	Notes
HB 230	Bishop	Extends the deadline for submission of advance notifications for rebates in the La. Quality Jobs Program from June 30, 2022 to June 30, 2026	Support	Passed House 3/23; pending Senate Rev. & Fisc.
HB 476	Wright	Places the Department of Economic Development within the office of the lieutenant governor	Oppose	
HB 681	Schex.	<p><u>Original bill:</u> (Constitutional Amendment) Establishes the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Commission, comprised of eight members equally divided between local and state representatives; provides that the commission shall provide for streamlined electronic filing, electronic remittance, and the collection of all sales and use taxes levied within the state; further provides for prompt remittance of all monies collected and specifies that monies collected shall be the property of the respective taxing authority levying the tax; provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held November 8, 2022</p> <p><u>As amended:</u> renames the commission as the "State and Local Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Commission"; provides for transfer to the Commission of the employees, documents, and other collateral of the Louisiana Sales and Use Tax Commission for Remote Sellers and the Louisiana Uniform Local Sales Tax Board</p>	Support	Reported favorably by House Civil Law & Procedure; sched. for House floor 4/12
SB 41	Reese	Extends the application date for new advance notifications for the La. Quality Jobs Program for four years until June 30, 2026	Support	Passed Senate 3/23; pending House Ways and Means

Infrastructure Investment

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SB 414	Mills	Creates the Louisiana Watershed Initiative (LWI); establishes the Watershed Management Council to develop, implement, and manage LWI that is a statewide, comprehensive watershed planning process to the collaborative management of flood risks by local, state, and regional governmental entities; provides for the powers and duties that include developing, implementing, and managing the LWI and associated actions that encourage collaboration on an interconnected statewide and watershed basis	Monitor	

Workforce Development

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HB 183	Hughes	Prohibits certain postsecondary education institutions from withholding certain services when a student has an outstanding debt with the institution or a federal loan in default	Support	#FreeTheTranscript
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SB 261	Fields	Provides for public postsecondary education transfer pathways; requires the Board of Regents to develop, coordinate, and maintain transfer pathways for highly demanded baccalaureate programs at four-year public postsecondary institutions; requires the statewide transfer agreements to guarantee the transfer of all courses in the transfer pathways; requires the transfer agreements to provide for acceptance of credits earned through competency-based education and prior learning assessment	Support	Board of Regents bill; passed Senate 3/29; pending House Education

Business Environment

Continue to improve Louisiana's tax competitiveness, preempt a preventable tax increase on business, and sustain Louisiana's economic development toolkit

State / Regional Economic Development

Bill #	Author	Legislative Summary	Notes
HB 476	Wright	Places the Department of Economic Development within the office of the lieutenant governor	OPPOSE
HB 724	Bagley	Creates the La. Competes Regional Economic Development Program, to be administered by LED, which will provide \$1 million in economic development funding to each of the eight regional economic development organizations in the state for site development and economic development expenditures; provides for the La. Competes Regional Economic Development Fund as a special fund in the state treasury, subject to legislative appropriation	Referred favorably out of House Commerce 3/21; pending House Approps.

Quality Jobs Program

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SB 41	Reese	Extends the application date for new advance notifications for the La. Quality Jobs Program for four years until June 30, 2026	Passed Senate 3/23; pending House Ways and Means; SUPPORT
SB 173	Reese	Provides for program changes to the Louisiana Quality Jobs Program Act; adds a third benefit rate of two percent for new direct jobs created that pay at least \$14 per hour; limits the applicability of the proposed law two percent benefit rate to jobs created by employers located in a parish that is within the lowest twenty-five percent of parishes based on per capita income; retains the LED's rulemaking authority and removes the direct rulemaking authority of the Department of Revenue and the Louisiana Workforce Commission, but requires LED to consult with these departments when promulgating rules under the program	

ITEP / Other Incentives

Bill #	Author	Legislative Summary	Notes
HB 1015	Schex.	Makes changes to the Major Events Incentive Program and creates a separate grant program for certain	

HB 1048	McKnight	Requires the Department of Economic Development (LED) to provide for a continuing program designed to attract manufacturing facilities to this state; instructs the department to focus on economic incentives, necessary infrastructure, workforce development, job creation, wages, community investment, and quality of life	
HCR 6	McCormick	Removes wind farms and solar farms from the Industrial Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Program (ITEP)	Voluntarily deferred in House Ways and Means 4/5
SB 12	Reese	Provides for an extension of the Competitive Projects Payroll Incentive Program through July 1, 2026	SUPPORT; passed Senate 3/23; pending House Ways and Means
SB 151	Pope	(Constitutional Amendment) Constitutional amendment to provide for local governmental input in the Industrial Tax Exemption Program; proposed amendment adds restrictions to the program, including that exemptions or renewals cannot be granted without the approval of the local sheriff, the parish governing authority, school board, and if applicable, the municipal government where the exemption is sought; any approval or denial by a tax recipient body of an exemption or renewal is effective against that portion of the millage attributable to that body; provides for submission to voters on November 8, 2022	Sched. for Senate Rev. & Fisc. 4/11
SB 390	White	Creates the Oil and Gas Industry Employment Incentive Program through which eligible businesses may contract with LED to receive various rebates based on new jobs, payroll, and certain improvements in existing facilities; provides for eligibility requirements; authorizes rebates of up to 10% of the value of the "new Payroll" for businesses that participate in the program	

UC Trust Fund

Bill #	Author	Legislative Summary	Notes
HB 192	Zeringue	Provides that the administrator of the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC) shall apply Procedure 2 from present law to determine unemployment compensation benefits, discounts, and taxes for the 2023 calendar year	
HB 308	Jefferson	Provides for an increase in the minimum amount for the unemployment compensation weekly benefit from \$10 to \$35	
HB 412	Goudeau	Provides relative to the verification of attendance at employment interviews	
HB 506	Lyons	Increases the minimum amount for the unemployment compensation weekly benefit from \$10 to \$50	
HB 622	Beaullieu	Provides relative to the unemployment compensation integrity program	
HB 657	Deshotel	Makes comprehensive changes to the unemployment compensation weekly benefit amount and provides for extended benefits for claimants	
HCR 5	Zeringue	Suspends certain provisions of law relative to unemployment compensation taxes and benefits if the legislature deposits funds into the clearing account of the Unemployment Compensation Fund	

SB 481	Cloud	Provides relative to disqualifications of unemployment benefits for temporary workers
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Sales Tax Collection / Auditing

Bill #	Author	Legislative Summary	Notes
HB 681	Schex.	(Constitutional Amendment) Establishes the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Commission, comprised of eight members equally divided between local and state representatives; provides that the commission shall provide for streamlined electronic filing, electronic remittance, and the collection of all sales and use taxes levied within the state; further provides for prompt remittance of all monies collected and specifies that monies collected shall be the property of the respective taxing authority levying the tax	SUPPORT; same bill as CA 1 from 2021 Regular Session; reported favorably by House Civil Law & Procedure; sched. for House floor 4/12
SB 95	Allain	Creates and provides for implementation of the multi-parish audit program for local sales tax; authorizes taxpayers that have a physical location in the state and that are subject to sales and use tax in three or more parishes to request a multi-parish audit whenever the taxpayer receives a notice of intent to audit from any of the parishes in which the taxpayer is required to file and remit sales and use tax	
SB 235	Allain	Authorizes parishes to contract with the Louisiana Sales and Use Tax Commission for Remote Sellers for the collection of local sales and use tax; requires the commission to develop a single electronic return for all local taxing authorities, and authorizes the commission to enter into contracts with collectors of local sales and use tax for the collection of tax on sales from qualifying nonremote sellers; provides that beginning January 1 ,2023, agreements to collect remote sales tax under present law shall be suspended for all taxing authorities until their collector has entered into an agreement for the collection of tax on non-remote sales	
SB 244	Allain	Requires the legislative auditor and the Louisiana Uniform Local Sales Tax Board to develop a uniform reporting format for all collectors that are compensated based on the cost of collection in order to determine the actual cost of collecting local sales and use taxes	
SB 442	Ward	Provides relative to certain third-party sellers on the online marketplace; among other provisions, provides that an online market place shall require a high-volume third-party seller to provide certain banking and contact information within 10 days	

Sales and Use Tax

Bill #	Author	Legislative Summary	Notes
HB 429	Hilferty	Establishes a rebate for state sales and use taxes paid by nonprofit charitable organizations on purchases of construction and building materials used for constructing, rehabilitating, or renovating residential dwellings	
HB 438	Bacala	Reduces the rate of the temporary state sales and use tax from 0.45% to 0.35%	
SB 242	Allain	Provides relative to interest and penalties applicable to local sales and use tax	

SB 443	Allain	Adds contractors within the boundaries of an Economic Development District (EDD) with a state tax increment to apply for a DP Number for purchases of materials and supplies delivered into and used in the EDD provides a 60-day timeframe for local collectors to respond to the taxpayer's request for a DP Number and further provides that if the local collector does not respond to the request within 60 days that the department will issue a state and local DP Number
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Severance Tax

Bill #	Author	Legislative Summary	Notes
HB 167	DeVillier	Reduces the severance tax rate on oil over an eight-year period from 12.5% to 8.5% of its value at the time and place of severance and specifies the severance tax rate for oil produced from certain wells	Voluntarily deferred in House Ways and Means 4/5
HB 716	McCormick	Gradually reduces the rate of the severance tax levied on its value at the time and place of severance on oil, certain distillate, and natural gas over a specified period of time	Voluntarily deferred in House Ways and Means 4/5
SB 49	Ward	(Constitutional Amendment) Requires reallocation of severance tax revenues to parishes for Parish Transportation Funds; removes the FY 2008-09 collections trigger and changes the maximum amount of severance tax on natural resources, other than sulphur, lignite, and timber, that is remitted to the parish governing authority where the severance occurs from \$850,000 (\$1.06 million in FY 2019-20 after CPI adjustment) to \$2,850,000 beginning July 1, 2023	
SB 406	Henry	Reduces the rate of oil severance tax on new wells for three years to 8% for newly drilled wells from which production begins between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2025	

Inventory Tax

Bill #	Author	Legislative Summary	Notes
SB 246	Allain	(Constitutional Amendment) Authorizes parishes to exempt inventory from ad valorem taxes	
SB 247	Allain	Provides for procedures for parishes to exempt inventory from ad valorem taxation	Statutory companion to SB 246

Income Tax

Bill #	Author	Legislative Summary	Notes
HB 436	Tarver	Authorizes a one-time rebate for La. residents who file La. individual income tax returns that reflect adjusted gross income of less than \$150,000 for the 2020 tax year	
HB 917	Beaullieu	Reduces the highest rate for purposes of calculating individual income tax liability and the tax liability of estates and trusts from 4.25% to 3.99%.	

HB 943	DeVillier	Reduces the rates for purposes of calculating individual income tax liability and the tax liability of estates and trusts by .25% of the rate for each bracket of the tax	
SB 54	Allain	Provides for an automatic filing extension for individual income tax returns	Passed Senate 3/28; pending House introduction

Occupational License Tax

Bill #	Author	Legislative Summary	Notes
HB 287	Willard	Requires the annual occupational license tax of computer programming businesses that derive 80% of gross revenues from providing computer services to be set at a flat rate of one-tenth of 1% of the annual gross receipts for professional fees for services rendered by the business	GNO, Inc. bill; SUPPORT; reported favorably by House Ways and Means 3/29; pending House floor

Small Business Innovation

Bill #	Author	Legislative Summary	Notes
HB 786	Willard	Creates the Small Business Innovation Retention Fund for the purpose of providing funds to certain La. business that have received federal Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) or Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) grant funds	
HB 795	Pressly	Creates the Small Business Innovation Recruitment Fund for the purpose of recruiting certain businesses to relocate to La.	
HB 796	Willard	Creates the Small Business Innovation Fund for the purpose of providing financial assistance to certain businesses applying for federal Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) or Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) grant funds	

Other

Bill #	Author	Legislative Summary	Notes
HB 140	Echols	Requires the waiver of all penalties and interest for the late filing of an income tax return or the late payment of income tax if the return or payment was originally due during a certain gubernatorially declared disaster and the late return or payment was submitted no later than April 30, 2022; applies only to taxpayers who owe La. income tax and are filing as sole proprietorships, LLCs, partnerships, or corporations	
HB 613	Echols	Creates the "Fast-Track Business Permits Act of 2022" to enhance economic growth in local communities and reduce the regulatory burden on entrepreneurs, developers, and homeowners by streamlining the review process for local permits; not applicable to occupational licenses	

HB 830	Davis	Allows the secretary of state to charge fees for certain transferal, registration, and renewal services for limited liability companies and terminating reserved company names
HB 952	Selders	Creates the Legislative Disaster Assistance and Relief Fund and provides for disbursement from the fund; fund would be open to residents or businesses that have been adversely affected, either physically or financially, by a disaster or emergency
HB 965	Stefanski	To grant the Board of Tax Appeals jurisdiction over certain suits instituted by taxpayers dissatisfied with certain final determinations by the Louisiana Tax Commission
HB 973	Davis	Makes changes relative to filing certain corporate documents with the secretary of state's office
HB 992	Beaullieu	Grants the La. Tax Commission sole authority to make a determination based on the merits and correctness of a timely filed claim for refund of ad valorem taxes erroneously paid in connection with public service property without consultation with the assessor
HCR 50	Newell	Requests a study of the practicality and feasibility of phasing-in property tax increases when a property's assessed value increases after reassessment by a percentage of less than fifty percent of the previous year's assessed value
SB 241	Allain	Provides for alternatives in lieu of payment under protest for certain ad valorem taxes
SB 326	Carter	Extends the deadline for the Small Business and Non-Profit Assistance Program to June 30, 2023; creates the Non-Profits and Faith-Based Communities Outreach Fund and directs the treasurer to deposit \$10 million of federal monies allocated to La. pursuant to the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 into the fund; provides that monies in the fund shall be used to provide grant funding for La. nonprofits and faith-based organizations impacted by COVID-19
SB 364	Reese	Requires the tax commission to post a notice of proposed rulemaking advising all interested persons of the process to submit data, views, comments, or arguments on the website of the commission
SB 405	Henry	Provides relative to proceedings of the Board of Tax Appeals
SB 444	Allain	Provides relative to tax administration and the Board of Tax Appeals

Infrastructure Investment

Increase funding commitment to I-49 Lafayette Connector, empower regional governance on watershed management, and commit capital outlay funding to regional catalyst projects

Infrastructure Funding

Bill #	Author	Legislative Summary	Notes
HB 751	Bourriaque	Creates the Road Assistance for Parishes Fund to provide funding for patching and overlay projects in each parish; directs the treasurer to deposit \$300 million from the La. Rescue Plan Fund into the fund	
HB 761	Tarver	Establishes the Calcasieu River Bridge Fund and provides funding for the bridge from dedicated sources of state monies beginning in FY 2022 through FY 2027	Sched. for House Transportation 4/11
HB 814	Farnum	Prohibits the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) from exercising powers relative to tolling on existing interstate systems; removes the exception that authorizes tolls or user fees on any existing free road or system of roads, bridge, tunnel, or overpass that is improved or expanded	Failed House Transportation 4/5
HB 860	McFarland	Modifies the utilization of monies deposited into the Transportation Trust Fund for mega, capacity, and preservation projects and provides for securing federal funding for transportation; would authorize, rather than require, the DOTD, in any fiscal year, to utilize monies deposited into the subfund pursuant to present law for mega and capacity projects; decreases the monies to be utilized by the DOTD for mega and capacity projects from 75% to 60%; increases the monies to be used for highway and bridge preservation projects from 25% to 40%; prohibits DOTD from investing more funds within MPO jurisdictions than the amount invested outside MPO jurisdictions in any fiscal year	
HB 925	Butler	Establishes the La. Infrastructure Revolving Loan Program to provide financial assistance for eligible infrastructure projects of local governments	
HB 1031	Freiberg	Levies a road usage fee for electric and hybrid vehicles and dedicates the fees to certain Highway Priority Program projects; requires the Dept. of Transportation and Development to utilize the road usage fees from electric and hybrid vehicles on highway and bridge preservation projects included in the Highway Priority Program	
HB 1043	Schex.	Establishes a \$25 per private-use automobile rebate for residents who paid the state excise tax levied on gasoline, diesel, and special fuels	
SB 49	Ward	(Constitutional Amendment) Requires reallocation of severance tax revenues to parishes for Parish Transportation Funds; changes the maximum amount of severance tax on natural resources that is remitted to the parish governing authority where the severance occurs from \$850,000 (\$1.06 million in FY 2019-20 after CPI adjustment) to \$2,850,000 beginning July 1, 2023	

SB 138	Morris	Provides that the projects listed or described in present law shall be funded and constructed, built, or worked on even if the project is not a state-owned road or bridge, or other state project, notwithstanding any law or regulation to the contrary
SB 187	McMath	Creates the Nonstate Road Projects Fund within the Construction Subfund and provides for funding; reduces the percent of the monies deposited into the subfund to be used on highway and bridge preservation projects included in the present law highway priority program from 25% to 15%
SB 188	McMath	Provides for a "Transportation Rapid Response Fund" for state highway projects; reduces the percent of the monies deposited into the Construction Subfund to be used on certain enumerated mega projects from 75% to 65% and provides that 10% of the monies deposited into the subfund shall be deposited into the Transportation Rapid Response Fund created in the subfund
SB 266	Ward	Requires the motor vehicle sales tax deposited into the Construction Subfund be used as necessary to match federal funds made available to the state through transportation-related programs or grants
SB 277	Cortez	Creates the Megaprojects Leverage Fund in the state treasury and directs the state treasurer, during any FY beginning with FY 24-25, to deposit 75% of the avails of the tax on the sale, use, or lease of motor vehicles into the fund; creates four special accounts in the Megaprojects Leverage Fund, into each of which shall be deposited 25% of the amount deposited into the Megaprojects Leverage Fund each year: the I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge and I-10 Improvements Account, the I-49 South Leverage Fund Account, the Mississippi River Bridge at Baton Rouge and Connections Account, and the I-49 North Leverage Fund Account
SB 375	Peacock	Dedicates a portion of the avails of the temporary 0.45% of the state sales tax to the Construction Subfund of the Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) beginning July 1, 2022; increases the portion dedicated to the TTF each year for the life of the temporary tax such that by the last year of the tax 100% of the temporary tax is deposited into the TTF; requires that a minimum of 50% of the temporary sales tax dedicated to the TTF be allocated equally among the nine multi-parish highway districts

Capital Outlay

Bill #	Author	Legislative Summary	Notes
HB 2	Bishop	Provides for the comprehensive Capital Outlay budget	
HB 3	Bishop	Provides for the Omnibus Bond Act	
HB 847	LaCombe	Increases the maximum number of customers that a water system may service to qualify for the exemption from local match requirements for capital outlay projects and expands eligibility for the exemption to include sewer projects and natural gas utility service projects	
SB 87	Cathey	Provides relative to the capital outlay process; requires that projects deemed to be an emergency by the commissioner of administration receive approval from the Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay (JLCCO) approval from the JLCCO	

Broadband / Internet Service

Bill #	Author	Legislative Summary	Notes
HB 542	Hollis	Grants the Public Service Commission (PSC) regulation authority over privately owned internet service providers, including to fix reasonable and just charges, and requires the PSC to exercise such authority	
HB 1038	Deshotel	Makes changes to various aspects of the GUMBO grant program	
SB 312	Mizell	Requires an electric cooperative to allow a broadband affiliate or service provider to use the cooperative's electric delivery system to provide broadband services to certain areas of the state; provides that a broadband affiliate or service provider shall have nondiscriminatory access to locate its equipment for the provision of broadband services on the electric delivery system on just, reasonable, and nondiscriminatory terms, conditions, and rates; requires a cooperative to charge a broadband affiliate, service provider, or operator for the construction, installation, operation, use, and maintenance for use of the electric delivery system	
SB 455	Boudreaux	Makes technical changes to provisions regarding the office of broadband and connectivity	

Louisiana Watershed Initiative

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SB 414	Mills	Creates the Louisiana Watershed Initiative; establishes the Watershed Management Council to develop, implement, and manage the Louisiana Watershed Initiative that is a statewide, comprehensive watershed planning process, which fosters the collaborative management of flood risks by local, state, and regional governmental entities	

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HB 62	Bagley	Increases the annual special permit fee from \$2,500 to \$5,000 and includes seven or more single axle trucks under this permit; requires the permit authorize a vehicle having seven or more single or individual axles, or tandem, or tridum axles, including the steering axle, with a gross weight of 132,000 lbs	
HB 128	DeVillier	Increases, from 12 feet to 16 feet, the width of vehicles transporting heavy equipment for purposes of oversize yearly permits provided by the Department of Transportation and Development	
HB 181	Hollis	Prohibits the use of splitting profits, fees, or commissions of traffic fines with a private entity or company	

HB 355	C. Owen	Preempts municipalities and other political subdivisions from adopting regulations that would have the effect of prohibiting siting, development, or redevelopment of fuel retailers or necessary related transportation infrastructure for providing fuel to fuel retailers
HB 376	Huval	Prohibits the use of a wireless telecommunications device while operating a motor vehicle, provides for exceptions and penalties for such use, and provides for enforcement and reporting of such violations
HB 386	Echols	Provides for the regulation of fueling stations for electric vehicles
HB 512	Zeringue	Repeals provisions relative to the annual fee or charge for a commercial motor vehicle inspection
HB 581	St. Blanc	Modifies the Louisiana Underground Utilities and Facilities Damage Prevention Law to provide for unplanned utility outages, state holidays, and emergency excavation notices and response times
HB 590	Pressly	Mandates the annual reporting requirements for certain Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) contracts include the specific location of the projects
HB 591	Wright	Removes certain licensing and compliance requirements for motor vehicle manufacturers and related entities
HB 710	Stefanski	Redefines the requirements and procedures for the construction management at risk (CMAR) project delivery method, including the request for qualifications, selection review committee members, and all selection review committee meetings
HB 713	Zeringue	Authorizes political subdivisions to create stormwater utility systems
HB 752	DuBuisson	Provides for notice of a proposed rate change by a common carrier or public utility
HB 807	Magee	Provides relative to energy storage; creates a grant program to address disaster resiliency and grid stability
HB 867	Moore	Provides relative to the designation of highway safety corridors by the Department of Transportation and Development, provides for definitions, and removes references to electronic enforcement
HB 872	Turner	Establishes the La. Motor Vehicle Commission (LMVC) Dedicated Fund Account in the state treasury and requires the proceeds of all fees and charges levied pursuant to present law by the LMVC to be deposited into the account
HB 1042	Hilferty	Requires certain agencies within the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism to evaluate certain drainage projects
HB 1050	Glover	Prohibits certain parishes and municipalities from acquiring or transferring state bridges or linear parks
HB 1057	Deshotel	Establishes the Louisiana Strategic Fuel Reserve; requires the state to build additional storage capacity for fuel at the Port of Alexandria, where the tanks will have to be kept full during hurricane season; requires that the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness be given priority for purchasing one million gallons of reserve following a disaster declaration by the governor during hurricane season
SB 48	Reese	Provides for changes to the Water Sector Program
SB 110	Reese	Creates the La. Electric Investment Recovery Securitization Act for the purposes of enabling La. electric utilities, if authorized by the La. Public Service Commission, to use securitization financing for certain energy transition costs
SB 114	Cathey	Provides for the "Louisiana Consumer Energy Choice Act"

Withdrawn

SB 127	G. Carter	Provides for certain advertising requirements for small purchase bids at DOTD
SB 139	Cathey	Prohibits commercial vessels from entering Louisiana waters or ports if they are staffed with a Russian crew
SB 172	Reese	Provides relative to costs of issuance and the reporting requirements for bonds approved by the State Bond Commission
SB 271	Womack	Provides relative to bidding requirements on public works projects
SB 352	Fields	Requires utility providers to issue a credit to customers who experience an outage of service for more than 24 hours
SB 429	Womack	Requires public entities shall publish and furnish to the contractor an itemized list of the remaining matters to be finished, errors in the public works to be remedied, or any inconsequential matters, within 10 days of substantial completion of the public works; proposed law further provides that the itemized list may be amended by the public entity or its professional representative up to 14 days after initial publication
SB 435	Cortez	Provides that if a person operating a motor vehicle violates the provisions of present law while on the Atchafalaya Basin Bridge, the fine shall be five times the standard fine imposed
SB 445	Abraham	Provides relative to approval of Department of Transportation and Development P3 projects; clarifies the department shall obtain approval from the House and Senate transportation and highway committees prior to entering into contracts
SB 453	McMath	Provides relative to low speed autonomous motor vehicles; provides autonomous vehicles are not required to have equipment related to the support of a human driver
SB 454	McMath	Makes technical changes to provisions related to the La. Department of Transportation
SB 457	Stine	Clarifies the department shall obtain approval from the House and Senate transportation and highway committees prior to entering into contracts; further provides the department shall obtain at least two design build request for proposals simultaneously while obtaining RFPs for public-private partnerships that require a toll; further provides the department shall accept unsolicited bids for the design build method when the project is a public private partnership and requires a toll; further provides the department shall obtain two additional design build method proposals when an unsolicited design build proposal has been received
SB 460	Ward	Creates the "Charge Ahead Act" for the purposes of establishing a statewide electric vehicle charging technology and equipment network
SB 462	Ward	Creates the Public-Private Partnerships Cooperative Endeavor Agreement Act which authorizes public entities to enter into public-private partnerships
SB 477	Smith	Provides relative to issuance of a special permit for the operation of a combination of vehicles or tandem loads hauling containers to and from port facilities
SB 482	Cloud	Provides relative to entrances and exits near highways

Workforce Development

Prioritize early care and education, increase access to K-12 computer science education, ease pathways to degree and credential completion, and reduce barriers to workforce entry

Early Care and Education

Bill #	Author	Legislative Summary	Notes
HB 460	Brass	Allows certain parishes to repurpose juvenile justice funding for preventative services, including early childhood care and educational programming and infrastructure	Passed House Criminal Justice; sched. for House floor 4/4
HB 921	McFarland	Requires DOE to create and implement pilot programs integrating trauma-informed education and trauma-informed family outreach into early childhood education. Further requires DOE to annually report relative to the implementation of the programs	
SB 47	Fields	Requires public schools to offer pre-Kindergarten instruction in every school that has a kindergarten to each child who turns three by September 30 of the calendar year in which the school year begins	
SB 169	Mizell	Requires annual meetings of and reports from the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission; requires the commission to meet at least twice annually between consecutive regular sessions of the legislature; requires the commission to make the reports annually and at least thirty days prior to each regular session of the legislature; repeals provisions terminating the commission; requires the task force to study and make recommendations relative to compensation issues within the early childhood care and education field	Reported favorably by Senate Education 3/16; pending Senate floor
SB 403	Bouie	Provides relative to screening or testing required for entrance in a public prekindergarten program; clarifies that a child must be at least three years old by September thirtieth of the school year in order to enroll in prekindergarten; requires any mandatory screening or testing for entrance into a prekindergarten program be provided by the local school board at no cost to the child and provides that the results be given to the parent or legal guardian at least 15 days prior to the deadline for applying to the program; requires charter schools to adhere to the requirements relative to any prekindergarten screening and testing required for entrance into the program	

Computer Science Education

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SB 190	Hewitt	Establishes the Computer Science Education Act; establishes a Computer Science Education Advisory Commission to provide recommendations to BESE; requires the state superintendent of education to call the first meeting of the advisory commission no later than August 15, 2022; requires BESE, upon recommendations of the advisory commission and DOE, to develop and approve a state action plan for computer science education for kindergarten through grade 12	Result of discussions with Code.org, LDOE, and economic development orgs; SUPPORT

SB 191	Hewitt	Provides that students graduating high school during or after the 2025-2026 school year may elect to earn two units in Computer Science to satisfy the TOPS foreign language requirement; provides the Computer Science units shall be in computer science principles, coding, or programming and lists certain AP and IB courses allowed for credit in the required TOPS core
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Ease Pathways to Degree and Credential Completion (55 by 25)

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SB 261	Fields	Provides for public postsecondary education transfer pathways; requires the Board of Regents to develop, coordinate, and maintain transfer pathways for highly demanded baccalaureate programs at four-year public postsecondary institutions; requires the statewide transfer agreements to guarantee the transfer of all courses in the transfer pathways; requires the transfer agreements to provide for acceptance of credits earned through competency-based education and prior learning assessment	Board of Regents bill; SUPPORT; passed Senate 3/29; pending House Education

High School to College & Career Transition

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HB 333	Brass	Requires the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to provide middle and high school counselors with information needed to advise students and parents about selecting and scheduling advanced courses and early college opportunities as educational options	Board of Regents bill; passed House floor 4/4; pending Senate Education
HB 522	Jefferson	Requires LDOE to allocate funding to provide an opportunity to every high school student in grade 11 or 12 to take the assessments that lead to an ACT National Career Readiness Certificate	
HB 536	Cox	Lowers the minimum ACT score required for initial qualification for a TOPS Tech Award from 17 to 15	
HB 616	McKnight	Creates and provides for administration of the Dual Enrollment Microgrant Program for the purpose of providing up to \$1,200 in annual funding for dual enrollment expenses for public high school students	

Higher Ed Access & Affordability

Bill #	Author	Legislative Summary	Notes
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HB 391	Bryant	Requires nonresident students who are children of graduates of postsecondary education institutions be considered resident students at those institutions for purposes of determining tuition and mandatory fee amounts; applies to public and nonpublic four-year postsecondary education institutions	
HB 499	Amedee	Creates a fund for the purpose of funding tuition exemptions and reduction of textbook costs for persons who are age 55 or older	
HB 610	Green	Requires student loan servicers to apply a borrower's payment in the manner requested by the borrower, to respond to inquiries and complaints by the borrower, and to follow certain other guidelines relative to student education loans	
HB 789	Willard	Creates a private educational lender registry; requires all private education lenders in the state to register with the commissioner and provide certain information and documentation relative to the private education loans handled by the lender; requires the commissioner of the Office of Financial Institutions to use the information collected to create a public website compiling certain information regarding private lenders in the state and documentation of this information	
SB 76	Fields	Provides that certain graduate students shall be exempt from mandatory student fees	
SB 192	Boudreaux	Provides for the creation of the Louisiana Postsecondary Inclusive Education Fund for the purpose of funding approved comprehensive inclusive postsecondary programs at each public postsecondary education institution in order to provide pathways to postsecondary degree, certificate, and apprenticeship programs designed to increase independent living and employment opportunities for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities	
SB 317	Foil	Provides in-state residency status for public postsecondary tuition fees to certain members and veterans of the military	Passed Senate; pending House Education

Data Sharing

Bill #	Author	Legislative Summary	Notes
HB 470	McKnight	Requires, with parental permission, the collection and sharing of social security numbers of high school students pursuing a career major and share them with the La. Workforce Commission for the purpose of evaluating state and federal programs that prepare high school students for postsecondary education, workforce training, and employment	BRAC supports
SB 229	McMath	Provides that notwithstanding present law the Board of Regents, governing authority of each public secondary school, the Dept. of Education, and the La. Workforce Commission shall exchange student information, including full name, date of birth, and social security number, for the express purpose of gathering data regarding rates of students obtaining industry credentials and entering into the field for which they earned such credentials or pursuing further education related to the industry for which they earned such credentials; requires that confidentiality of shared information be maintained and provides for penalties for breaching confidentiality	

Healthcare Workforce Development

Bill #	Author	Legislative Summary	Notes
HB 226	Turner	Creates the La. Healthcare Workforce Education and Training Council and provides for duties of the council, the La. Department of Health, and higher education governing boards with respect to healthcare workforce development	
HB 383	Turner	Makes technical changes to the Health Care Employment Reinvestment Opportunity (HERO) Fund	
HB 556	Turner	Requires the Bd. of Regents to develop and implement healthcare workforce training initiatives in order to expand the healthcare workforce in La.	

Occupational Licensing

Bill #	Author	Legislative Summary	Notes
HB 81	Emerson	Adds four legislative members to the Occupational Licensing Review Commission: the president of the Senate or designee, speaker of the House or designee, chair of the House Commerce Committee or designee, and chair of the Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs Committee or designee	Passed House 4/6; pending Senate Commerce
HB 287	Willard	Requires the annual occupational license tax of computer programming businesses that derive 80% of gross revenues from providing computer services to be set at a flat rate of one-tenth of 1% of the annual gross receipts for professional fees for services rendered by the business	GNO, Inc. bill; SUPPORT; passed House 4/6; pending Senate referral
HB 555	C. Owen	Allows persons who hold occupational licenses or other credentials in another state to apply for licensure in this state based on the out-of-state license or credentials	Pelican Institute bill
HB 597	Freeman	Makes changes to various aspects of the Occupational Licensing Review Commission; among other provisions, changes the composition of the Commission and requires each occupational licensing board to conduct a comprehensive review of all regulations within their jurisdiction for submission to the Commission; the report must contain detailed explanations of why the regulation is necessary, analyses of how other states regulate similar occupations, and more	Pelican Institute bill
HB 639	Pressly	Provides relative to occupational licensing for workers with criminal histories; provides that an individual convicted of a crime may request at any time, including before obtaining any required education or training, that an entity issuing licenses determine whether the individual's criminal conviction disqualifies the individual from obtaining the license	Pelican Institute bill
SB 303	Foil	Provides for occupational or professional licensure of a person with a criminal history; provides that a person shall not be disqualified from receiving a license, permit, certificate, or registration, solely or partly, because of prior criminal record, except where the conviction is directly related to the employment position sought, occupation or profession sought; does not require a licensing entity to issue a license to any person convicted of homicide, crimes of violence, or sex offenses	BRAC supports
SB 483	Cathey	Provides that the professional or occupational licensing board (board) shall issue an occupational license or government certification under certain circumstances	

K-12 Governance & Administration

Bill #	Author	Legislative Summary	Notes
HB 4	P. Tarver	(Constitutional Amendment) Eliminates the three gubernatorial appointees to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, providing for an all-elected membership and reducing the membership to eight	
HB 84	P. Tarver	Eliminates, subject to adoption of a constitutional amendment, the gubernatorial appointment of three members of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, providing for an all-elected membership and reducing the membership to eight	Statutory companion to HB 4
HB 526	Edmonds	Requires school boards to post certain fiscal information on their websites	
HB 782	Phelps	Subjects a superintendent's appointment of a principal to the approval of the school board	OPPOSE
HB 1030	Glover	Makes technical changes to statutes related to the La. State University and University of La. systems	

K-12 Standards & Accountability

Bill #	Author	Legislative Summary	Notes
HB 98	Magee	Provides relative to which schools participating in the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program receive an accountability performance score; prohibits assigning a performance score to a school unless at least 25% of its students in tested grades are scholarship recipients	Reported favorably by House Education; sched. for House floor 4/11
HB 363	Bryant	Provides for the development of student learning targets used in the evaluation of teachers and administrators; adds that student learning targets used to inform the student growth component shall be developed collaboratively between the person being evaluated and his evaluator	
HB 617	Mincey	Creates the Reimagine Accountability Commission to review and report relative to the school and district accountability system	
HB 1025	Mincey	Provides relative to the school and district accountability system and certain related assessments for students with exceptionalities and students pursuing a career diploma	

School Choice

Bill #	Author	Legislative Summary	Notes
HB 451	Carpenter	Requires the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to consider the potential fiscal impact on the local school system when reviewing a Type 2 charter school proposal and refer the proposal to the Legislative Audit Advisory Council	

SB 50	Hewitt	Provides for public school choice in certain high school programs; defines a "program of choice" as a public high school program that allows a student to concurrently pursue a high school diploma and also either a postsecondary degree, credential, or certificate or a state-registered apprenticeship or pre-apprenticeship	
SB 145	Talbot	Authorizes certain charter school proposals to be made directly to BESE; provides that a proposal for a charter school with a corporate partner may be made first to BESE as a Type 2 charter school	LABI supports
SB 299	Barrow	Prohibits the chartering authority from approving or renewing charters of charter schools until the legislative auditor conducts certain performance audits	

Education Savings Accounts (ESAs)

Bill #	Author	Legislative Summary	Notes
HB 33	DeVillier	Creates and provides for the administration of an Education Savings Account (ESA) program for the purpose of providing state funding for qualified education expenses for students in grades kindergarten through 12 who are not enrolled in a public school	LABI supports; reported favorably by House Education; sched. for House Approps 4/11
HB 194	Butler	Creates and provides for the administration of an Education Savings Account (ESA) program for the purpose of providing state funding for qualified education expenses for students with exceptionalities in grades kindergarten through 12 who are not enrolled in a public school	Reported favorably by House Education 4/6; pending House Approps
HB 227	Wright	Creates and provides for the administration of an Education Savings Account (ESA) program for the purpose of providing state funding for qualified education expenses for students with exceptionalities in grades kindergarten through 12 who are not enrolled in a public school	
HB 452	Frieberg	Creates and provides for the administration of an Education Savings Account (ESA) program for the purpose of providing state funding for qualified education expenses for certain students who have been victims of bullying and who are not enrolled in a public school	Reported favorably by House Education 4/6; pending House Approps
HB 824	Schlegel	Creates and provides for the administration of an Education Savings Account (ESA) for the purpose of providing state funding for qualified education expenses for students in grades kindergarten through 12 who are not enrolled in a public school	Reported favorably by Hose Education 4/6; pending House Approps
HB 838	Garofalo	Creates and provides for the administration of an Education Savings Account (ESA) for the purpose of providing state funding for qualified education expenses for students in grades kindergarten through 12 who are not enrolled in a public school	
SB 25	Foil	Allows for enhancements to be added to the START K12 Program and that the Savings Enhancement Fund be used to fund enhancements in both the START and START K12 programs	
SB 203	Hewitt	Creates the Reading Education Savings Account (RESA) for certain students reading below grade level	

Literacy

Bill #	Author	Legislative Summary	Notes
HB 214	Nelson	Requires passage of a reading instruction test as a condition of teacher certification in elementary education	
HB 269	Nelson	Prohibits the promotion of certain students with reading deficiencies not remedied by the end of third grade; provides exceptions	
HB 792	Phelps	Creates opportunities for certain public school students in 6th through the 12th grade to receive literacy instruction and reading support services.	
HB 852	Schlegel	Creates a book delivery program for certain public school students in grades K-5, to be administered by the La. Department of Education; eligible students include those who are: enrolled in K-3 and read below grade level or are at risk for reading difficulties according to a literacy assessment; enrolled in the fourth or fifth grade and score below mastery in English language arts on the state assessment in the prior school year; or enrolled in K-5 and lack a literacy or English language arts assessment result, and are recommended for the program by an English teacher	
HB 911	Hughes	Provides for additional literacy assessments for students in grades K-3, requires individual reading plans for certain students, and requires literacy coaches for teachers	
HB 970	White	Creates an early childhood literacy program for the purpose of delivering an age appropriate book monthly to certain children under the age of five	

K-12 Curricula

Bill #	Author	Legislative Summary	Notes
HB 16	Hodges	Requires instruction regarding World War II and the Holocaust for high school students and training for teachers relative to such instruction	
HB 27	Hodges	Provides relative to required instruction in American history and civics in public schools	Withdrawn
HB 67	Hodges	Provides the state content standards in social studies for grades K-12	Withdrawn
HB 88	Harris	Requires each public school governing authority to ensure students receive instruction on topics related to freedom in observance of Celebrate Freedom Week, to be held in conjunction with Constitution Day and Constitution Week each September	
HB 207	Hughes	Requires Geometry for high school students in the career major program	Passed House 3/29; pending Senate Education
HB 400	Hodges	Requires instruction to be provided to high school students on cardiac health	
HB 401	Hodges	Requires further instruction on American history and civics in public schools	
HB 440	Phelps	Requires instruction relative to eating disorder awareness and prevention instruction in public schools	
HB 454	Larvadain	Requires instruction on conflict resolution and character development in public schools	
HB 495	Schlegel	Requires public school students in grades six through 12 to receive training on suicide prevention and student safety, violence prevention, and social inclusion	

HB 747	Garofalo	Requires instruction on the "I Have a Dream" speech and prohibits including certain concepts regarding sex, race, ethnicity, and national origin in content standards, curricula, textbooks, and staff professional development programs
HB 779	Glover	Requires instruction relative to certain historical figures to be incorporated into history courses at public secondary schools
HB 798	Duplessis	Prohibits state content standards and curriculum, content, methodology, and textbooks that limit or restrict the teaching of African American history
HB 865	Nelson	Provides that schools shall not use textbooks and materials for reading instruction that employ the three cueing systems model of reading or visual memory as the primary basis for teaching word recognition
HB 929	Hodges	Provides the state content standards for the subject of social studies in grades kindergarten through 12, notwithstanding any present law to the contrary
HB 963	Orgeron	Requires instruction in water safety for public school students
HB 981	Duplessis	Requires instruction on mental health to be provided for students in grades kindergarten through 12
HB 1014	Garofalo	Provides relative to equality and transparency in public education and prohibits the inclusion of certain concepts related to race, ethnicity, religion, color, or national origin.
HB 1047	Jefferson	Requires anatomy and physiology instruction for grades 9 through 12 in public schools
HCR 47	Freeman	Requests the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education to require that age- and grade appropriate instruction covering science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and environmental science be emphasized in curricula in public schools throughout the state in grades kindergarten through 12

Parental Oversight

Bill #	Author	Legislative Summary	Notes
HB 75	Harris	Requires public school governing authorities, including charter schools, to post on their websites information pertaining to instructional materials and activities; information must be posted by January 15 and updated annually, at minimum	
HB 356	Amedee	Adds lessons to the instructional materials parents are entitled to access and adds the examination of lessons to the Parents' Bill of Rights	
HB 369	Harris	Requires public school governing authorities and public schools to post on their websites laws pertaining to parental access to instructional materials and the Parents' Bill of Rights	
HB 414	Hodges	Expands the Parents' Bill of Rights for Public Schools	Withdrawn

HB 453	Harris	Requires public school governing authorities to post information pertaining to instructional materials and activities on their website, including: a list of the materials and activities to be used for student instruction at each school under its jurisdiction during the school year, organized by school, subject area, and grade level, and; any policies and procedures in effect for the documentation, review, or approval of such materials and activities; information must be posted by the first day of school each year and updated annually at minimum
HB 787	Garofalo	Requires public school governing authorities to disclose certain information relative to training, activities, and learning materials on school and school district websites
HB 808	Hodges	Expands the Parents' Bill of Rights for Public Schools by adding that parents have the right that a school shall not discriminate against their children by teaching that they are oppressed or oppressors based on their race or national origin
SB 131	Mizell	Requires public postsecondary education boards and institutions to prohibit access to content which is sexually explicit, pornographic, or sexually harassing

Teaching Profession

Bill #	Author	Legislative Summary	Notes
HB 22	Edmonds	For a period of three years, increases the amount certain retired teachers may earn while reemployed without a reduction of retirement benefits	
HB 26	Romero	Increases the amount a retired teacher may earn while reemployed without a reduction of retirement benefits	
HB 30	Frieman	Authorizes teachers participating in the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana to return to work without a suspension or reduction of retirement benefits	
HB 346	Thompson	Establishes the Geaux Teach Program and Geaux Teach Fund for the purpose of awarding scholarships to students in approved teacher preparation programs at postsecondary education institutions	
HB 388	Jefferson	Provides with respect to requirements relative to teacher certification and evaluation; provides for credit towards certification for educators instructing students at an entity that is not a school approved by BESE	
HB 455	Mincey	Prohibits BESE from adopting a standard or guideline that would prohibit a nonpublic, parochial school or school board from hiring a teacher solely because the accreditation of the postsecondary education institution at which he completed his teacher education program is not a regional accreditation	
HB 509	Mincey	Requires the state Dept. of Education to maintain a database and report to the legislative education committee on training that professional teachers are required by law to complete	
HB 510	Mincey	Provides that a requirement for additional teacher training shall become effective only if provision is made for teachers to receive the training at a time when they are being compensated or the burden of the requirement is offset by the elimination of another training requirement, completion of which requires at least the same amount of time as the additional requirement	
HB 546	Mincey	Removes the examination requirement for entrance into a teacher preparation program	

SB 24	Fields	Authorizes a \$1,000 annual rebate for elementary and secondary teachers providing full-time classroom instruction in Louisiana
SB 254	Barrow	Creates the "Educator Pipeline to Success Program" for the purpose of developing and supporting strong principals and teachers to effectively educate students and facilitate a culture of success at low-performing public schools
SB 356	Jackson	Provides for mental health awareness training and care for public school teachers
SB 377	Peacock	Provides relative to teacher certification requirements; appears to only be technical corrections and clarifications
SB 492	R. Mills	Creates a process to expedite obtaining criminal background checks for teachers and substitute teachers

Other

Bill #	Author	Legislative Summary	Notes
HB 119	Carpenter	Re-creates the Louisiana Workforce Commission and re-authorizes the Incumbent Worker Training	
HB 196	Nelson	Creates the Stimulating More Advanced Research and Technology (SMART) Program and SMART fund for the purpose of awarding grants to support research in science, technology, engineering, and math at public postsecondary education institutions; authorizes and directs the state treasurer, beginning July 1, 2026, to transfer \$150 million from the state general fund into the fund	
HB 649	Hilferty	Prohibits corporal punishment in public schools	
HB 888	Freiberg	Requires the Board of Regents to establish a "Hunger-Free Campus" designation program and related	
HB 892	Green	Requires that school master plans for improving behavior and discipline be submitted annually to the	
HB 920	Hughes	Reduces the highest rate for purposes of calculating individual income tax liability and the tax liability of	
HB 940	Freiberg	Provides relative to certain required characteristics of student populations at charter schools	
HB 942	R. Carter	Exempts long-serving school board members in certain parishes from annual training and instruction requirements	
HB 946	D. Miller	Provides relative to membership on and reports produced by local special education advisory councils, which advise public schools regarding special education.	
HB 948	Pressly	Makes technical changes to the statute on the La. State University and University of La. systems	
HB 961	C. Owen	Requires public postsecondary education institutions to accept cash as payment for goods sold at athletic and other public events	
HB 979	Freeman	Continues the effectiveness of provisions that require school governing authorities to share certain student information with the Dept. of Children and Family Services for the purpose of facilitating the administration of certain federal food assistance programs	
HB 982	Duplessis	Establishes the Future of Louisiana Program (program) in the La. Dept. of Health (department) to provide qualified beneficiaries with a lump-sum payment to put towards postsecondary education, the purchase of a home, or the formation of a business	

HB 983	Bishop	Authorizes the transfer or rollover of account funds from a START account to a START K12 account without penalty
HB 984	Amedee	Requires school boards to have a general public comment period at a meeting at least once a month and provides a mechanism for residents of a school district to get an item on the agenda of the school board
HB 986	Edmonds	Removes prohibition on disbursement of state appropriated funds for school nutrition programs
HCR 23	Harris	Provides for legislative approval of the MFP formula for FY 2022-2023
HCR 37	Amedee	Directs the state Department of Education to publish certain student enrollment information on its website each year
SB 107	Luneau	Re-creates the Louisiana Workforce Commission and re-authorizes the Incumbent Worker Training
SB 126	Cathey	Provides relative to funding for university lab schools; adds a lab school at the University of Louisiana at Monroe (existing lab schools located at UL Lafayette, LSU, and Southern)
SB 282	Jackson	Establishes a workforce training initiative to serve public assistance recipients; provides for an advisory board; changes the initial areas served by the pilot program to the following parishes: Concordia, East Carroll, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, St. Landry, and Tensas
SCR 6	Cathey	Creates a task force to study and make recommendations relative to tenure policies of public postsecondary education institutions
SCR 19	Fields	To provide for legislative approval of the MFP formula for the 2022-2023 fiscal year

Other

State Budget			
Bill #	Author	Legislative Summary	Notes
HB 1	Zeringue	Provides for the ordinary operating expenses of state government for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	
HB 29	Nelson	(Constitutional Amendment) To require the legislature to appropriate no less than fifty percent of nonrecurring state revenues for application to certain state retirement system unfunded accrued liability	
HB 80	Edmonds	Restricts spending of state general fund revenue-direct to 98% of the official forecast	
HB 406	Zeringue	Transfers state general fund monies to certain special funds and accounts in the state treasury; transfers 25% of the FY 2020-2021 surplus (\$174,804,933) to the Budget Stabilization Fund	
HB 465	Zeringue	Provides for the ancillary expenses of state government	
HB 592	Zeringue	Makes supplemental appropriations for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	
HB 593	Geymann	(Constitutional Amendment) Restricts the amount of state funds that can be spent on recurring expenses by establishing a formula to determine how much money can be designated as recurring in the Revenue Estimating Conference's official forecast and modifying how the legislature can change the expenditure limit	
HB 633	Zeringue	Provides for the allocation and distribution of the Revenue Sharing Fund for FY 2022-2023	
HB 656	Geymann	Limits the amount of recurring revenue that can be recognized by the Revenue Estimating Conference (REC)	Statutory companion to HB 593
HB 845	Geymann	Prohibits the commissioner of administration from approving an increase to an appropriation or new authority to spend public funds if any part of the proposed increase or authority is for nonrecurring federal monies that will be used for recurring expenses	
HB 884	Beaullieu	Provides for changes in the expenditure limit calculation	
HB 1018	Edmonds	Establishes the Temporary Sales Tax Fund and provides for the deposit of the avails of the .45% state sales and use tax into the fund; Provides that monies in the fund shall be available for appropriation, that all unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund, and that monies in the fund shall be invested in the same manner as monies in the state general fund, and interest earned on such investment shall be deposited into the fund	
HCR 54	Zeringue	Provides for the expenditure limit for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	
SB 56	White	Creates the Fiscal Year 2023 Reserve Fund as a special fund in the state treasury; provides that the monies in the fund shall remain in the fund at the end of the fiscal year and interest earned on the investment of monies shall be credited to the fund	
SB 321	Cloud	Creates the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Reserve Fund as a special fund in the state treasury; any money transferred, donated, or appropriated to the fund by the legislature shall be deposited into the fund; provides that the monies in the fund shall remain in the fund at the end of the fiscal year and interest earned on the investment of monies in the fund shall be credited to the fund	

SB 469	White	Creates the 2024 American Rescue Plan and Excess Revenue Fund as a special fund in the state treasury; any money transferred, donated, or appropriated to the fund by the legislature shall be deposited into the fund
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Redistricting / Reapportionment

Bill #	Author	Legislative Summary	Notes
HB 562	Glover	Establishes and provides for a redistricting commission to propose alternative redistricting plans for each house of the legislature and for Congress; requires the legislature to enact one of each such plans without amendment	
HB 608	Stefanski	Provides for the redistricting of the state's congressional districts and provides for the composition of each of the six congressional districts; effective for election purposes only for the regular congressional elections in 2022 and for all other purposes at noon on Jan. 3, 2023	
HB 609	Stefanski	Provides for the redistricting of the La. House of Representatives and provides for the composition of each of the 105 House districts. Effective for election purposes for the regular elections in 2023 and for all other purposes at 10:00 a.m. on Jan. 8, 2024	
HB 712	Duplessis	Provides for the redistricting of the state's congressional districts and provides for the composition of each of the six congressional districts. Effective for election purposes only for the regular congressional elections in 2022 and for all other purposes at noon on Jan. 3, 2023	
HB 738	Duplessis	Provides for the redistricting of the state's supreme court and provides for the composition of seven supreme court districts. Effective on Jan. 1, 2023	
HB 815	Jefferson	Provides for the redistricting of the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) and provides for the composition of each of the eight BESE districts from which members are elected	
HB 823	Gaines	Provides for the redistricting of the state's congressional districts and provides for the composition of each of the six congressional districts	
HB 851	W. Carter	Provides for the redistricting of the supreme court	
HB 883	W. Carter	Provides for nine election districts for the election of justices to the supreme court	
SB 193	Hewitt	Provides for the reapportionment plans of school boards; provides that the secretary of state shall determine whether any reapportionment plan adopted by a school board does not comply with applicable present law regarding redistricting and reapportionment; further provides that any declaration of nullity of a reapportionment plan may be reversed by a court of competent jurisdiction upon the petition of the school board	
SB 283	Bernard	Provides relative to submission of redistricting plans to the secretary of state; permits the submission of technical amendments to a timely submitted and properly formatted plan until the date the qualifying period opens	
SB 306	Fields	Provides relative to the districts for elected members of the United States Congress; redraws district boundaries for the six congressional districts, effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action for purposes of the 2022 election	
SB 307	Fields	Redraws district boundaries for the seven supreme court districts	
SB 308	Hewitt	Redraws district boundaries for the seven supreme court districts	
SB 309	Hewitt	(Constitutional Amendment) Increases the number of state supreme court justices from seven (7) to nine (9) and makes related provisions	

Constitutional Convention

Bill #	Author	Legislative Summary	Notes
HB 259	Magee	Calls a limited constitutional convention to convene on Aug. 1, 2022, to be composed of 120 delegates, appointed from congressional districts by the speaker of the House, president of the Senate, governor, and chief justice of the supreme court; requires convention to complete draft of proposed constitution by July 1, 2023; convention may only address certain articles of the Constitution, including those pertaining to local government, revenue and finance, education, public officials and employees	
HB 405	Wright	Calls a constitutional convention preceded by plan for the convention and a draft proposed constitution by a Planning and Drafting Committee. Calls convention to convene on July 8, 2024, to be composed of 132 delegates, 105 elected from representative districts and 27 appointed; requires convention to complete a new constitution by June 1, 2026; delegates are granted authority to frame a new constitution as it deems appropriate, with very limited exceptions	

Tort Reform / Auto Insurance

Bill #	Author	Legislative Summary	Notes
HB 13	Nelson	Increases the prescriptive period for tort actions regarding damages sustained during the operation or control of a vehicle from one year to two years	
HB 109	Green	Provides for a two-year prescription period for delictual actions	
HB 130	Beaullieu	Requires motor vehicle accident reports be made available to healthcare providers or their agents who provided healthcare services to a party that is a subject of the report	
HB 220	Green	Requires automobile insurers to provide information about liability policy limits to third party claimants or their attorney	
HB 290	R. Carter	Provides for a 5% insurance rate reduction for motor vehicles with a dashboard camera	
HB 351	Jordan	Adds to the list of prohibited rating factors in automobile insurance underwriting, which currently prohibits race, color, creed, and national origin from being considered as part of risk classifications; bill would further prohibit risk classification based on a person's credit information, education level, employment, trade, business, occupation, or profession	
SB 117	Luneau	Requires insurers provide coverage for the temporary use of a motor vehicle not owned by the insured	
SB 122	Talbot	Requires insurers provide coverage for the temporary use of a motor vehicle not owned by the insured	
SB 128	Talbot	Provides for venue for direct actions by third parties against insurers in certain circumstances	
SB 130	Connick	Provides that delictual actions arising from damages resulting from motor vehicle accidents are subject to a liberative prescription of two years, commencing to run from the day injury or damage is sustained	
SB 149	Talbot	Increases the general one-year prescriptive period for delictual actions for injury or damages arising from the operation of any motor vehicle, aircraft, watercraft, or other means of conveyance to a two-year prescriptive period and retains the liberative prescription of three years for any act of sexual assault; proposed law removes the two-year period for damages arising from an act defined as a crime of violence	

Retirement Systems

Bill #	Author	Legislative Summary	Notes
HB 17	DeVillier	Grants a permanent benefit increase (PBI) for retirees of the La. School Employees' Retirement System (LSERS)	
HB 18	Bacala	Provides for the reemployment of certain retirees into the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System (MPERS); allows for retirees who are reemployed to continue receiving retirement benefits if they retired with 30 years or more of service credit	
HB 20	Illg	Provides for reemployment of retired members of the District Attorneys' Retirement System (DARS); expands which members are eligible to continue receiving retirement benefits if reemployed; provides for membership on the system's board of trustees and increases their per diem by \$25	
HB 21	Bacala	Establishes a funding deposit account for the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System (MPERS) for the purpose of granting and funding cost-of-living adjustments (COLA); requires that excess contributions be applied to reduce the outstanding balance of the oldest amortization base or to COLAs	
HB 22	Edmonds	For a period of three years, increases the amount certain retired teachers may earn while reemployed without a reduction of retirement benefits	
HB 23	Harris	Repeals a required benefit suspension for retirees who are reemployed in certain positions in the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System (MPERS)	
HB 26	Romero	Increases the amount a retired teacher may earn while reemployed without a reduction of retirement benefits	
HB 29	Nelson	(Constitutional Amendment) To require the legislature to appropriate no less than fifty percent of nonrecurring state revenues for application to certain state retirement system unfunded accrued liability	
HB 30	Frieman	Authorizes teachers participating in the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana to return to work without a suspension or reduction of retirement benefits	
HB 31	P. Tarver	(Constitutional Amendment) Dedicates a certain amount of state nonrecurring revenue to the four state retirement systems for supplemental benefit payments; provides that the amount to be used is the lesser of \$50 million or the balance of nonrecurring revenue after allocations are made for payments against retirement system liabilities and for the Budget Stabilization Fund	
HB 835	McFarland	For a period of seven years, allows contract or corporate contract retirees of the Teachers' Retirement System of La. to be reemployed without suspension of retirement benefits	
HB 1021	McFarland	Authorizes a retiree who retired prior to July 1, 2020, to return to active service in a critical shortage position without a reduction in retirement benefits regardless of when he returns to active service	
SB 5	Price	Grants a nonrecurring lump-sum supplemental payment to certain eligible retirees and beneficiaries	
SB 6	Price	Grants a permanent benefit increase to eligible system retirees and beneficiaries of the Teachers' Retirement System of La.	
SB 7	Price	Grants a permanent benefit increase to system retirees and beneficiaries of the La. State Police Retirement System (Troopers)	
SB 8	Price	Clarifies and standardizes language relative to certain benefits of the La. State Police Retirement System	

SB 9	R. Mills	Provides relative to benefits provided by and administration of certain statewide retirement systems	Reported favorably by Senate Retirement 3/28; sched. for Senate floor 4/4
SB 10	Morris	Allows an optional retirement plan participant to transfer to the defined benefit plan on an actuarial basis	
SB 419	Cathey	Relative to TRSL, provides that any retiree reemployed pursuant to the provisions of proposed law in a position as a classroom teacher defined by present law, or someone employed as a teacher's aide or a paraprofessional to assist a classroom teacher shall be allowed to return to work immediately without suspension or reduction of his benefits upon reemployment	
SB 425	Ward	Provides for reemployment of retirees to address certain critical teacher shortages	
SB 434	Fields	Provides relative to the reemployment of retirees to meet critical shortage needs	
SB 438	Price	Provides automatic enrollment in a New Retirement Plan (New Plan) for rank-and-file state employees hired on or after Jan. 1, 2024, with a defined contribution (DC) component and a DB component; allows the employee to make an irrevocable election to transfer from the New Plan to the LASERS DB plan within the first two years of enrollment in the New Plan	
SB 452	McMath	Authorizes certain persons to qualify for a state contribution of seventy-five percent of health insurance premium upon retirement	

Oil & Gas / Coastal Issues

Bill #	Author	Legislative Summary	Notes
HB 25	McCormick	Prohibits retirement systems from investing in companies that boycott energy companies	
HB 141	McCormick	Prohibits certain state and local entities from contracting with companies that boycott fossil fuel companies	
HB 157	Bourriaque	Adds integrated coastal projects, projects listed in the comprehensive master coastal protection plan, and levee or drainage projects carried out by any governmental entity to the list of interests affecting immovable property that do not terminate when title is acquired through tax sale	
HB 273	McCormick	Prohibits financial institutions from denying financial services to a person based upon a person's involvement in or association with the fossil fuel industry	
HB 636	Orgeron	(Constitutional Amendment) Provides relative to the disposition of funds derived from alternative energy production in the coastal area; provides that federal revenues received by the state and generated from Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) alternative or renewable energy production be deposited into the Coastal Protection and Restoration Fund	
HB 687	Orgeron	Dedicates revenues received from alternative or renewable energy production on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Fund	Statutory companion to HB 636
HB 723	C. Owen	Prohibits municipal governing authorities from enacting ordinances to ban the use of natural gas as energy in newly constructed residential structures	
HB 778	Glover	Establishes a minimum setback for hydraulic fracturing in relation to residential dwellings, schools, hospitals, and nursing homes	
HB 898	DeVillier	Prohibits parishes and municipalities from adopting certain rules and regulations that restrict the use and storage of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG)	
HB1035	Coussan	Authorizes the Dept. of Environmental Quality to provide grants for voluntary upgrades to certain single wall underground storage tanks	

HCR 26	Coussan	Urges and requests the president of the United States to consider the current geopolitical tensions and support policies and take measures to ensure America's long-term energy affordability, security, leadership, and progress	
HCR 34	Bourriaque	Approves the annual state integrated coastal protection plan for Fiscal Year 2023, as adopted by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board	
HCR 43	Orgeron	Urges and requests the president of the United States, the governor of Louisiana and the La. congressional delegation to do everything in their power to halt federal actions resulting in the delay or cancellation of offshore oil and natural gas lease sales and strongly urge the U.S. Department of the Interior and the Biden Administration to expedite actions necessary to comply with the order of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to resolve Lease Sale 257 and finalize a new five-year plan for oil and gas leasing on the outer continental shelf. Further specifies that all efforts should focus on mandated lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico	
HCR 49	Hodges	Memorializes Congress to request the President of the United States to encourage increased domestic oil production	
SB 3	Allain	Provides for distribution of monies collected from enforcement actions of coastal use permits; changes deposit from 50% to the Coastal Resources Trust Fund to 75% to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Fund for projects consistent with present law after deducting the cost to reimburse the department for enforcing the coastal zone management program; removes the 25% deposit to the Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Fund	
SB 23	Allain	Creates the Oilfield Site Restoration Fund and provides for the deposit and uses for monies in the fund	
SB 38	Hensgens	Provides for the risk charge against nonparticipating owners in drilling units	
SB 125	Fesi	Provides for actions arising from coastal use permits; requires any enforcement action be brought within a peremptive period of ten years from the first occurrence of the use or activity giving rise to the action; clarifies that this proposal does not affect the rights of a landowner to bring actions arising from contractual or delictual claims	
SB 245	Allain	Provides for the Orphan Well Program; authorizes the secretary to expend sums from the Oilfield Site Restoration Fund and enter contracts for the purpose of orphaned oilfield site restoration. Proposed law authorizes the assistant secretary in response to an emergency to conduct site restoration, expend sums from the fund, and enter into contracts for the purpose of site restoration	Reported favorably by Senate Finance 3/28; sched. for Senate floor 4/4
SB 384	Fesi	Prohibits a bank, credit union, financial institution, payment processor, savings and loan association, or trust company from engaging in discriminatory lending acts and practices of any kind, by denying a petroleum industry affiliated loan application when the applicant otherwise qualifies for the loan	
SB 463	White	Creates the Coastal Area Flood Protection Authority; and sets forth its duties and powers; provides for an executive director and sets forth his powers and duties; provides for periodic reports to the legislature	
SCR 12	Hewitt	Requests halt in actions that cancel or delay offshore oil and natural gas lease sales	

Renewable Energy

Bill #	Author	Legislative Summary	Notes
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HB 165	Zeringue	Establishes a maximum acreage for wind leases and provides for operating agreements for the production of wind energy	Passed House 92-10 on 3/29; pending Senate referral
HB 655	Coussan	Establishes a regulatory framework for the management of solar resources	
HB 708	McFarland	Provides that the legislature finds and declares energy produced from forest products manufacturing bioenergy feedstocks are considered renewable and carbon neutral and defines "biomass" within the Louisiana Renewable Energy Development Act	Passed House 3/24; pending Senate Commerce
HB 794	Jordan	Authorizes a rebate for the cost of purchase and installation of a solar electric system on residential or commercial properties or other buildings located in La.	
HB 806	Freeman	Creates the Solar Storage Initiative Program to make solar and battery storage systems accessible to households and critical facilities in low-income areas	
HR 25	Orgeron	Urges and requests the Louisiana Public Service Commission to investigate the benefits, feasibility, and pathways to achieving 5-gigawatts of offshore wind energy development by 2035	
SB 292	Hewitt	Prohibits the Dept. of Environmental Quality or any other state agency adopting or enforcing a state or regional program to regulate greenhouse gas emissions for the purposes of addressing changes in atmospheric temperature without specific legislative authorization	
SB 456	Allain	Provides for the regulation of solar power generating facilities	

Agriculture / Fisheries

Bill #	Author	Legislative Summary	Notes
HB 327	Thompson	Provides for the suspension of a state assessment on soybeans while the imposition of a similar federal assessment remains in place	
HB 330	T. Johnson	Creates the La. Industrial Hemp Promotion and Research Program	
HB 332	Bourriaque	Changes the required frequency of the mullet stock assessment conducted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission from every year to every five years	
HB 338	Coussan	Removes the requirement for freshwater charter boat fishing guide licenses	
HB 419	McFarland	Allows bream to be taken in minnow traps for use as recreational bait statewide and allows hand-grabbing, otherwise known as "noodling" as a legal method of taking catfish	
HB 689	Schamerhorn	Creates the retail seafood dealer's license	
HB 754	R. Owen	Provides for the public navigation of running waters, including those running waters passing over any privately owned water bottom directly connected to a state-owned water bottom that is subject to the ebb and flow of the tide	
HB 755	Schex.	Makes changes to the La. Loggers Relief Program to provide grants to timber harvesting and timber hauling businesses who suffered revenue loss due to COVID-19	
HB 762	Zeringue	Creates the Louisiana Outdoor Forever Program and the Louisiana Outdoor Forever Fund for the purpose of funding public conservation projects in the state; sunsets July 1, 2033	
HB 791	Kerner	Authorizes the suspension or revocation of any recreational fishing privilege for a period of one year for charter fishing without required credential	
HB 1033	Orgeron	Provides additional regulations on the commercial menhaden fisheries	
HCR 55	R. Owen	Includes charter fishing guides in the definition of "commercial fisherman"	

SB 153	R. Mills	Provides for cooperative endeavor agreements for use of surface waters
SB 205	Jackson	Adds the conservation of soil health to the list of purposes of the "Soil Conservation Districts Law"
SB 270	Womack	Provides relative to retaining and removing invasive species of fish
SB 293	Allain	Creates a state sales tax rebate for the purchase of certain agricultural fencing materials by commercial farmers in order to provide tax relief for commercial farmers recovering from the 2020 and 2021 hurricanes
SB 351	R. Mills	Provides for Louisiana State Surface Water Integrity Act and provides for civil suits to protect the running surface waters in the state's lakes
SB 447	Hensgens	Provides for commercial menhaden harvest reporting

Other Bills of Local / Regional Significance

Bill #	Author	Legislative Summary	Notes
HB 49	Huval	Authorizes the Town of Henderson to levy a hotel occupancy tax at a rate not to exceed 4%, subject to voter approval	
HB 85	Hollis	Prohibits the governing authority of any local municipality or parish from enacting ordinances authorizing the use of automated speed enforcement devices to regulate traffic. Defines "automated speed enforcement device"	
HB 127	DeVillier	Reduces the speed limits on certain portions of U.S. 190 in the Town of Basile's municipal limits and Louisiana Highway 91 in the City of Eunice	
HB 150	St. Blanc	Extends the term for the board of commissioners of the Morgan City Harbor Terminal District	
HB 158	T. Johnson	Provides for a 10-year renewable tax of up to 3 mills of ad valorem tax revenue for the coroner's office in certain parishes, including St. Landry, if approved by the electors	
HB 336	Goudeau	Creates the Atchafalaya Basin Bridge Commission and the Atchafalaya Basin Bridge Commission Police	
HB 348	Amedee	Provides for an increase in the per diem paid to members of the boards of commissioners of recreation districts in St. Mary Parish	
HB 441	Stefanski	Provides relative to filling vacant positions in the classified police service in the city of Rayne	
HB 458	St. Blanc	Grants the city of Franklin certain powers with respect to the removal and disposition of junk and junked vehicles	
HB 461	Jordan	Abolishes all mayors' courts	
HB 477	Coussan	Provides for new assistant district attorney positions for various judicial districts in the state	
HB 530	Miguez	Provides relative to the sale of certain state property in Iberia and St. Martin Parish	
HB 691	Emerson	Authorizes the state to exchange certain state property in St. Martin Parish for property owned by Laviolette Assets, LLC; provides for the reservation of mineral rights to the state	
HB 753	Miguez	Authorizes the transfer of certain state property in Iberia Parish from the commissioner of administration and the office of state lands to Garland C. Lemaire. Provides for the reservation of mineral rights	
HB 764	D. Miller	Provides that an alleged delinquent child in St. Landry Parish may be placed in an adult jail when certain conditions are met.	

HB 869	Romero	Designates the portion of U.S. Hwy. 90 in Jefferson Davis Parish as the "Winston Guillory Memorial Highway;" also, designates the portion of La. Hwy. 14 in Jefferson Davis Parish as the "Marion "Butch" Fox Memorial Highway"
HB 906	Wheat	Removes requirement that municipal elections in certain municipalities occur on the gubernatorial election dates
HB 962	McCormick	Requires a parish to get voter approval prior to imposing certain zoning regulations or restrictions
HB 1052	Landry	Establishes the Hazard Mitigation Revolving Loan Fund to be administered by the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, for the purpose of providing financial assistance to local government hazard mitigation projects
HR 53	Coussan	Designates April 12, 2022, as Acadiana Red and White Day at the state capitol
HCR 58	Huval	Designates April 12, 2022, as CODOFIL Day at the state capitol
SB 68	F. Mills	Authorizes the Port of Iberia District Board of Commissioners to make an application to be designated as a foreign trade zone (FTZ)
SB 88	F. Mills	Provides relative to insurance benefits for retirees of the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office
SB 140	Abraham	Provides for insurance benefits for retired sheriffs and deputies of the Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office
SB 313	Cloud	Requires mayors who are authorized to conduct mayor's court or municipal court to undergo certain training
SB 392	Boudreaux	Designates St. Landry Parish as the Equine Capital of Louisiana
SB 413	Mills	Provides an exception for the police chief in the city of Breaux Bridge; provides that such police chief will be appointed by the mayor with the approval of the city council by majority vote; provides for initial appointment upon expiration of the current term or other vacancy if there is an elected chief in office on the effective date of proposed law; provides for immediate appointment if not; provides that the police chief's term will be concurrent with that of the mayor and council members
SB 422	Cortez	Authorizes the transfer of state property in Lafayette Parish
SR 13	Boudreaux	Designates Tuesday, April 12, 2022, as Acadiana Red and White Day at the state capitol
SR 16	Boudreaux	Commends Bob Giles on being named TIME Dealer of the Year and recognizes his years of community service
SR 20	Cortez	Commends Judice Inn on its seventy-fifth anniversary
SR 23	Boudreaux	Recognizes and commends the city of Scott, Louisiana, upon the start of the Boudin Festival season
SR 37	Boudreaux	Commends Ben Berthelot, President & CEO of Lafayette Travel, on being elected chairman of Louisiana TravelPAC

Employment / Wages

Bill #	Author	Legislative Summary	Notes
HB 219	Green	Provides that pay equality shall extend to all persons employed in the State of Louisiana	
HB 229	Green	(Constitutional Amendment) Establishes a state minimum wage of \$11.65 per hour	
HB 311	Marcelle	Establishes a state minimum wage and sets it at \$10 per hour beginning Jan. 1, 2023; provides that the state minimum wage shall be \$12 per hour beginning Jan. 1, 2024; requires that if the federal minimum wage is raised, the state minimum wage shall also be raised to that level; provides for civil actions arising from violations	

HB 472	Phelps	Establishes a minimum direct wage of \$4.26 per hour for tipped employees
HB 880	W. Carter	Established a state minimum wage and sets it as \$10 per hour beginning June 30, 2023; provides that the state minimum wage shall be \$12 per hour beginning June 30, 2024; provides that the state minimum wage shall be \$13.50 per hour beginning June 30, 2025; provides that the state minimum wage shall be \$15.00 per hour beginning June 30, 2026; requires that if the federal minimum wage is raised, the state minimum wage shall also be raised; provides for civil actions arising from violations
HB 1013	White	Establishes a minimum wage of \$9.00 per hour for state employees
SB 269	Barrow	(Constitutional Amendment) Establishes a state minimum hourly wage of \$10.25 and indexes future increases according to the Consumer Price Index or its successor index
SB 289	Barrow	Provides for employee paid sick leave; provides that beginning January 1, 2023, an employer who employs five or more full-time employees is required to provide paid sick leave benefits for all full-time employees; provides for the amount and of and policies relative to such paid sick leave

Labor Relations / Workers' Compensation

Bill #	Author	Legislative Summary	Notes
HB 56	Frieman	Repeals the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council	
HB 93	Frieman	Provides for the granting of continuances in a workers' compensation mediation, hearing, or trial	
HB 94	Frieman	Provides relative to reimbursement for implants required following a workplace injury	
HB 176	Frieman	Provides that if any dispute arises as to the condition of the employee, the employee's capacity to work, or whether the alleged injury or disability was caused by the alleged work-related accident, the assistant secretary, upon application of any party, shall order an additional medical opinion	
HB 239	Frieman	Provides for stays in workers' compensation cases	
HB 241	Riser	Provides relative to the Fresh Start Proper Worker Classification Initiative; changes the time frame for applying to the initiative from Jan.1, 2022 through Dec. 31, 2022, to between Jan. 1, 2023, through Dec. 31, 2023; provides that the taxpayer is liable for any unemployment tax; provides that an eligible taxpayer shall remain obligated for all unemployment taxes and interest due for any applicable look-back period, but not liable for any penalties; provides that an eligible taxpayer may request that LWC develop with the taxpayer a reasonable payment schedule for unemployment taxes owed for the look-back period	LABI supports
HB 306	Green	Provides for workers' compensation intervention rights	
HB 353	Romero	Provides that if an employer allows an employee to get regularly or periodically tested for COVID-19 in lieu of the employee adhering to an employer mandated COVID-19 vaccine requirement, then the employer must cover the testing	
HB 439	Boyd	Prohibits intentional employment discrimination based on gender identity and sexual orientation	
HB 467	Frieman	Provides relative to the allocation of payments to dependents of a decedent for workers' compensation claims	
HB 480	Gaines	Provides for a rebuttable presumption of compensability in workers' compensation cases	
HB 487	Riser	Requires a contractor for a state construction project to designate no less than two percent of man-hours in any apprenticeable occupation to registered apprentices	

HB 663	Frieman	Allows teachers, other school employees, and public employees to withdraw from paying labor organization dues and allows employees to withdraw from paying professional law enforcement and firefighter association dues
HB 1037	Landry	Provides relative to noncompete contracts or agreements
SB 238	Fields	Prohibits contracts that impede an individual's right to work; makes employment contracts or agreements that restrain anyone from exercising a lawful profession, trade, or business of any kind unenforceable
SB 248	Luneau	Requires certain employers to designate no less than two percent of the man-hours in any apprenticeable occupation to registered apprentices for certain construction projects
SB 310	Luneau	Provides a cost-of-living adjustment for any injury producing the temporary, total, or permanent total disability of an employee
SB 391	Talbot	Requires the insurance commissioner's designee to the Louisiana Workers' Compensation Corporation board of directors receive compensation only if his designee is not a state employee
SB 410	Jackson	Prohibits certain employment practices related to wage history, wage disclosure, and retaliation
SB 421	Luneau	Provides the billing and collections procedure for surgical implants

Governmental Affairs

Bill #	Author	Legislative Summary	Notes
HB 179	Wright	(Constitutional Amendment) Removes the line item veto power of the governor	
HB 205	Bishop	(Constitutional Amendment) Effective Jan. 8, 2024, changes the term limitation on legislators to three and one-half of four consecutive terms in the same house of the legislature, beginning with service on or after Jan. 11, 2016	
HB 288	Landry	(Constitutional Amendment) To limit tax assessors to no more than two and one-half terms in three consecutive terms in office	
HB 359	Beaulieu	Prohibits implementation of federal election directives and guidance and spending of federal money for elections unless required under law or with certain approvals or oversight by the House and Senate Governmental Affairs Committees	
HB 456	Nelson	Allows legislators whose domiciles are more than 50 miles from the state capitol to elect to receive per diem as a nontaxable allowance rather than as compensation	
HB 498	Green	(Constitutional Amendment) Changes the timing and duration of regular legislative sessions; regular sessions would begin on Jan. 5th and end by July 1st each year	
HB 513	Zeringue	(Constitutional Amendment) Allows the legislature to change the number of judges in any judicial district and number of districts and judges in any appellate circuit and supreme court district by majority vote	
HB 606	Geymann	Creates a legislative oversight committee to oversee and set priorities for the expenditure of federal monies received by the state for emergencies and disaster recovery	
HB 685	Hilferty	Changes procedures that the legislature may use to terminate a governor's declaration of an emergency from a petition of one house to a majority vote of both houses	

HB 701	Hilferty	Provides the procedures for the legislature to terminate a declaration of a state of disaster or emergency; provides for the declaration of a state or emergency in parishes and municipalities; requires the approval of the governing authority of the parish or municipality before a declaration of a state of emergency may continue for a period exceeding 90 days	
HB 969	Seabaugh	Provides procedures relative to vetoed bills	
SB 224	Hewitt	Provides for remote operations of the legislature during a gubernatorially declared state of emergency	
SB 225	Hewitt	(Constitutional Amendment) Provides for remote operations of the legislature during a declared emergency	
SB 288	Hewitt	(Constitutional Amendment) To increase the composition of the Louisiana Supreme Court from six to eight associate justices; provides for submission to voters November 8, 2022	
SB 340	Barrow	Abolishes the Louisiana Housing Corporation	Companion to SB 341
SB 341	Barrow	Creates the Department of Housing, consolidates the Department of Natural Resources and Department of Environmental Quality	
SB 343	Carter	Requires each parish to have at least two early voting locations and requires early voting locations for certain municipalities	

Criminal Justice / Reentry

Bill #	Author	Legislative Summary	Notes
HB 223	Marcelle	Provides for expanded eligibility relative to participation in a workforce development sentencing program to defendants who have committed certain crimes of violence	
HB 321	Boyd	Creates an elderly parole program for eligible offenders	
HB 323	Nelson	Authorizes the sheriff of each parish to establish and administer a Back on Track La. Pilot Program for inmates of any jail or prison under the jurisdiction of the sheriff	Reported favorably by House Criminal Justice 3/24; sched. for House floor 4/5
HB 544	Villio	Provides relative to diminution of sentence and parole eligibility for offenders convicted a fourth or subsequent time of a nonviolent felony offense	
HB 893	Hughes	Requires certain reports by the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (DPSC) relative to the impacts of criminal justice reform legislation	
SB 294	Jackson	Eliminates the death penalty for offenses committed on or after August 1, 2022, and allocates savings generated to Early Childhood Education Fund literacy programs	

Litter Abatement

Bill #	Author	Legislative Summary	Notes
HB 69	DeVillier	Establishes an inference that the registered owner of a vehicle has disposed of litter when there is photographic evidence of the license plate of the vehicle from which the litter was disposed	
HB 374	Beaullieu	Increases the penalties for gross littering involving tires and failure to obtain a generator identification number	

HB 397	Bishop	Creates separate accounts for environmental education and litter abatement and redirects existing funding between these two accounts
HB 749	Bishop	Removes litter reduction and awareness responsibilities, litter abatement grants, and antilitter programs from the Dept. of Education and places these functions within the Dept. of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism
HB 750	Bishop	Authorizes the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries to prosecute simple and commercial littering violations through civil action or adjudicatory hearing and redistributes the fines and special court costs paid for littering violations cited and prosecuted by the department
HB 765	Carrier	Removes litter reduction and awareness responsibilities, litter abatement grants, and antilitter programs from the Dept. of Education and places these functions within the Dept. of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism. Creates separate accounts for environmental education and litter abatement and redirects existing funding between these two accounts
HB 1044	Miguez	Creates the penalty of impounding vehicles for persons convicted or held liable for second and subsequent offenses of littering from a vehicle
SB 155	Connick	Prohibits certain uses of single-use plastic bags, including for retail sales and delivery of goods; authorizes and encourages retailers to make reusable carryout bags available to the public to promote their use; provides penalties for violations by retail establishments: \$100 for first violation, \$200 for second violation, and \$500 for the third and any subsequent violation
SCR 13	Lambert	Requests the Dept. of Environmental Quality to study strategies to increase the recycling of plastic containers and to report recommendations to the Senate Committee on Environmental Quality and the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment by March 10, 2023

Other Bills to Track

Bill #	Author	Legislative Summary	Notes
HB 112	Schlegel	Allows any alcoholic beverage manufacturer, wholesale dealer, homebrewer, or association the ability to obtain three-day temporary retail permits	
HB 116	R. Carter	Prohibits the use of advertising expenses by the insurer in setting rates or making rate filings with the commissioner of insurance	
HB 125	Newell	Provides for the regulation of the cultivation, manufacture, and retail sale of cannabis and cannabis	
HB 168	Huval	Provides a limited exception to the general licensing requirement for persons installing generator gas lines	
HB 268	Magee	Changes the time frame within which insurers shall pay the amount of any claim due any person without being considered to have acted in bad faith from 60 days after receipt of satisfactory proof of loss from the claimant when such failure is arbitrary, capricious, or without probable cause to 60 days after the property is first inspected by the insurer, its representative, or its agent, either in person or through remote technological means when such failure is arbitrary, capricious, or without probable cause	
HB 276	Bishop	Provides for the secretary of state to conduct franchise fee audits and dispute resolutions and exempts direct broadcast satellite service from the definition of video service	
HB 280	Huval	Provides minimum requirements for written catastrophe response plans of insurers; requires review of these plans by the commissioner of insurance; provides grounds for regulatory action	
HB 289	Bagley	Prohibits a person from selling, distributing, or delivering safety equipment that fails to meet federal standards in this state	

HB 316	Willard	Requires the transmission of certain documents and recordings from insurers to insureds in times of a gubernatorially declared disaster	
HB 329	Zeringue	Requires all judgments for claims approved by the Board Tax Appeals to be paid pursuant to a legislative appropriation or in certain cases by offset rather than from current tax collections	
HB 343	Horton	Increases the gross annual sales threshold for home-based, low-risk food preparers	
HB 370	Magee	Provides for the self-distribution of beer and malt beverages under certain conditions	
HB 372	Romero	Defines the fair market value of certified green house gas emissions reduction facilities (GHG emissions reduction facilities) for ad valorem tax purposes as the actual net value of the property which could be realized by the owner if the facilities were sold at a fair, voluntary sale, considering all forms of depreciation and the expense of removal	
HB 381	R. Owen	Removes provisions prohibiting retail dealers from permitting individuals under the age of 18 from visiting licensed premises that serve alcohol	
HB 396	Amedee	Prohibits the state from applying for a waiver of SNAP work requirements for able-bodied adults without dependents absent legislative authorization and revokes any such waiver currently in effect	
HB 398	Duplessis	Increases the maximum civil penalties assessed by the Department of Environmental Quality	
HB 430	Jordan	Provides for the regulation of the cultivation, manufacturing, and retail sale of cannabis and cannabis	
HB 494	Romero	Authorizes multi-facility manufacturers and brewers to sell at a facility products brewed at their other	
HB 503	Geymann	Provides with respect to the manufacturing of cosmetics	Withdrawn
HB 515	M. Johnson	Allows a succession representative to exercise certain rights held by a deceased member of a limited liability company (LLC)	
HB 523	LaCombe	Authorizes manufacturers or brewers to host up to 12 private events at the brewing facility and provides certain restrictions for such event	
HB 551	Illg	Prohibits parishes and municipalities from requiring local permits for the delivery of alcoholic beverages by Class B Package House and Class C Package Store permit holders	
HB 554	Mincey	Provides relative to microbrewery operations and limited sales at wholesale	
HB 564	Amedee	Creates a regulatory sandbox program within the Office of Financial Institutions	
HB 571	Gadberry	Authorizes a suspension of the time period for when a new code may be adopted as the State Uniform Construction Code, but limits the length and number of extensions that may be granted by the council	
HB 579	C. Owen	Provides for a statewide registry of all immovable property conveyed by foreign individuals or entities	
HB 584	Bagley	Provides strict liability for a person who sells, distributes, or delivers safety equipment and tools that fail to meet federal standards	
HB 641	Deshotel	Provides relative to digital application distribution platforms; provides that if cumulative downloads of a software application by a provider of a general purpose operating system with a digital application distribution platform to Louisiana users exceed 1 million downloads in the previous or current calendar year then the provider cannot force certain requirements on or retaliate against Louisiana developers or users of applications	
HB 668	Phelps	Allows credit unions to secure certain investments and loans with private insurance	
HB 692	Larvadain	Creates the La. Named Storm Insurance Fraud Prevention Authority within the La. Department of Insurance	
HB 694	Stefanski	Exempts a transportation network company from liability under enumerated circumstances	
HB 696	Wright	Exempts in-state housing manufacturers from certain licensure requirements	
HB 714	Freiberg	Prohibits a manufacturer from selling certain animal-tested cosmetics in this state	

HB 735	Amedee	Provides that a government agency, employer, private business, or educational institution is prohibited from mandating liability-free products that would result in a consumer's: (1) Loss of employment, employment opportunity, or promotion; or (2) Loss of the ability to receive a public or private education
HB 741	Wright	Requires the Dept. of Revenue (DOR) to accept virtual currency as a form of payment of all taxes, licenses, fees, penalties, and interest that have been delegated to DOR for collection
HB 758	Schex.	Provides for the regulation of industrial hemp and consumable hemp products
HB 788	Romero	Provides that the La. State Licensing Board for Contractors (board) shall create and maintain a database of all out-of-state contractors who have worked in this state
HB 802	Wright	Allows banks to provide custodial services relative to digital assets
HB 804	Wright	Exempts blockchain tokens from securities law when certain conditions are met
HB 821	Hodges	Requires rejection of bids on supply contracts from companies domiciled in Russia or Communist countries and authorizes rejection of bids on supply contracts when one or more component parts of the supplied goods are manufactured in Russia or a Communist country
HB 829	Stefanski	Provides relative to the regulation of alcoholic beverage delivery
HB 834	Illg	Provides relative to unclaimed property for sports wagering accounts; adds sports wagering accounts to the present definition of property
HB 899	Beaulieu	Provides that state law shall preempt local ordinances as it relates to age requirements to purchase, possess, market, tax, sale, or deliver tobacco products
HB 907	Tarver	Authorizes a local government to employ and house a resident custodian on property which has been adjudicated to the local government
HB 955	Schlegel	Authorizes manufacturers or brewers to lease their facilities to 3rd parties for contracted events
HB 985	Wright	Changes the definition of "currency" to include "virtual currency"
HB 987	Deshotel	Establishes the "Louisiana Consumer Privacy Act," providing for rights relative to consumer data processing
HB 1010	Wright	Allows a governing authority to petition the state land office (office) to create deregulated industrial power zones (power zones)
HB 1041	Lyons	Changes requirements for property owners to receive payment from the office of community development under the Small Rental Property Program
SB 20	Fields	Requires air monitoring systems in certain permitted facilities
SB 65	Connick	Requires the secretary to adopt, promulgate, and enforce standards, limitations, and other regulations for sources that are not required to obtain a permit, aka "minor air sources"; in addition, proposed law requires the standards or regulations to include reporting along with the requirement to determine, document, and maintain records to demonstrate the potential or actual emissions of the facility
SB 183	F. Mills	Provides relative to transparency in the application process for any state-issued license or permit
SB 196	Cathey	Prohibits the importation of any product from the Russian Federation into this state including but not limited to oil and gas, iron and steel, precious metals, and agricultural products
SB 305	Foil	Creates the "Louisiana True Origin of Digital Goods Act"
SB 332	Henry	Removes the two-year residency requirement for alcohol retail permits

SB 354	Cathey	Establishes the "Louisiana Consumer Fuel Choice Act"; provides that no local governing authority shall adopt an ordinance, rule, or law that limits consumer access to an energy type or that results in the prohibition of a wholesaler, retailer, energy producer, or the related infrastructure that is necessary to provide consumer access to a specific energy type within the local governing authority
SB 378	Peacock	Provides for regulation of advertisements; prohibits deceptive or misleading advertisements
SB 381	Ward	Creates the "Louisiana Credit Access Loan Act"
SB 383	Peacock	Provides relative to advertisements for legal services
SB 412	Talbot	Creates the Insure Louisiana Incentive Program;
SB 417	Cathey	Provides relative to the delivery of alcoholic beverages
SB 450	Stine	Authorizes a licensed wholesaler to transfer from a permitted microbrewery to another permitted microbrewery up to 50% of the total manufactured beverages sold at the receiving microbrewery provided certain conditions are met