

2025 Regular Session

LSLI Disposition Sheet for Title 36

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<u>LSA-R.S.</u>	<u>Effect</u>	<u>Act No.</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Sp. Eff. Dt.</u>
√ 36:3(3)	Amend	478	10	10/01/2025 ✓
√ 36:3(7)	Amend	477	11	10/01/2027 ✓
√ 36:4(A)(Intro.Par.)	Amend	478	10	10/01/2025 ✓
√ 36:4(A)(6)	Amend	478	10	10/01/2025 ✓
√ 36:4(B)(3)	Repeal	262	3	✓
√ 36:4(B)(7)	Amend	262	2	✓
√ 36:4(B)(38)	Enact	375	1	
√ 36:4.1(C)(11)	Amend	290	2	✓
√ 36:8(E)(2)(d)	Amend	477	11	10/01/2027 ✓
√ 36:9(C)	Amend	477	11	10/01/2027 ✓
√ 36:101(C)(1)	Amend	432	1	
√ 36:104(A)(17)	Amend	432	1	
√ 36:108(B)(Intro.Par.)	Amend	432	1	
√ 36:109(B)	Amend	432	1	
√ 36:109(E)	Enact	432	1	
√ 36:109(F)	Enact	432	1	
√ 36:110(F)	Amend	432	1	
√ 36:204(A)(10)	Repeal	300	4	06/11/2025 ✓
√ 36:208(C)	Amend	450	2	✓
√ 36:209(A)(3)	Amend	450	2	✓
√ 36:209(A)(9)	Amend	450	2	✓
√ 36:209(D)(4)	Repeal	300	4	06/11/2025 ✓
√ 36:259(B)(22)	Enact	205	1	
√ Heading, Chpt. 7	Amend	478	10	10/01/2025 ✓
√ 36:301	Amend	478	10	10/01/2025 ✓
√ 36:308(A)	Amend	478	10	10/01/2025 ✓

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√36:624(C)	-----Enact-----	300	-----	3	✓ 06/11/2025 ✓
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HOUSE BILL NO. 624

BY REPRESENTATIVES BERAULT, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAMBURG, BILLINGS, BOYER, BRYANT, BUTLER, CARLSON, CARRIER, CARVER, CHENEVERT, COATES, COX, DEWITT, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, ECHOLS, EDMONSTON, EGAN, FIRMENT, FISHER, FREIBERG, GLORIOSO, HEBERT, HENRY, HORTON, ILLG, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, KERNER, MANDIE LANDRY, TERRY LANDRY, LARVADAIN, MACK, MCMAKIN, MELERINE, OWEN, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, SPELL, ST. BLANC, STAGNI, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, VENTRELLA, VILLIO, WALTERS, WILDER, WRIGHT, AND WYBLE AND SENATORS BASS, CARTER, CATHEY, EDMONDS, JENKINS, MCMATH, MIZELL, MYERS, OWEN, PRESSLY, WHEAT, AND WOMACK

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. ~~11~~⁴⁷780(C)(3)(a)(i), R.S. ~~14~~⁴⁷68.2.1(A) and 74(D)(2), R.S. ~~15~~⁴⁷933.1, R.S. ~~17~~⁴⁷14.1(B)(1) and (C)(5), 3047.6(A), and 3914(M)(1), the heading of Chapter 1 of Title 23 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, R.S. ~~23~~⁴⁷1, 2, 3, 6(introductory paragraph), (1), (2), (3), (7), and (15), 7, 12, 14, 17, 73(A)(1)(introductory paragraph), (a) through (c), and (d)(introductory paragraph) and (ii), (C), and (E)(2), 74, 75(A), (B), (C)(1), (D)(3)(a) and (b), and (E), 76(A), (B), and (C)(1), (2), and (8)(a), 78(introductory paragraph), (1), and (5), 1600(2) and (3)(a), 1693(I)(1)(introductory paragraph), (a), and (b)(introductory paragraph), (i), and (ii), (2), and (3) and (J), R.S. ~~36~~⁴⁷3(3), 4(A)(introductory paragraph) and (6), the heading of Chapter 7 of Title 36 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, 301, 308(A) and (B), and 309 (A)(introductory paragraph), (B)(introductory paragraph), (C)(introductory paragraph), (D), and (E)(introductory paragraph), R.S. ~~46~~⁴⁷1(2), (4), and (6), 18(A), 52.1(A) and (B)(1)(introductory paragraph), (2), and (3), 54, 56(A) and (B)(1), 59, 60, 107(A)(1), 114(A), (B), (C)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (2), (D), and (E)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (3), 114.1, 114.2, 114.3(A) and (B), 114.4(D) and (E), 116, 230.1(A) and (B), 231(11) and (24), 231.4(A) and (D), 234, ~~the heading of Subpart E-4 of Part II of Chapter 3 and~~ 236, 237(A),(E),(F), and (G), 301(A)(1) and (2), 321(2) through (5), 322(2) through

1 (6), 323(introductory paragraph), (3), and (4), 324(A), (B), (C), (D), and
 2 (E)(introductory paragraph), (1), and (2)(introductory paragraph), 325(introductory
 3 paragraph), 326 through 328, 331(A)(1) through (3), 332, 352(1)(a) and (b) and
 4 ~~(2)(a)~~, 431, 433(A), 434, 441, 443, 444, 447, 450.1(A), (B)(4) and (5), and (C)(1)
 5 and (2), 460.1, 460.4(A), 460.5(A), 460.7(A) and (C), 460.8(A)(1) and (B), 460.10,
 6 932(12), and 936, and R.S. ~~49:191~~191(1)(f) and 1402(1)(d), to enact R.S. 36:309(F) and
 7 R.S. 46:107(E), and to repeal R.S. 23:18 and 34, R.S. 36:308(E), R.S. 46:52.1(C)
 8 through (F), 55, 102, 103, 112, 230.1(C), and 231.14(G)(B), and R.S. 49:1402(1)(a),
 9 relative to the reorganization and restructure of the Louisiana Workforce
 10 Commission and the Department of Children and Family Services; to provide for
 11 certain family and support programs in the Department of Children and Family
 12 Services (DCFS) being transferred to the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC)
 13 and the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH); to replace the Department of
 14 Children and Family Services with Louisiana Works or LDH in certain provisions
 15 in Titles 11, 14, 15, 23, and 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 that
 16 reference DCFS programs that will be transferred to Louisiana Works or LDH; to
 17 change the name of the Louisiana Workforce Commission to Louisiana Works; to
 18 establish the purpose of Louisiana Works; to establish additional duties and powers
 19 of Louisiana Works; to provide for the powers and duties of the secretary of
 20 Louisiana Works; to provide definitions; to provide for integrated case management
 21 and service integration of social service and workforce programs; development
 22 programs; to provide for grants to local workforce development areas; to provide for
 23 SNAP Nutrition Education; to provide for the SNAP Workforce Training and
 24 Education Program; to provide for duties of LDH in regards to administering SNAP;
 25 to provide for SNAP work requirements; to provide for aid to needy families, such
 26 as the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and subsidiary programs
 27 within TANF, such as the Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program
 28 (FITAP), the Kinship Care Subsidy Program, and other educational, employment,
 29 training, and related services programs; to provide for the submission of certain
 30 federal quarterly reports to the legislature; to provide for the Incentive Award

1 Program; to provide for the administration of public assistance benefits payable to
 2 mentally incapable individuals; to add certain functions to the office of workforce
 3 development; to transfer certain powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities
 4 relating to certain programs within the office of family support of DCFS into
 5 Louisiana Works and LDH; to make technical corrections; to authorize the Louisiana
 6 State Law Institute to make certain requested changes to references concerning
 7 LWC; to authorize the office of state register to make all necessary changes for
 8 applicable references to DCFS and Louisiana Works or LDH; to provide for the
 9 transfer of monies related to the transferred programs from DCFS to Louisiana
 10 Works and LDH; to provide for the monies held in the state treasury for the Fraud
 11 Detection Fund to be transferred to LDH; to provide for the continuity of programs
 12 and contracts transferred from DCFS to Louisiana Works and LDH; to provide for
 13 effective dates; and to provide for related matters.

14 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

15 Section 1. R.S. 11:780(C)(3)(a)(i) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as
 16 follows:

17 §780. Reexamination of disability retirees; modification of benefits; restoration to
 18 active service

19 * * *

20 C.

21 * * *

22 (3)(a) If, pursuant to the provisions of this Subsection, the board of trustees
 23 reduces the pension of any disability retiree of this system who retired pursuant to
 24 a reciprocal agreement between this system and any other state or statewide public
 25 retirement system, the reduction shall be subject to Subparagraph (b) of this
 26 Paragraph, provided the retiree satisfies all of the following provisions of this
 27 Subparagraph:

28 (i) The vocational rehabilitation program within the Department of Children
 29 and Family Services Louisiana Works furnishes the retiree with durable medical

1 (b) The administrator shall deduct and withhold from any unemployment
2 compensation payable to an individual who owes an uncollected overissuance of
3 ~~food stamps~~ SNAP benefits:

4 (i) Any amount specified by the individual to the administrator to be
5 deducted and withheld under this Subsection if the administrator also receives
6 confirmation from the Louisiana Department of ~~Children and Family Services~~ Health
7 that there has been an enforceable determination of overissuance.

8 (ii) Any amount determined pursuant to an agreement, if any, between the
9 individual and the Louisiana Department of ~~Children and Family Services~~ under
10 Health pursuant to Section 13(c)(3)(A) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, 7 U.S.C.
11 2022(c)(3)(A).

12 * * *

13 (2) Any amount deducted and withheld ~~under~~ pursuant to this Subsection
14 shall be paid by the administrator to the Louisiana Department of Health ~~Children~~
15 ~~and Family Services~~, or its designated office.

16 (3) Any amount deducted and withheld from payable benefits ~~under~~ pursuant
17 to this Subsection shall for all purposes be treated as if it were paid to the individual
18 as unemployment compensation and paid by such individual to the Louisiana
19 Department of Health ~~Children and Family Services~~ as repayment of the uncollected
20 overissuance of ~~food stamp allotments~~ SNAP benefits.

21 * * *

22 Section 10. R.S. 36:3(3), 4(A)(introductory paragraph) and (6), the heading of
23 Chapter 7 of Title 36 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, 301, 308(A) and (B), and
24 309(A)(introductory paragraph), (B)(introductory paragraph), (C)(introductory paragraph),
25 (D), and (E)(introductory paragraph) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

26 §3. Definitions

27 As used in this Title, the following terms have the following meanings unless
28 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

29 * * *

1 (3) "Department" means a department of the executive branch of state
2 government created or continued in this Title in accordance with the constitutional
3 mandate contained in Article IV, Section 1 and in Article XIV, Section 6 of the
4 Constitution of Louisiana and shall include ~~the Louisiana Workforce Commission~~
5 Louisiana Works.

6 * * *

7 §4. Structure of executive branch of state government

8 A. In accordance with the provisions of Article IV, Section 1 and Article
9 XIV, Section 6 of the Constitution of Louisiana, all offices, boards, commissions,
10 agencies, and instrumentalities of the executive branch of state government, whether
11 constitutional or statutory, and/or their functions, powers, duties, and responsibilities
12 shall be allocated, either in the Act by which this Title was created or by legislation
13 enacted subsequent thereto, within the departments listed in this Section, except as
14 provided in Subsections B and C of this Section, and in order to comply with this
15 constitutional mandate, the agencies of the executive branch of state government
16 hereinafter enumerated, whether heretofore created by the constitution or by statute,
17 and/or or their functions, powers, duties, and responsibilities are allocated, in the
18 manner hereinafter set forth in this Title, within the following designated
19 departments:

20 * * *

21 (6) ~~Louisiana Workforce Commission~~ Louisiana Works.

22 * * *

23 CHAPTER 7. ~~LOUISIANA WORKFORCE COMMISSION~~ LOUISIANA WORKS

24 §301. ~~Louisiana Workforce Commission~~ Louisiana Works; creation; domicile;
25 composition; purposes and functions

26 A. ~~The Louisiana Workforce Commission~~ Louisiana Works is created and
27 shall be a body corporate with the power to sue and be sued. The domicile of the
28 ~~commission~~ department shall be in Baton Rouge. ~~The Louisiana Workforce~~
29 ~~Commission~~ Louisiana Works shall be deemed to be one of the twenty departments

1 of the executive branch of state government as provided in Article IV, Section 1 of
 2 the Constitution of ^{Louisiana} 1974 and as provided in this Title.

3 B. ~~The Louisiana Workforce Commission~~ Louisiana Works, through its
 4 offices and officers, shall administer and enforce laws and programs designed to
 5 protect the economic and physical well-being of Louisiana's workforce and pursue
 6 the availability of the workforce to meet the needs of the economy. The ~~commission~~
 7 department shall coordinate and administer programs conducted by the state, or
 8 jointly with federal agencies, in the area of labor-management relations, manpower
 9 evaluation and training, vocational rehabilitation, independent living, blind services,
 10 employment, unemployment and workers' compensation, job safety, and the
 11 licensing and regulation of certain types of work. The ~~commission~~ department shall
 12 be responsible for delivering workforce development solutions for businesses and
 13 economic sectors of the economy and coordinating with other state agencies and
 14 offices for the delivery of workforce development solutions as provided for in R.S.
 15 23:1801. The ~~commission~~ department shall perform functions related to
 16 administration of the community services block grant for which provision is initially
 17 made in the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981.

18 C.(1) ~~The Louisiana Workforce Commission~~ Louisiana Works shall be
 19 composed of the executive office of the secretary, the office of management and
 20 finance, the office of workforce development, the office of unemployment insurance
 21 administration, the office of workers' compensation administration, ~~the office of~~
 22 ~~occupational information services~~, and such other offices as shall be created by law.
 23 The Louisiana Workforce Investment Council, as more specifically provided in R.S.
 24 23:2042 et seq., shall be placed within the executive office of the secretary.

25 (2) Except when changes are necessary for the efficient delivery of
 26 workforce development solutions for businesses and economic sectors of the
 27 economy, whenever the secretary determines that the administration of the functions
 28 of the ~~commission~~ department may be more efficiently performed by eliminating,
 29 merging, or consolidating existing offices or establishing new offices, the secretary
 30 shall present a plan therefor to the legislature for its approval by statute.

31 * * *

1 §308. Offices; purposes and functions

2 A. The purposes for which the offices of the ~~Louisiana Workforce~~
3 ~~Commission~~ Louisiana Works are created shall be as set forth in this Section.

4 B.(1) The office of workforce development shall perform the functions of
5 the state relating to the administration, enforcement, supervision, and direction of
6 programs related to the formulation of standards and policies promoting the welfare
7 of wage-earning women; the employment of individuals with disabilities; vocational
8 rehabilitation; occupational information services; independent living; blind services;
9 customer service delivery; employment; training; minimum wage standards; welfare
10 of workers and labor disputes, including the promotion of voluntary conciliation of
11 disputes; regulation and certification of private employment agencies; minor labor
12 laws; the formulation of policy relative to labor apprenticeship; worker protection
13 programs, including medical payment; and employment security and employment
14 service field services, all in accordance with applicable laws.

15 (2) In addition to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, the office of workforce
16 development shall also perform the functions of the state relating to data processing
17 and the development, analysis, and dissemination of labor market and occupational
18 information, including but not limited to training and forecasting data.

19 * * *

20 §309. Transfer of agencies to ~~Louisiana Workforce Commission~~ Louisiana Works

21 A. The following agencies are transferred to and hereafter shall be within the
22 ~~Louisiana Workforce Commission~~ Louisiana Works, as provided in R.S. 36:802:

23 * * *

24 B. The following agencies are transferred to and hereafter shall be within the
25 ~~Louisiana Workforce Commission~~ Louisiana Works, as provided in R.S. 36:901 et
26 seq.:

27 * * *

28 C. The following agencies are transferred to and hereafter shall be within the
29 ~~Louisiana Workforce Commission~~ Louisiana Works as provided in R.S. 36:803:

30 * * *

1 D. The powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities relating to Louisiana
2 Rehabilitation Services (R.S. 23:3001 et seq.) are hereby transferred to the Louisiana
3 ~~Workforce Commission~~ Louisiana Works to be exercised and performed by the
4 ~~executive director~~ secretary, in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 36:921 et seq.

5 E. The following agencies are transferred to and hereafter shall be within the
6 ~~Louisiana Workforce Commission~~ Louisiana Works and shall perform and exercise
7 their powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities as provided by law:

8 * * *

9 ~~Section 11 R.S. 36:309(F) is hereby enacted to read as follows:~~

10 §309. Transfer of agencies to ~~Louisiana Workforce Commission~~ Louisiana Works

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12 F. The powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities related to the
13 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, including employment
14 and training programs, are hereby transferred to Louisiana Works to be exercised and
15 performed by the secretary, in accordance with the provisions of Part II of Chapter
16 22 of Title 36, R.S. 36:851 et seq.

17 Section 12. R.S. 46:18(A), 52.1(A) and (B)(1)(introductory paragraph), (2), and (3),

18 114(E)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (3), 114.1, 114.4(D) and (E), 116, 234, 301(A)(1) and
19 ~~the heading of Subpart E 4 of Part II of Chapter 3 and~~
20 (2), 321(2) through (5), 322(2) through (6), 323(introductory paragraph), (3), and (4),
21 324(A), (B), (C), (D), and (E)(introductory paragraph), (1), and (2)(introductory paragraph),
22 325(introductory paragraph), 326 through 328, 331(A)(1) through (3), 332, 352(1)(b), 431,
23 433(A), 434, ~~460.1(A)~~ ^{450.1} (B)(4) and (5), and (C)(1) and (2), 460.4(A), 932(12), and 936 are
hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

24 §18. Health care records; copies

25 A. The provider of health care shall furnish to the claimant, the person
26 appointed to represent the claimant in his dealings with the Social Security
27 Administration, or an agent with written authorization made pursuant to 45 CFR
28 164.508, upon request, a copy of any records that are necessary to support his filing
29 for social security disability benefits or supplemental security income benefits under
30 any provision of the Social Security Act. Cost of each photocopy shall not exceed

1 Section 15. R.S. 49:191(1)(f) and 1402(1)(d) are hereby amended and reenacted to
2 read as follows:

3 §191. Termination of legislative authority for existence of statutory entities; phase-
4 out period for statutory entities; table of dates

5 Notwithstanding any termination dates set by any previous Act of the
6 legislature, the statutory entities set forth in this Section shall begin to terminate their
7 operations on July first of each of the following years, and all legislative authority
8 for the existence of any statutory entity, as defined in R.S. 49:190, shall cease as of
9 July first of the following year, which shall be the termination date:

10 (1) July 1, 2026:

11 * * *

12 (f) ~~The Louisiana Workforce Commission~~ Louisiana Works and all statutory
13 entities made a part of the department by law.

14 * * *

15 §1402. Definition of terms

16 As used in this Chapter, the following terms have the meanings ascribed to
17 them in this Section unless otherwise clearly indicated by context:

18 (1) "Agency" means any of the following state departments:

19 * * *

20 (d) ~~Louisiana Workforce Commission~~ Louisiana Works.

21 * * *

22 Section 16. R.S. 23:18 and 34 and R.S. 36:308(E) are hereby repealed in their
23 entirety.

24 Section 17. R.S. 46:52.1(C) through (F), 55, 102, 103, 112, 230.1(C), and
25 231.14(G)(3) and R.S. 49:1402(1)(a) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

26 Section 18. The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby authorized and requested to
27 change all references in the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 to the Louisiana Workforce
28 Commission, whether referred to as the "Louisiana Workforce Commission" or
29 "commission", to "Louisiana Works" or "department" where appropriate. The Louisiana
30 State Law Institute is hereby further authorized and requested to change all references to the

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1 executive director of the Louisiana Workforce Commission, whether referred to as
2 "executive director of the Louisiana Workforce Commission", "executive director of the
3 commission", "executive of the department", or "executive director", to "secretary".

4 Section 19. The administrative rules contained in the Louisiana Administrative Code
5 promulgated by the Department of Children and Family Services, or a successor department,
6 which govern or are applicable to the programs and operations transferred from the
7 Department of Children and Family Services, or a successor department, to Louisiana Works
8 by this Act ^[ACTS 2025, No. 478] shall continue to be effective, and the office of state register shall change all
9 applicable references to the Department of Children and Family Services, or a successor
10 department, to Louisiana Works and redesignate and renumber, as needed, all applicable
11 provisions as are necessary to maintain continuity in the Louisiana Administrative Code.

12 Section 20. All monies held in the state treasury for the Fraud Detection Fund on
13 the effective date of this Section, shall upon that date, be transferred to the Louisiana
14 Department of Health.

15 Section 21.(A) All Department of Children and Family Services, or a successor
16 department, contracts related to the operation and administration of the programs and
17 activities transferred to Louisiana Works by this Act ^[ACTS 2025, No. 478] shall be deemed to have been
18 transferred and assigned to Louisiana Works upon the effective date of this Section without
19 the necessity of contractual amendment, and Louisiana Works shall be solely responsible for
20 all related obligations and liabilities arising on or after that effective date.

21 (B) In order to ensure continuity of services during the transition period, any pending
22 or unfinished business of the programs being transferred over shall be taken over and
23 completed by Louisiana Works with the same power and authorization as that of the
24 Department of Children and Family Services, or a successor department.

25 (C)(1) All employees engaged in the performance of duties relating to the functions
26 of the programs and services transferred from the Department of Children and Family
27 Services, or a successor department, to Louisiana Works are hereby transferred to Louisiana
28 Works to carry out the functions of Louisiana Works and its programs and services and shall
29 continue to perform their duties, subject to applicable state civil service laws, rules, and
30 regulations. Subject to such laws, positions in the unclassified service shall remain in the

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1 unclassified service. Upon the transfer of employees to a board, such employees shall
2 immediately have the ability to payroll deduct or direct deposit their payroll earnings in
3 favor of any credit union of which they were members prior to the transfer.

4 (2) The Department of State Civil Service shall assist the Department of Children
5 and Family Services, or a successor department, and Louisiana Works in all human resource
6 activities deemed necessary to make such a transfer. All human resource activities shall
7 include but are not limited to the transfer of personnel files and other related confidential
8 documents, position descriptions, retirement benefits, and related benefits, including but not
9 limited to those offered by the Office of Group Benefits.

10 (D) In order to ensure continuity of services, Louisiana Works shall provide
11 adequate funding from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program to
12 the Department of Children and Family Services, or a successor department, to run the child
13 protection and child welfare services as set forth in an interagency agreement. The amount
14 and schedule of funding transfers shall be determined based on the agreement between the
15 secretaries of Louisiana Works and the Department of Children and Family Services, or a
16 successor department. Both departments agree to work collaboratively to ensure that
17 adequate financial resources are provided annually. In the event that the secretaries are
18 unable to reach an agreement regarding the funding provisions, either department may
19 request a resolution by the commissioner of administration. The commissioner shall
20 convene a meeting between the secretaries and make a final determination on the proposed
21 allocation of funding to be included in the annual proposed operating budget.

22 Section 22.(A) The provisions of R.S. 23:73(E)(2) as amended and reenacted in
23 Section 8 of this Act ^{✓ [Acts 2025, No. 478]} shall supersede the provisions of R.S. 23:73(E)(2) as amended and
24 reenacted in Section 1 of Act No. 384 of the 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature when
25 Section 1 of Act No. 384 of the 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature becomes effective.

26 (B) The provisions of R.S. 46:936 as amended and reenacted in Section 14 of this Act ^{✓ [Acts 2025, No. 478]}
27 shall supersede the provisions of R.S. 46:936 as amended and reenacted in Section 5 of Act
28 No. 384 of the 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature when Section 5 of Act No. 384 of
29 the 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature becomes effective.

NOTE: RS 23:73(E)(2)
NOTE: RS 46:936

1 Section 23.(A) The workforce development programs administered by the
 2 Department of Children and Family Services shall be administered by Louisiana Works, or
 3 its successors. The workforce program includes those consolidated under Skills Employment
 4 and Training, or "SET for Success", or successor programs, the Child Support Enforcement
 5 Employment and Training Program, or a successor program, and the Strategies to Empower
 6 People (STEP) Program, or a successor program.

7 (B) All employees of the Department of Children and Family Services, or a
 8 successor department, whose duties involve the administration or implementation of the
 9 programs provided for in Subsection A of this Section shall be transferred to Louisiana
 10 Works, or its successors, in accordance with applicable civil service laws and regulations.

11 (C) The Department of Children and Family Services, or a successor department,
 12 and Louisiana Works, or its successors, shall execute an interagency agreement to ensure the
 13 continued funding of these programs in a manner consistent with each program's current
 14 funding sources and mechanisms. The agreement shall provide for the allocation of
 15 resources, personnel, and administrative support necessary to maintain uninterrupted
 16 program operations. Louisiana Works, or its successors, shall provide a monthly report and
 17 invoice to the Department of Children and Family Services, or a successor department,
 18 which shall be paid within thirty days of receipt, and provided in a format prescribed by the
 19 Department of Children and Family Services, or a successor department, for an interagency
 20 transfer of funding to Louisiana Works, or its successors.

21 (D) The secretaries of the Department of Children and Family Services, or a
 22 successor department, and Louisiana Works, or its successor, or their respective designees,
 23 shall take all actions necessary to implement the provisions of this Section, including
 24 transferring and assigning contracts and promulgating rules and regulations in accordance
 25 with the Administrative Procedure Act.

26 Section 24.(A) The Disability Determination Services (DDS) program administered
 27 by the Department of Children and Family Services shall be transferred to and administered
 28 by the Louisiana Department of Health, or its successors.

29 (B) All employees of the Department of Children and Family Services, or a
 30 successor department, whose duties involve the administration or implementation of the
 31 DDS program shall be transferred to the Louisiana Department of Health, or its successors,
 32 in accordance with applicable civil service laws and regulations.

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1 (C) Upon transfer, the Louisiana Department of Health, or its successors, shall be
2 the direct recipient of all federal funding for the DDS program from the Social Security
3 Administration.

4 Section 25. To further improve the financial situation of the state and to more
5 efficiently and effectively provide services to the citizens of this state, Louisiana Works shall
6 reduce at least forty employees from its July 1, 2024, employee count through natural
7 attrition no later than July 1, 2027.

8 Section 26.(A) The administrative rules contained in the Louisiana Administrative
9 Code promulgated by the Department of Children and Family Services which govern or are
10 applicable to the programs and operations transferred from the Department of Children and
11 Family Services to the Louisiana Department of Health by this Act shall continue to be
12 effective, and the office of state register shall change all applicable references to the
13 Department of Children and Family Services to the Louisiana Department of Health and
14 redesignate and renumber, as needed, all applicable provisions as are necessary to maintain
15 continuity in the Louisiana Administrative Code.

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16 (B) All Department of Children and Family Services contracts related to the
17 operation and administration of the programs and activities transferred to the Louisiana
18 Department of Health by this Act shall be deemed to have been transferred and assigned to
19 the Louisiana Department of Health upon the effective date of this Section without the
20 necessity of contractual amendment, and the Louisiana Department of Health shall be solely
21 responsible for all related obligations and liabilities arising on or after that effective date.

22 (C) In order to ensure continuity of services during the transition period, any pending
23 or unfinished business of the programs being transferred over shall be taken over and
24 completed by the Louisiana Department of Health with the same power and authorization
25 as that of the Department of Children and Family Services.

26 (D)(1) All employees engaged in the performance of duties relating to the functions
27 of the programs and services transferred from the Department of Children and Family
28 Services to the Louisiana Department of Health are hereby transferred to the Louisiana
29 Department of Health to carry out the functions of the Louisiana Department of Health and
30 its programs and services and shall continue to perform their duties, subject to applicable
31 state civil service laws, rules, and regulations. Subject to such laws, positions in the

1 unclassified service shall remain in the unclassified service. Upon the transfer of employees
2 to the Louisiana Department of Health, such employees shall immediately have the ability
3 to payroll deduct or direct deposit their payroll earnings in favor of any credit union of which
4 they were members prior to the transfer.

5 (2) The Department of State Civil Service shall assist the Department of Children and
6 Family Services and the Louisiana Department of Health in all human resource activities
7 deemed necessary to make such a transfer. All human resource activities shall include, but
8 are not limited to the transfer of personnel files and other related confidential documents,
9 position descriptions, retirement benefits, and related benefits, including but not limited to
10 those offered by the Office of Group Benefits.

11 (E) The commissioner of administration is hereby authorized and directed to make
12 necessary adjustments to appropriations for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 to conform with the
13 provisions of this Act. Adjustments shall be through the notification of appropriation
14 process or through approval of mid-year adjustments.

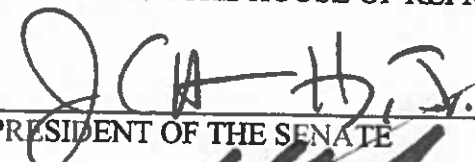
15 Section 27.(A) Sections 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 15, 16, 18, 20, and 23 through 26 of
16 this Act shall become effective on October 1, 2025.


17 (B) The provisions of Sections 8, 14, and 22 of this Act shall become effective when
18 Act No. 384 of the 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature becomes effective.

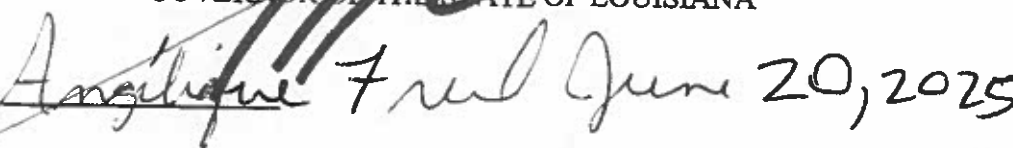
19 (C) Sections 3, 5, 11, 13, 17, 19, and 21 of this Act shall become effective October
20 1, 2027.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE


GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact ~~Children's Code~~ Articles 509(B)(1), 512(B)(1), 522(A)(2), 1269.3(F),
3 1270(B), (E), and (F), 1271(A), 1273, 1283.2(H), 1285.2(H), and 1519, ~~Code of~~
4 ~~Evidence~~ Article 902(10), R.S. ~~6:333(F)(14)~~, R.S. ~~9:315.16(A)~~, 315.40(1) and (3),
5 399.1(A) and (F)(3) and (4), and 406(B)(2) and (C)(2), R.S. ~~11:441.1(F)~~, R.S. ~~13:998~~
6 (B) and (E)(1) and (3), ^(Intro. Par.) 1141(B) and (E)(1) and (3), ^(Intro. Par.) 1414(B) and (E)(1) and (3), ^(Intro. Par.)
7 4291(B)(1), and 5108.2, R.S. ~~15:587(A)(2)(a) and (b)~~, 587.1(I), and 587.5(A)(4),
8 R.S. ~~17:192.1(A)(1)(a) and (3)~~, R.S. ~~23:1605(A)(4)~~, R.S. ~~36:3(7)~~, 8(E)(2)(d), 9(C),
9 471(B) and (C)(1), 472(A), 475.1(B) and (C), 476, and 477, R.S. ~~40:34.5(E)~~,
10 46.12(D) and (F), ^(Intro. Par.) and 1061.14(B)(3)(b)(i), R.S. ~~43:111(A)(8)~~, R.S. ~~44:38~~, R.S.
11 ~~46:51~~(introductory paragraph), 51.3, 233.1(C)(introductory paragraph) and
12 (D)(introductory paragraph), 236.1.1(3), 236.1.4(E), 236.1.8(D), 236.3(A)(2),
13 236.10(A), 236.11(C), 236.12(B)(1), 236.14(D)(1)(introductory paragraph),
14 236.15(A)(1), 236.16, 238(B), (C), (D), (E)(introductory paragraph) and (7), and (F),
15 281, 1002(A), (B)(introductory paragraph), and (C), and 2136.2(F), R.S.
16 ~~47:299.11(1)~~, 299.41(B), 463.112(C), and 9027(C)(10)(introductory paragraph) and
17 (c), and R.S. ~~51:1442(4)~~ and to repeal R.S. 36:474(A)(11) and (G) and 477(B)(2) and

R.S. 46:51(2) and (14) and 233.1(A) and (B), relative to the organization of the Department of Children and Family Services; to create the office of child support and the office of child welfare; to eliminate the office of children and family services; to transfer the duties of certain offices within the Department of Children and Family Services; to remove outdated provisions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Children's Code Articles 509(B)(1), 512(B)(1), 522(A)(2), 1269.3(F), 1270(B), (E), and (F), 1271(A), 1273, 1283.2(H), 1285.2(H), and 1519 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Art. 509. Development of interagency protocols; drafting committee membership; meetings; compliance deadline

* * *

B. At a minimum, each committee shall include the following members:

(1) A representative of the office of ~~children and family services~~, child welfare, Department of Children and Family Services.

* * *

Art. 512. Composition of the multidisciplinary investigative team

* * *

B. Governmental entities that have responsibilities imposed by law for the investigation of child abuse include:

(1) The office of ~~children and family services~~, child welfare, Department of Children and Family Services.

* * *

Art. 522. Applicability

A. A child advocacy center is established and becomes subject to the provisions of this Chapter when all of the following have been accomplished:

* * *

(2) An agreement to use the services of a child advocacy center has been executed by representatives of the district attorney, the office of ~~children and family~~

Section 10. R.S. 36:477(B)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§477. Office; purposes and functions

* * *

B.(1) The office of children and family services shall perform the services of the state relating to public assistance programs to provide aid to dependent children and to adults, who due to age, disability, or infirmity, are unable to adequately meet their basic needs. It shall also administer ~~the food stamp program or its successor~~; child support programs, establishment of paternity programs, disaster relief grant programs for individuals and families, and such other programs as assigned by the secretary. ~~It shall also conduct disability and other client eligibility determinations, and may conduct medical assistance client eligibility determinations.~~ The office is authorized to enter into interagency agreements with other state agencies to conduct eligibility determinations. The office shall provide for the public child welfare functions of the state including but not limited to prevention services that promote, facilitate, and support activities to prevent child abuse and neglect; child protective services; voluntary family strengthening and support services; making permanent plans for foster children and meeting their daily maintenance needs of food, shelter, clothing, necessary physical medical services, school supplies, and incidental personal needs; and adoption placement services for foster children freed for adoption. It shall also perform the functions of the state relating to the licensing of facilities regulated under Chapter 14 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950. The office shall issue and monitor domestic violence services contracts.

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Section 11. R.S. 36:3(7), 8(E)(2)(d), 9(C), 471(B) and ~~(C)(1)~~, 472(A), 475.1(B) and (C), 476, and 477 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§3. Definitions

As used in this Title, the following terms have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

* * *

1 (7) "Undersecretary" means the officer designated to direct and be
 2 responsible for the functions of the office of management and finance of certain
 3 departments. ~~For the Department of Children and Family Services, "undersecretary"~~
 4 ~~means the officer designated to direct and be responsible for the functions of the~~
 5 ~~division of management and finance within the office of children and family~~
 6 ~~services.~~

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§8. Fiscal oversight and program evaluation

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10 E. As used in this Section, the following words shall have the following
 11 meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

* * *

13 (2) "Undersecretary" means the undersecretary of each department in the
 14 executive branch of state government, except "undersecretary" means the following
 15 in the case of the listed departments:

* * *

17 (d) For the Department of Children and Family Services, the secretary;
 18 however, for the purposes of Paragraph (A)(2) and Subsection D of this Section,
 19 "undersecretary" shall mean the undersecretary for the division office of
 20 management and finance for the department. In addition, for purposes of Paragraph
 21 (A)(5) of this Section, reports of problems related to budget, finances, or
 22 administration shall be the responsibility of the undersecretary as provided in
 23 Paragraph (A)(5) of this Section, and reports of problems related to programs and
 24 policy shall be the direct responsibility of the secretary. Any provision of this
 25 Section that requires the undersecretary to report to or inform the secretary shall not
 26 be applicable to the Department of Children and Family Services for any function
 27 or responsibility exercised by the secretary pursuant to this Subparagraph.

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§9. Designation of certain organizational units; uniform terminology

* * *

1 C.(1) Each organizational unit which reports to the secretary, which is not
2 an agency and is not within an office, shall be in the executive office of the secretary
3 and shall be designated as follows:

4 (a) (1) A unit which reports directly to the secretary shall be designated as
5 a bureau.

6 (b) (2) A subunit of a bureau shall be designated as a section.

7 (c) (3) A subunit of a section shall be designated as a unit.

8 ~~(2) For the Department of Children and Family Services, each organizational~~
9 ~~unit which reports to the secretary, which is not an agency and is not within the~~
10 ~~division of management and finance, the division of child welfare, or the division of~~
11 ~~family support, shall be in the executive division, and shall be designated as follows:~~

12 ~~(a) A unit which reports directly to the secretary shall be designated as a~~
13 ~~bureau:~~

14 ~~(b) A subunit of a bureau shall be designated as a section:~~

15 ~~(c) A subunit of a section shall be designated as a unit:~~

16 * * *

17 §471. Department of Children and Family Services; creation; domicile;
18 composition; purpose and functions

19 ~~B.(1) The Department of Children and Family Services, through its office~~
20 ~~and officers, shall be responsible for the development and providing of social~~
21 ~~services and the improvement of social conditions for the citizens of Louisiana. The~~
22 ~~department declares that every child deserves to be safe. stability is the foundation~~
23 ~~for success, and strong families create strong communities.~~

24 (2) It is the mission of the department to protect children, empower families,
25 and strengthen communities so every child grows up safe, stable, and strong. The
26 department envisions a future where every child thrives in a safe, stable, and loving
27 environment, supported by empowered families and resilient communities.

28 (3) To accomplish the mission and vision set forth, the department declares
29 the following:

1 (a) It will take accountability and be committed to transparency, action and
2 results. ^

3 (b) It will prioritize connections to bridge gaps between services, agencies,
4 and in communities to bring the right people together for real solutions.

5 (c) It will develop every employee by ensuring they have the tools and
6 support required to reach their highest potential.

7 C.(1) The Department of Children and Family Services shall be composed
8 of the executive office of children and family services, the secretary, office of
9 management and finance, office of child welfare, office of child support, and such
10 other offices as shall be created by law.

11 * * *

12 §472. Officers of the department; compensation for one office only

13 A. The officers of the department shall be the secretary, the deputy secretary,
14 the undersecretary, ~~the assistant secretary of child welfare,~~ and the assistant secretary
15 ~~of family support;~~ secretaries, each of whom shall be selected and shall perform
16 functions as provided in this Title. ✓

17 * * *

18 §475.1. Undersecretary; functions; division office of management and finance

19 * * *

20 B. The undersecretary shall direct and be responsible for the functions of the
21 division office of management and ~~finance, within the office of children and family~~
22 ~~services~~ finance, within the Department of Children and Family Services. In such
23 capacity, he shall be responsible for accounting and budget control, procurement and
24 contract management, data processing, personnel management, grants management,
25 and facility construction and consulting services for the department and all of its
26 offices, including all agencies transferred to the Department of Children and Family
27 Services, except as otherwise specifically provided in this Title. ✓ The undersecretary
28 shall exercise all powers and authority granted to him in this Title ✓ subject to the
29 overall direction and control of the secretary.

1 C. The duties and functions of the division office of management and finance
 2 ~~finance, within the office of children and family services~~ and of the undersecretary
 3 shall be as provided in this Section and these duties and functions shall not be subject
 4 to change by the secretary, except that the undersecretary shall perform such
 5 additional duties and functions as are assigned by the secretary.

6 ~~§476. Assistant secretaries~~

7 A. ~~There shall be an assistant secretary of child welfare and an assistant~~
 8 ~~secretary of family support, who shall be appointed by the governor with consent of~~
 9 ~~the Senate and who shall serve at the pleasure of the governor at a salary fixed by the~~
 10 ~~governor, which salary shall not exceed the amount approved for such position by~~
 11 ~~the legislature while in session. Each office within the Department of Children and~~
 12 ~~Family Services, except the executive office of the secretary and the office of~~
 13 ~~management and finance, shall be under the immediate supervision and direction of~~
 14 ~~an assistant secretary who shall be appointed by the governor with the consent of the~~
 15 ~~Senate. Each shall serve at the pleasure of the governor and shall be paid a salary~~
 16 ~~which shall be fixed by the governor, which salary shall not exceed the amount~~
 17 ~~approved for such a position by the legislature while in session.~~

18 B. ~~The assistant secretary of child welfare shall manage the division of child~~
 19 ~~welfare and perform the duties and functions of the division related to program~~
 20 ~~development and administration, program service delivery, and development of rules~~
 21 ~~and policy to govern the various programs of the division. Except as otherwise~~
 22 ~~expressly provided in this Title, the duties and functions of each office and its~~
 23 ~~assistant secretary shall be determined by the secretary, and all such duties and~~
 24 ~~functions shall be exercised under the direct supervision and control of the secretary.~~

25 C. ~~The assistant secretary of family support shall manage the division of~~
 26 ~~family support and perform the duties and functions of the division related to~~
 27 ~~program development and administration, program service delivery, and~~
 28 ~~development of rules and policy to govern the various programs of the division.~~
 29 ~~Except as otherwise provided in R.S. 36:801, each assistant secretary shall employ.~~

1 appoint, remove, assign, and promote such personnel as is necessary for the efficient
 2 administration of his office and its programs and the performance of its powers,
 3 duties, functions, and responsibilities in accordance with applicable civil service
 4 laws, rules, and regulations and with regard to policies and rules of the department,
 5 all subject to budgetary control and applicable laws.

6 §477. Office Offices; purposes and functions

7 A. The purposes for which the ~~office of children and family services offices~~
 8 of the Department of Children and Family Services ^{are} ~~is~~ created shall be set forth in this
 9 Section.

10 B.(1) ~~The office of children and family services shall perform the services~~
 11 ~~of the state relating to public assistance programs to provide aid to dependent~~
 12 ~~children and to adults, who due to age, disability, or infirmity, are unable to~~
 13 ~~adequately meet their basic needs. It shall also administer the food stamp program~~
 14 ~~or its successor, child support programs, establishment of paternity programs,~~
 15 ~~disaster relief grant programs for individuals and families, and such other programs~~
 16 ~~as assigned by the secretary. It shall also conduct disability and other client~~
 17 ~~eligibility determinations, and may conduct medical assistance client eligibility~~
 18 ~~determinations. The office is authorized to enter into interagency agreements with~~
 19 ~~other state agencies to conduct eligibility determinations. The office shall provide~~
 20 ~~for the public child welfare functions of the state including but not limited to~~
 21 ~~prevention services that promote, facilitate, and support activities to prevent child~~
 22 ~~abuse and neglect, child protective services, voluntary family strengthening and~~
 23 ~~support services, making permanent plans for foster children and meeting their daily~~
 24 ~~maintenance needs of food, shelter, clothing, necessary physical medical services,~~
 25 ~~school supplies, and incidental personal needs, and adoption placement services for~~
 26 ~~foster children freed for adoption. It shall also perform the functions of the state~~
 27 ~~relating to the licensing of facilities regulated under Chapter 14 of Title 46 of the~~
 28 ~~Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950. The office shall issue and monitor domestic~~
 29 ~~violence services contracts. The executive office of the secretary shall provide for~~
 30 ~~the general oversight and supervision of the department. The executive office of the~~

secretary includes a bureau of audit, bureau of general counsel, and a bureau of communications and governmental affairs.

C. The office of child welfare shall provide for the public child welfare functions of the state including but not limited to centralized intake; child protective services; human trafficking programs; making permanent plans for foster children and meeting their daily maintenance needs for food, shelter, clothing, necessary physical medical services, school supplies, and incidental personal needs; adoption placement services for foster children freed for adoption; prevention services that promote, facilitate, and support activities to prevent child abuse and neglect, including but not limited to voluntary family strengthening and support services; and such other programs as assigned by the secretary. The office shall also issue and monitor domestic violence services contracts.

D. The office of child support shall provide for the administration of child support programs pursuant to Title IV-D of the Social Security Act, including but not limited to enforcing, collecting, and distributing support obligations; establishing paternity; obtaining and modifying child and medical support orders; and such other programs as assigned by the secretary.

Section 12. R.S. 40:34.5(E), 46.12(D) and (F), and 1061.14(B)(3)(b)(i) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§34.5. Original birth certificate; required contents; name of father

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E. Nothing in this Section shall preclude the Department of Children and Family Services, office of children and family services, child support enforcement section from obtaining an admission of paternity from the biological father for submission in a judicial proceeding, or prohibit the issuance of an order in a judicial proceeding which bases a legal finding of paternity on an admission of paternity by the biological father and on any other additional showing required by state law.

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1 assignment and directing the corporation to make prize payments as a whole or in
2 part to the assignee if the court finds all of the following:

3 * * *

4 (10) The petition required by this Subsection shall be accompanied by a
5 certification from a representative of the Department of Children and Family
6 Services, office of ~~children and family services~~, child support, stating any of the
7 following:

8 * * *

9 (c) That the assignor or assignee does currently have a child support
10 arrearage, or the assignor or assignee does owe an obligation to repay any public
11 assistance benefits or an overpayment of child support benefits to the Department of
12 Children and Family Services. The certification from the Department of Children
13 and Family Services, office of children and family services, shall be provided to the
14 assignor and the assignee promptly upon the request of the assignor or the assignee,
15 and in no event more than ten business days after said request is received by the
16 Department of Children and Family Services, office of ~~children and family services~~.
17 child support.

18 * * *

19 Section 17. R.S. 51:1442(4) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

20 §1442. Definitions

21 As used in this Chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the
22 following meanings:

23 * * *

24 (4) "Department" means the Department of Children and Family Services,
25 office of ~~children and family services~~, ~~child support enforcement section~~. child
26 support.

27 * * *

28 Section 18. R.S. 36:474(A)(11) and (G) and 477(B)(2) and R.S. 46:51(2) and (14)
29 and 233.1(A) and (B) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

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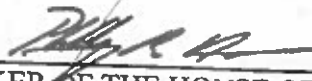
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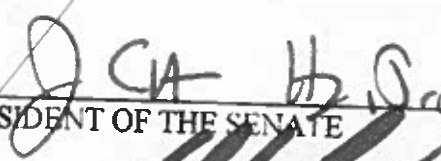
Section 19. This Act shall become effective only if the Act which originated as House Bill No. 624 of this 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature is enacted. If House Bill No. 624 is enacted then:

(A) Sections 1 through 9 and 11 through 18 of this Act shall become effective on October 1, 2027.

(B) Section 10 of this Act shall become effective on October 1, 2025.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE


GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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ACT 262

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HOUSE BILL NO. 274

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 29:1(B), 722(A)(1), 724(B)(3), 725(A), (B), (C)(1), (E), and (H), and 726(A) and R.S. 36:4(B)(7) and to repeal R.S. 36:4(B)(3), relative to the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness; to provide for transition to the Military Department; to provide for the employment, authority, and duties of the director; to provide for the powers, duties, and authority of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 29:1(B), 722(A)(1), 724(B)(3), 725(A), (B), (C)(1), (E), and (H), and 726(A) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1. Military Department

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B. The Military Department shall be composed of the National Guard, Louisiana State Guard, Louisiana Military Police, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and such other offices that may be created or established according to law.

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§722. Purpose

A. Because of the existing possibility of the occurrence of emergencies and disasters of unprecedented size and destructiveness resulting from terrorist events, enemy attack, sabotage, or other hostile action, or from fire, flood, earthquake, or other natural or manmade causes, and in order to ensure that preparations of this state

1 will be adequate to deal with such emergencies or disasters, and in order to detect,
2 prevent, prepare for, investigate, respond to, or recover from these events, and
3 generally to preserve the lives and property of the people of the state of Louisiana,
4 it is hereby found and declared to be necessary:

5 (1) To create and provide for designation of the Governor's Office of
6 Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness within the Military Department,
7 State of Louisiana, as the state homeland security and emergency preparedness
8 agency and to authorize the creation of local organizations for emergency
9 preparedness in the political subdivisions of the state.

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11 §724. Powers of the governor

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13 B.

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15 (3) All executive orders or proclamations issued under this Subsection shall
16 indicate the nature of the disaster or emergency, the designated emergency area
17 which is or may be affected, and the conditions which have brought it about or which
18 make possible the termination of the state of disaster or emergency. An executive
19 order or proclamation shall be disseminated promptly by means calculated to bring
20 its contents to the attention of the general public and, unless the circumstances
21 attendant upon the disaster or emergency prevent or impede it, promptly filed with
22 the Military Department, Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency
23 Preparedness and with the secretary of state.

24 * * *

25 §725. State emergency and disaster agency; powers of director; officers of the
26 agency

27 A. The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency
28 Preparedness, hereafter referred to in this Chapter as GOHSEP, is hereby established
29 as a state agency within the ~~office of the governor~~ Military Department, state of
30 Louisiana.

1 B. The governor shall designate the Governor's Office of Homeland Security
2 and Emergency Preparedness within the Military Department as the state homeland
3 security and emergency preparedness agency. ~~The office shall be an independent~~
4 ~~agency in the office of the governor and, through its director, shall report directly to~~
5 ~~the governor.~~ The office shall have authority for and shall be responsible for its own
6 accounting and budget control, procurement and contract management, personnel
7 management, and grants management and shall carry out these functions ~~either~~
8 ~~directly or through authorized assignment to another state agency or department.~~ The
9 office through the Military Department, which shall have authority to enter into
10 contracts and agreements necessary in carrying out ~~its~~ the office's functions and
11 responsibilities.

12 C.(1) There shall be a director of the Governor's Office of Homeland
13 Security and Emergency Preparedness who shall be ~~appointed by the governor,~~
14 ~~subject to Senate confirmation~~ employed by and report directly to the adjutant
15 general. He shall administer the state emergency preparedness agency as provided
16 in this Chapter. The director shall serve at a salary fixed by the ~~governor, which~~
17 ~~salary shall not exceed the amount approved for the position by the legislature~~
18 adjutant general.

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20 E. ~~The director shall appoint a deputy director, subject to senate~~
21 ~~confirmation, to administer the provisions of this Chapter. The deputy director shall~~
22 ~~have and may exercise such powers and duties of the director as the director shall~~
23 ~~delegate to him.~~ The director may appoint such assistant deputy directors shall
24 employ a deputy director and may employ additional deputies and assistants as may
25 be necessary to carry out the functions of the office, including but not limited to
26 homeland security, emergency preparedness, and recovery. Each deputy or assistant
27 ~~deputy director~~ shall have and may exercise such powers and duties of the director
28 ~~or the deputy director as the director or deputy director shall delegate to him.~~

29 * * *

1 H. The director, subject to the direction and control of the governor, acting
 2 through the adjutant general, shall be the executive head of the state homeland
 3 security and emergency preparedness agency and as such shall be responsible to ~~the~~
 4 ~~governor~~ for carrying out the programs for homeland security and emergency
 5 preparedness for the state of Louisiana. For actions related to a gubernatorially
 6 declared disaster or emergency, the agency and director shall report to the governor
 7 or a person designated by the governor for that purpose. He shall coordinate the
 8 activities of all agencies and organizations for homeland security and emergency
 9 preparedness within the state and shall maintain liaison with and cooperate with
 10 homeland security and emergency preparedness agencies and organizations of other
 11 states and of the federal government. He shall coordinate public-private sector
 12 relationships in order to meet the needs of an emergency or disaster pursuant to R.S.
 13 29:726. All state agencies and departments shall comply with directives from the
 14 Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness relating to
 15 emergency planning and operations. He shall coordinate the implementation of the
 16 Emergency Management Assistance Compact pursuant to R.S. 29:733. The
 17 provisions of this Subsection shall not supersede the powers, duties, or authority of
 18 the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police.

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20 §726. Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness;
 21 authority and responsibilities

22 A. The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency
 23 Preparedness, under the governor Military Department, shall be responsible for
 24 homeland security and emergency preparedness in the state. In order to perform the
 25 duties and functions required under this Chapter, the office may establish and
 26 maintain office of homeland security and emergency preparedness operations
 27 centers. The office may obtain immovable property for such operations centers by
 28 sale, transfer, grant, donation, lease, exchange, or any other means, including
 29 interagency transfers of property and cooperative endeavors.

30 * * *

Section 2. R.S. 36:4(B)(7) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§4. Structure of executive branch of state government

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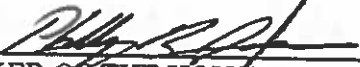
B. The office of the governor shall be in the executive branch of state government. The governor may allocate within his office the powers, duties, funds, functions, appropriations, responsibilities, and personnel of the agencies within his office and provide for the administration thereof and for the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

* * *

(7) Military Department, state of Louisiana (R.S. 29:1 et seq., ~~excluding provisions for including~~ the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, R.S. 29:721 et seq.)

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Section 3. R.S. 36:4(B)(3) is hereby repealed in its entirety.


SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE


GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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ACT 375

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2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 528

BY REPRESENTATIVES BOURRIAQUE AND ROMERO

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. ~~36:501(C)(1), 502(A) and (B), 505, 508(A) through (D) and (F)~~
REPEALED and (G), 508.1, 508.2(A) and (B), and (F) and 508.3(A)(2) and (3) and to enact R.S.
and (8), 36:4(B)(38), 504(B)(6) and (7), 506(E) through (F), 508(H) and (I), 508.5, and
508.6, relative to the office of Louisiana Highway Construction under the division
of administration; to add the office of transformation and the office of project
delivery to the composition of the Department of Transportation and Development;
to reconstruct the functions, powers, and duties of officers of the department; to
change the appointing authority of certain officials; to require the office of
transformation to operate under the supervision of the office of project delivery; to
designate certain powers and duties to the assistant secretary for project delivery; to
remove the powers and duties of the office of planning; and to provide for related
matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

REPEALED Section 1. R.S. ~~36:501(C)(1), 502(A) and (B), 505, 508(A) through (D) and (F) and~~
and (F) (G), 508.1, 508.2(A) and (B), and 508.3(A)(2) and (3) are hereby amended and reenacted
and (8) and R.S. 36:4(B)(38), 504(B)(6) and (7), 506(E) through (F), 508(H) and (I), 508.5, and
508.6 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§4. Structure of executive branch of state government

* * *

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

7 * * *

8 (38) Office of Louisiana Highway Construction under the division of
 9 administration.

10 * * *

11 §501. Department of Transportation and Development; creation; domicile;
 12 composition; purposes and functions

13 * * *

14 C.(1) The Department of Transportation and Development shall be
 15 composed of the executive office of the secretary, the office of transformation, the
 16 office of management and finance, ~~the office of engineering~~, the office of planning
 17 project delivery, the office of operations, the office of multimodal commerce, and
 18 such other offices as shall be created by law.

19 * * *

20 §502. Officers of the department; compensation for one office only

21 A.(1) The officers of the department shall be the secretary, undersecretary,
 22 deputy secretary, ~~chief engineer~~, assistant secretary of planning project delivery,
 23 commissioner of multimodal commerce, and assistant secretary of operations, each
 24 of whom shall be selected and shall perform functions as provided in this Title.

25 (2) The secretary, undersecretary, deputy secretary, assistant secretary of
 26 planning project delivery, assistant secretary of operations, executive director of the
 27 Offshore Terminal Authority, commissioner of multimodal commerce, and such
 28 other positions which may be authorized by the State Civil Service Commission or
 29 the state constitution shall be ~~the only~~ unclassified positions in the Department of
 30 Transportation and Development. All other positions in the department shall may

1 be in the classified state service. The secretary shall fill such positions as in his
2 opinion and judgment are necessary to the operation of the department in accordance
3 with applicable rules and regulations of the State Civil Service Commission and
4 applicable law.

5 B. No person serving as a secretary, undersecretary, deputy secretary, ~~chief~~
6 ~~engineer~~, assistant secretary of planning project delivery, assistant secretary of
7 operations, commissioner of multimodal commerce, or in any other office in the
8 department shall receive any additional salary from the state other than that salary
9 which he receives by virtue of serving in any one of such offices. Any statewide
10 elected official appointed to serve as a secretary or deputy secretary shall not receive
11 any additional salary from the state other than that salary which he receives as a
12 statewide elected official.

13 * * *

14 §504. Powers and duties of secretary of transportation and development

15 * * *

16 B. The secretary shall have authority to:

17 * * *

18 (6) Eliminate positions within the department deemed to be unnecessary in
19 fulfilling the goals of the office of transformation in accordance with civil service
20 rules.

21 (7) Enter into agreements with other state agencies for the purpose of
22 developing and implementing programs that ensure adequate, safe, and efficient
23 transportation and public works infrastructure and services throughout the state.

24 (8) To utilize any lawful means to monitor, enforce, and collect penalties for
25 violations occurring within state construction zones. The provisions of this Section
26 shall be applicable notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary.

27 §505. Deputy secretary; functions; office of transformation

28 A. There ~~may~~ shall be a deputy secretary of the department, who shall be
29 appointed by the ~~secretary~~ governor and shall serve as the appointing authority for

1 the office of transformation. He shall serve at the pleasure of the secretary governor
 2 at a salary fixed by the governor, which salary shall not exceed the amount approved
 3 for such position by the legislature while in session. The duties and functions of the
 4 deputy secretary shall be ~~determined~~ to oversee the office of transformation which
 5 shall include all duties, responsibilities, and authorities necessary and lawful to
 6 optimize the department and those otherwise assigned by the secretary. He shall
 7 serve as acting secretary in the absence of the secretary.

8 B. If the position of deputy secretary is not filled during the absence of the
 9 secretary, the secretary may designate either the undersecretary or the ~~chief engineer~~
 10 assistant secretary for project delivery to serve as acting secretary in his absence. The
 11 secretary shall notify the governor in writing of his temporary appointment of an
 12 acting secretary in his absence. The governor shall have the full authority to revoke
 13 the appointment. In no event shall the temporary appointment exceed thirty days in
 14 length, except with the specific written approval of the governor. The governor may
 15 appoint a temporary secretary to act in the absence or incapacity of the secretary if
 16 an acting secretary has not been appointed.

17 C. The deputy secretary shall assess all of the department's reports and
 18 submit one single report to the legislature annually.

19 §506. Undersecretary; functions; office of management and finance

20 * * *

21 E.(1) The undersecretary shall ensure that no direct or indirect costs
 22 associated with any full- or part-time employee of the department is funded in the
 23 capital budget. The capital budget shall exclusively include costs that are directly
 24 associated with construction, such as land acquisition and right-of-way costs,
 25 construction engineering, construction and reconstruction, resurfacing, rehabilitation,
 26 and restoration, system preservation, and installation or modification of traffic
 27 service facilities. The undersecretary shall itemize costs in the capital budget to
 28 maximize the legislature's and the public's understanding and awareness of the
 29 department's capital budget.

1 (2) The operating budget shall clearly and concisely itemize costs associated
 2 with past and present employees of the department. All other costs in the operating
 3 budget shall be separated and itemized apart from those associated with past or
 4 present employees of the department.

5 F. In the event of budgetary layoffs, the undersecretary shall consult with
 6 each assistant secretary of the department and, in consultation with the secretary, and
 7 the office of transformation, initiate and execute layoffs in a manner that minimizes
 8 impacts to services to the public.

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10 §508. Office of engineering project delivery; functions; ~~chief engineer~~ assistant
 11 secretary; powers and duties

12 A. There is hereby created within the Department of Transportation and
 13 Development, the office of engineering project delivery, which shall administer
 14 engineering matters related to the state's highway program with respect to project
 15 development, planning, design, construction, maintenance, extension, improvement,
 16 and regulation of roads, highways, expressways, bridges, and related matters, and
 17 any other special highway engineering program as may be directed by the secretary.
 18 The office shall also administer the public works functions of the state related to
 19 flood and drainage control, reclamation, water resources, soil conservation, mapping,
 20 disaster relief, and related matters, the state's participation in the National Flood
 21 Insurance Program, 42 U.S.C. 4001 et seq., and other special programs as may be
 22 directed by the secretary.

23 B. The office of engineering project delivery shall be under the immediate
 24 supervision of the ~~chief engineer~~ assistant secretary, who shall be appointed by the
 25 secretary. The ~~chief engineer~~ assistant secretary shall serve at the pleasure of the
 26 secretary ~~in accordance with civil service rules. The chief engineer shall be a~~
 27 ~~competent engineer of recognized ability and standing who is experienced in the~~
 28 ~~engineering duties of the department. He shall~~ may be licensed to practice civil

1 engineering in Louisiana. The ~~chief engineer~~ assistant secretary shall give his whole
 2 time to the duties of his office.

3 C. The ~~chief engineer~~ assistant secretary shall have authority subject to
 4 approval of the secretary and in accordance with applicable rules and regulations of
 5 the civil service commission to employ, appoint, transfer, assign, and promote such
 6 personnel as is necessary for the efficient administration of the office of engineering
 7 project delivery.

8 D. The ~~chief engineer~~ assistant secretary shall receive an annual salary fixed
 9 by the in accordance with civil service rules, governor, payable monthly out of funds
 10 which salary shall not exceed the amount approved for such position by the
 11 legislature while in session. appropriated therefor and shall be allowed his actual and
 12 necessary traveling expenses incurred in the discharge of his official duties:

13 * * *

14 F. The chief engineer shall approve all plans, specifications, and estimates
 15 for the construction of all facilities and projects for which his office is responsible.
 16 He also shall have such other duties as may be assigned to him by the secretary or
 17 the assistant secretary, by the provisions of this Chapter, or by the laws of this state.
 18 He shall report the proceedings of his office annually to the secretary of the
 19 department and at such other times as the secretary may designate, and he shall make
 20 any additional reports as are required by the secretary.

21 G. ~~The secretary or the chief engineer with approval of the secretary may~~
 22 ~~designate a licensed engineer in the office of engineering to perform any duties~~
 23 ~~required of the chief engineer when the chief engineer is absent or incapacitated.~~
 24 The assistant secretary in consultation with the chief engineer and with approval of
 25 the secretary may designate a licensed engineer in the office of project delivery to
 26 perform any duties required of the chief engineer when the chief engineer is absent.

27 H. The strategic mission of the assistant secretary shall be to, whenever
 28 possible, employ individuals skilled in project delivery and contract management
 29 who are not also licensed professional engineers.

1 I. The assistant secretary and the unclassified direct reports under his
2 direction shall maximize to the fullest extent possible the privatization of services
3 and functions within the office.

4 ~~§508.1. Office of planning, functions, assistant secretary, powers and duties~~

5 ~~A. There is hereby created within the Department of Transportation and~~
6 ~~Development, the office of planning, which shall administer the planning and~~
7 ~~programming matters of the department related to strategic and intermodal issues,~~
8 ~~highways, bridge and pavement management, data collection and analysis,~~
9 ~~congestion, safety, aviation, public transportation, public mass transit, and railroad~~
10 ~~and water transportation systems, and related matters, and any other special~~
11 ~~programs as may be directed by the secretary.~~

12 ~~B. The office of planning shall be under the immediate supervision of the~~
13 ~~assistant secretary, who shall be appointed by the governor and shall serve at the~~
14 ~~pleasure of the secretary. The assistant secretary shall be a competent engineer or~~
15 ~~an urban or regional transportation planner of recognized ability and standing who~~
16 ~~is familiar with the operations of public transportation departments and who, at a~~
17 ~~minimum, has earned a bachelor's degree. The assistant secretary shall give his~~
18 ~~whole time to the duties of his office.~~

19 ~~C. The assistant secretary shall have authority subject to approval of the~~
20 ~~secretary and in accordance with applicable rules and regulations of the civil service~~
21 ~~commission to employ, appoint, transfer, assign, and promote such personnel as is~~
22 ~~necessary for the efficient administration of the office of planning and programming.~~

23 ~~D. The assistant secretary shall receive an annual salary fixed by the~~
24 ~~governor, which salary shall not exceed the amount approved for such position by~~
25 ~~the legislature while in session, payable monthly out of funds appropriated therefor~~
26 ~~and shall be allowed his actual and necessary traveling expenses incurred in the~~
27 ~~discharge of his official duties.~~

28 ~~E. The assistant secretary shall administer all department functions and~~
29 ~~duties for which the office of planning is responsible. He shall also have such other~~
30 ~~duties as may be assigned to him by the secretary, by the provisions of this Chapter,~~

1 ~~or by the laws of this state. He shall report the proceedings of his office annually to~~
 2 ~~the secretary of the department and at such other times as the secretary may~~
 3 ~~designate, and he shall make any additional reports as are required by the secretary.~~

4 ~~F. The secretary is specifically authorized and empowered to perform any~~
 5 ~~of the duties of the assistant secretary when the assistant secretary is absent or~~
 6 ~~incapacitated or when in the opinion of the secretary it would be in the best interest~~
 7 ~~of the department. The assistant secretary with approval of the secretary may~~
 8 ~~designate a member of the senior staff in the office of planning to perform any duties~~
 9 ~~required of the assistant secretary.~~

10 §508.2. Office of operations; functions; assistant secretary powers and duties

11 A. ~~A.~~ There is hereby created within the Department of Transportation and
 12 Development, the office of operations, which shall administer all matters related to
 13 the operations of the department's district offices, ~~the Crescent City Connection~~
 14 ~~Bridge, the Sunshine Bridge,~~ and other matters as may be directed by the secretary.

15 B. The office of operations shall be under the immediate supervision of the
 16 assistant secretary, who shall be appointed by the governor and shall serve at the
 17 pleasure of the secretary. ~~The assistant secretary shall be a competent engineer of~~
 18 ~~recognized ability and standing who is experienced in the operations of the~~
 19 ~~department. He shall be licensed to practice engineering in Louisiana. The assistant~~
 20 ~~secretary shall give his whole time to the duties of his office.~~

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22 F. The secretary is specifically authorized and empowered to perform any
 23 of the duties of the assistant secretary when the assistant secretary is absent or
 24 incapacitated or when in the opinion of the secretary it would be in the best interest
 25 of the department. The assistant secretary with approval of the secretary may
 26 designate ~~a licensed engineer~~ a senior staff member in the office of operations to
 27 perform any duties required of the assistant secretary.

1 §508.3. Office of multimodal commerce; functions; commissioner; deputy
2 commissioner; powers and duties

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5 (2) The office shall advise the office of planning project delivery on
6 intermodal issues and implement the master plan as it relates to intermodal
7 transportation.

8 (3) Notwithstanding Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, any powers, duties,
9 responsibilities and corresponding department employees, equipment, facilities, and
10 funding of the Department of Transportation and Development with respect to
11 federal programs on rail safety and the administration of federal rail safety and
12 hazard mitigation funds and the like shall remain with the office of engineering
13 project delivery of the Department of Transportation and Development.

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15 §508.5. Office of transformation; functions; powers and duties

16 A. There is hereby created within the Department of Transportation and
17 Development the office of transformation which shall operate under the direction and
18 supervision of the deputy secretary. The purpose of this office shall be to implement
19 strategies and initiatives designed to enhance operational efficiency within the
20 department.

21 B. In addition to its other duties, the office of transformation shall implement
22 the following measures for the purpose of improving efficiency within the
23 department:

24 (1) Develop, implement, and evaluate annually Key Performance Indicators
25 (KPIs). At a minimum, the strategic goals of these KPIs shall focus on asset
26 management, workforce efficiency, innovation, safety, and stakeholder customer
27 services.

28 (2) Develop and implement a quantitative methodology for the prioritization
29 of capacity projects. This methodology shall account for the measurable benefits of
30 each project, including but not limited to anticipated impacts on economic

1 development, and shall serve as a basis for the systematic ranking and scheduling of
2 project delivery.

3 (3) Develop standardized project selection templates for use across the
4 department's various programs. The templates shall identify the necessary data
5 elements and evaluation criteria required for the identification, assessment, and
6 prioritization of departmental projects in a consistent and objective manner.

7 (4) Identify routine pavement preservation projects that are appropriate for
8 management and execution solely by the department's district personnel. Upon such
9 identification, responsibility for the implementation of (said) projects shall be
10 transferred to the respective district offices, with the goal of enhancing operational
11 efficiency and localized project delivery.

12 (5) Identify and implement opportunities to outsource routine maintenance
13 activities in order to more effectively provide safety-critical repair and maintenance
14 of the state highway system in a timely manner.

15 §508.6. Departmental reform: directive and authority to restructure and organize

16 A. The Department of Transportation and Development is hereby directed
17 to fully leverage the office of transformation to hold each office of the department
18 accountable to optimize the respective functions under the direction of the deputy
19 secretary.

20 B.(1) It shall be the charge of the office of transformation to have established
21 and empowered a central Department of Transportation and Development data
22 management role and program, for implementation of a data asset management
23 process, documented and formalized for key products, implemented modern standard
24 data architecture, tools, and practices; for centralized data management and analytics,
25 and enabled collaboration by default.

26 (2) Alternatively, the office of transformation shall examine best practices
27 to develop and implement a state-of-the-art internal information system that
28 conveniently and accurately monitors the status of the department's functions
29 statewide.


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C. The department shall have enacted comprehensive, department-wide reforms of the access permit process to include the policy, administrative code, engineering directives and standards manual, and online application processes by June 30, 2026.

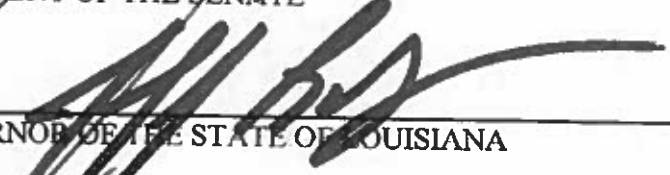
D. The department shall modernize and reform project development and execution across the entire department to stabilize letting and to remit payments to vendors and contractors on a bi-monthly basis, consistent with the terms of its contracts, no later than June 30, 2026.



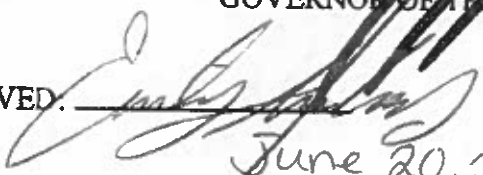
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BY REPRESENTATIVE WYBLE

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AN ACT

(Intro. Par.)

To amend and reenact R.S. 4:61(A), 65(A)(2) and (B), 67(C)(1), 72, 79(C), 81.1(A), 83(B)(2) and (C)(1), and 85(3) and R.S. 36:4.1(C)(11) and to enact R.S. 4:67(C)(4), relative to the State Boxing and Wrestling Commission; to change the name of the commission; to provide with respect to a safety zone for events; to provide for the assessment of fees; to provide that the board shall not receive any state funds; to repeal provisions regarding salaries for board members; to repeal the statutorily defined amounts of certain licensing fees; to authorize the board to fix salaries and licensing fees; to provide with respect to an events coordinator; to provide with respect to the venue capacity for certain professional wrestling events; to provide for professional wrestling event fees; to provide for an exception for professional wrestling bonds; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

(Intro. Par.)

Section 1. R.S. 4:61(A), 65(A)(2) and (B), 67(C)(1), 72, 79(C), 81.1(A), 83(B)(2) and (C)(1), and 85(3) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 4:67(C)(4) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§61. ~~State Boxing and Wrestling~~ Louisiana State Athletic Commission; domicile; authority

A. There is hereby created a ~~State Boxing and Wrestling~~ Louisiana State Athletic Commission within the office of the governor. It shall consist of seven members, all of whom shall be appointed by the governor to serve at the pleasure of the governor making the appointment. Five members appointed by the governor

1 shall be appointed, one from each Public Service Commission district and two from
2 the state at large. Each appointment by the governor shall be submitted to the Senate
3 for confirmation. The governor shall designate one member as chairman, one
4 member as secretary, and one member as vice chairman. The secretary shall execute
5 a bond of five thousand dollars, in favor of the state treasurer, for the faithful
6 performance of the duties of his office. The premium of this bond shall be paid out
7 of the commission funds.

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9 §65. Licenses; fees; bond

10 A.

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12 (2) Before any such license is granted, the applicant shall execute and file
13 with the ~~State Boxing and Wrestling~~ Louisiana State Athletic Commission a bond
14 of five thousand dollars in favor of the Louisiana State ~~Boxing and Wrestling~~
15 Athletic Commission as a security of good faith and ability to abide by the terms and
16 provisions of this Chapter, for which the commission secretary shall issue to the
17 applicant a certificate of its filing and approval. In lieu thereof, a certified check will
18 be acceptable, which amount shall be kept on deposit by the secretary for the
19 duration of the license period. This bond may be increased by the commission
20 before approving the holding, conducting, or giving of any boxing, mixed technique
21 event, or wrestling exhibition or contest, based upon the seating capacity of the hall
22 or facility where said contest or exhibition is to be conducted. The following
23 schedule shall govern the amount of the additional bond that may be required to be
24 posted with the commission for the holding, conducting, or giving of a boxing,
25 mixed technique event, or wrestling contest or exhibition:

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27 B. The commission may charge the following fees for licenses:

- 28 (1) Wrestling and mixed technique event promoters... \$ ~~250.00~~ 500.00
- 29 (2) Boxing promoters..... \$ ~~500.00~~ 250.00
- 30 (3) Matchmakers..... \$ ~~250.00~~ 150.00

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(4) Referees.....	\$ 25.00 <u>35.00</u>
(5) Managers.....	\$ 25.00 <u>35.00</u>
(6) Announcers.....	\$ 25.00 <u>35.00</u>
(7) Professional boxing contestants in main bouts.....	\$ 25.00 <u>35.00</u>
(8) Seconds.....	\$ 25.00 <u>35.00</u>
(9) Professional wrestling contestants.....	\$ 25.00 <u>35.00</u>
(10) Other licenses.....	\$ 25.00 <u>35.00</u>

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§67. Gross receipts tax; disbursements

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C.(1) The taxes provided for by this Section shall constitute a special fund, which shall be disbursed as provided in this Chapter. The commission shall receive the following salaries: the chairman shall receive a salary of ten thousand dollars per annum; the vice chairman shall receive a salary of six thousand four hundred dollars per annum; the secretary shall receive a salary of seven thousand two hundred dollars per annum; the four other members of the commission each shall receive a salary of four six thousand three hundred dollars per annum, ~~said~~ all salaries to be paid from the monies available in the special fund. If the money available in the special fund is insufficient to pay the maximum salaries herein authorized, such salaries shall be reduced proportionately and paid in such amounts as will not exceed the funds available in the special fund. ~~Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, any commissioner who is required to travel to attend, organize, or oversee any boxing event, mixed technique event, or wrestling event shall be entitled to the payment of a per diem of eighty dollars per day, such amount being immediately due and payable to the commission member at the time of the given event:~~

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(4) Each member of the commission shall receive a per diem, in an amount set by the commission, not to exceed one hundred fifty dollars per day, for attendance at commission meetings or other official commission-approved business or activities, not to exceed ten days in any one month. Each member shall be

1 reimbursed actual expenses reasonably necessary for attending commission or
2 committee meetings or for representing the commission or participating in an official
3 commission-approved activity.

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5 §72. ~~Proximity of seats to ring, seating for the commission~~ Safety Zone

6 ~~There shall be no seats, except those provided for the press and timers,~~
7 ~~physicians, and commissioners, within four feet of the sides of the ring, or within six~~
8 ~~feet of the corners of the ring, except those approved by the commission. The club~~
9 ~~shall, without charge, provide seating for the commission as is necessary for the~~
10 ~~attendance of the commission and those persons necessary to work the event.~~

11 A. At each event, there shall be an area around the ring or cage extending no
12 less than eight feet as measured from the ring, cage, or from the catwalk which shall
13 be partitioned at that distance of eight feet using ropes, fencing, police barriers,
14 bicycle barriers, or other emplacements from the public seating and that area shall
15 be referred to as the "safety zone".

16 B. All of the following shall apply to the safety zone:

17 (1) No one may enter the safety zone unless authorized by the commission.

18 (2) All seating inside of the safety zone shall be authorized only by the
19 commission in attendance.

20 (3) Anyone entering the safety zone without the authority of the commission
21 may be ejected from the event.

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23 §79. Referees and judges; appointment of event coordinator

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25 C. In addition, the commission may appoint an events coordinator, ~~not on the~~
26 ~~commission,~~ ^{of} for any boxing event the commission deems necessary, whose fee shall
27 be paid by the club promoting the event in question, ~~which amount shall not exceed~~
28 ~~three hundred fifty dollars per event~~ in an amount fixed by the commission.

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§81.1. Tough-man contest; prohibition

A. For the purposes of this Chapter, "tough-man contest" shall mean any boxing match, wrestling event, or competition, or combination thereof, between two or more persons, whether professional or amateur, who use their hands, with or without gloves, or their feet, or both, in any manner unauthorized by the State ~~Boxing and Wrestling~~ Louisiana State Athletic Commission, and compete for money, financial prize, or any item of pecuniary or nonpecuniary value or compete at an event where a fee is charged whereby either participant may obtain pecuniary gain. The term "tough-man contest" shall not include, nor shall the provisions of this Section apply to any contest, competition, or exhibition of any of the recognized martial arts including karate, judo, kung fu, tae kwan do, jujitsu, kickboxing, or any substantially similar tradition.

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§83. Application of Chapter; professional wrestling events; required notice; exemptions

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B. The provisions of R.S. 4:65(A)(2), 67(A) and (B), 68 through 70, 72, 73, and 79(C) shall not apply to any professional wrestling event provided all of the following conditions are met:

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(2) The venue for the event is either a primary or secondary school gymnasium or has a capacity of ~~four hundred~~ one thousand persons or fewer as certified by the state fire marshal.

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C. The following shall apply to any professional wrestling event conducted pursuant to Subsection B of this Section:

(1) The promoter shall not be required by the commission to pay any show date reservation fee however, the commission shall charge a fee of two hundred fifty dollars for the approval and review of the ~~nor shall any fee be charged for submission of the~~ written notice required by Paragraph (B)(6) of this Section.

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1 §85. Definitions; construction ✓

2 As used in this Chapter:

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4 (3) "Commission" means the ~~State Boxing and Wrestling~~ Louisiana State
5 Athletic Commission.

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7 ~~Section 2. R.S. 36:4.1(C)(11) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:~~

8 §4.1. Agencies transferred from Louisiana Economic Development to the office of
9 the governor; agencies placed within the office of the governor

10 * * *

11 C. The following agencies are hereby transferred to and shall be placed
12 within the office of the governor and shall perform and exercise their powers, duties,
13 functions, and responsibilities as provided in R.S. 36:803: ✓

14 * * *

15 (11) ~~State Boxing and Wrestling~~ Louisiana State Athletic Commission (R.S.
16 4:61 et seq.). ✓

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18 Section 3. The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby authorized and requested to
19 change all references in the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 to the State Boxing and
20 Wrestling Commission, whether referred to as "State Boxing and Wrestling Commission"
21 or commission, to "Louisiana State Athletic Commission" where appropriate.

(NOTE ALL AFFECTED PROVISIONS & SEE ATTACHED)


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SENATE BILL NO. 161

BY SENATORS MIZELL, ABRAHAM, BOUIE, CONNICK, HARRIS AND MORRIS

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 36:101(C)(1), 104(A)(17), the introductory paragraph of 108(B),

and 109(B), and 110(F), R.S. 51:940.1(A), 2311(D), 3135, and 3136(A), to enact
R.S. 36:109(E) and (F) and R.S. 51:2364, and to repeal R.S. 47:6007(B)(18) and
6022(C)(7) and R.S. 51:935.1, 938.1, 2314, 3131, 3132(7), (8), and (9), 3133, and
3137, relative to economic development; to provide relative to Louisiana Economic
Development; to provide for the structure and organization of Louisiana Economic
Development; to provide for powers and duties of the secretary of Louisiana
Economic Development; to create the Louisiana Economic Development Innovation
Fund; to provide for membership and duties of an advisory board; to provide terms
and definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 36:101(C)(1), 104(A)(17), the introductory paragraph of 108(B),
109(B), and 110(F) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 36:109 (E) and (F) are
hereby enacted to read as follows:

§101. Louisiana Economic Development; creation; domicile; composition; purposes
and functions

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C.(1) ~~The~~ Louisiana Economic Development shall be composed of the
~~executive office of the secretary, the office of management and finance, the office~~
~~of business development, the office of port development,~~ office of economic
development and other offices as shall be created by law.

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§104. Powers and duties of the secretary of economic development

A. In addition to the functions, powers, and duties otherwise vested in the secretary by law, the secretary shall:

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(17)(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary and with the approval of the commissioner of administration, have the authority to:

(i) ~~enter~~ Enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement or an interagency agreement providing for the lease, sublease, or sale of property that is designated by the commissioner of administration to be under the control and supervision of Louisiana Economic Development for establishment and operation of a facility for the purpose of creating economic benefits to the state, including new jobs, payroll, or other benefits.

(ii) Directly purchase property by act of cash sale or enter into an option for purchase of property for the purpose of creating economic benefits to the state, including new jobs, payroll, or other benefits.

(b) Any revenue received from the lease, sublease, or sale of property pursuant to this Paragraph shall be deemed self-generated revenue and shall be deposited into the Site Investment and Infrastructure Improvement Fund.

(c) For the sole purpose of exercising the authority granted in accordance with Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, and with the approval of the division of administration, the department may create a single purpose entity that shall have the authority to act on behalf of the department for the limited purposes listed in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph.

(d) Any lease, sublease, or sale of property listed in this Paragraph has to first be approved by the commissioner of administration. After the lease, sublease, or sale of property has been initiated, the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget shall have oversight on the purchase process.

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§108. Offices; purposes and functions

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1 B. The office of ~~business~~ economic development shall perform the following
2 functions of the state:

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4 §109. Transfer of boards, commissions, departments, and agencies to Louisiana
5 Economic Development

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7 B. The following agencies are placed within ~~the~~ Louisiana Economic
8 Development and shall perform and exercise their powers, duties, functions, and
9 responsibilities as provided by law:

10 (1) ~~The office of entertainment industry development (R.S. 51:938.1).~~

11 (2) ~~The office of international commerce and the Louisiana Board of~~
12 International Commerce (R.S. 51:3131 et seq. R.S. 51:3132 et seq..)

13 (3) ~~(2)~~ The Louisiana Military Advisory Council (R.S. 29:61 et seq.).

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15 E. The office of entertainment industry development is hereby abolished
16 and its powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities are transferred to
17 Louisiana Economic Development and hereafter shall be exercised and
18 performed as provided in R.S. 36:921 et seq.

19 F. The office of international commerce is hereby abolished and its
20 powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities are transferred to Louisiana
21 Economic Development and hereafter shall be exercised and performed as
22 provided in R.S. 36:921 et seq.

23 §110. Louisiana Economic Development Partnership; advisory committee

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25 F. The committee shall may meet at least quarterly and may hold additional
26 meetings as necessary.

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28 Section 2. R.S. 51:940.1(A), 2311(D), 3135, and ~~3136(A)~~ are hereby amended and
29 reenacted and R.S. ~~51:2364~~ is hereby enacted to read as follows:

30 §940.1. Motion picture investor; prohibition on certification for pornographic

1 ~~(i) Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport.~~

2 ~~(ii) The Chennault International Airport Authority.~~

3 ~~(iii) Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport.~~

4 ~~(iv) Shreveport Regional Airport.~~

5 ~~(v) England Airpark.~~

6 ~~(vi) Lafayette Regional Airport.~~

7 ~~(vii) Monroe Regional Airport.~~

8 ~~(b) Each airport shall submit two names to the governor. The governor shall~~
9 ~~select one representative from the airports submitting nominations.~~

10 ~~(9)(5) The commissioner of the office of multimodal commerce in the~~
11 ~~Department of Transportation and Development or his designee.~~

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13 NOTE ONLY; SEE ACT 44
14 Section 3. R.S. 47:6007(B)(18) and 6022(C)(7) and R.S. 51:935.1, 938.1, 2314, 3131,
15 3132(7), (8), and (9), 3133, and 3137 are hereby repealed.

16 Section 4. The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby directed to change all
17 references to the "office of entertainment industry development" to the "office of economic
18 development" in Louisiana Economic Development, throughout Title 47 of the Louisiana
Revised Statutes of 1950.

SEE ATTACHMENT 4 NOTE #4
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HOUSE BILL NO. 652 (Substitute for House Bill No. 550 by Representative Kerner)

BY REPRESENTATIVE KERNER AND SENATORS ABRAHAM, BARROW,
BOUDREAUX, CARTER, CONNICK, EDMONDS, FESI, HENRY, JACKSON-
ANDREWS, MCMATH, MIZELL, MYERS, OWEN, SELDERS, WHEAT, AND
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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. ~~40:5.5.2(B)(2)~~, ~~5.5.3(A)~~, (B)(introductory paragraph), and (H),
5.10.1(B), and 31.35(C), to enact Part IV of Chapter 30 of Title 3 of the Louisiana
Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. ~~3:4749~~ through 4749.3, and R.S.
~~36:624(C)~~ and 629(L)(5), and to repeal R.S. 36:204(A)(10) and 209(D)(4),
R.S.40:31.35.1, and Section 2 of Act No. 667 of the NOTE 2024 Regular Session of the
Legislature, relative to commercial seafood; to transfer authority for imported
seafood sampling, testing, and enforcement from the Department of Culture,
Recreation and Tourism to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry; to transfer
the Seafood Safety Task Force to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry; to
provide for the powers of the commissioner of agriculture and forestry; to provide
for penalties; to provide for reporting by processors and distributors to the
Department of Agriculture and Forestry; to remove the authority of the Department
of Culture, Recreation and Tourism and the Department of Agriculture and Forestry
to promulgate rules; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. ~~40:5.5.2(B)(2)~~, ~~5.5.3(A)~~, (B)(introductory paragraph), and (H),
~~5.10.1(B)~~, and 31.35(C) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§5.5.2. Seafood safety

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§4749.3. Processors and distributors; reporting

A. Commercial processors and distributors of imported and commingled seafood shall submit a quarterly report to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry that contains the amount of seafood they bought and sold in the previous quarter. An accounting by volume of the species of seafood bought and sold and the country of origin, or when possible, the state of origin for domestic seafood bought and sold, shall be included in the report. The department may also request additional information regarding the product or form in which the seafood was bought and sold and relevant dates or other tracking data. The department shall maintain a database of the information contained in these reports.

B. The department shall have the authority to implement fines similar to those provided for in R.S. 3:4749.2 for imported and commingled seafood processors and distributors who fail to submit the required information for two or more consecutive quarters.

Section 3. R.S. 36:624(C) and 629(L)(5) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§624. Powers and duties of commissioner of agriculture and forestry

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C. The commissioner of agriculture shall have the authority to administer a seafood program that includes the promotion and marketing of Louisiana seafood in coordination with the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board and regulating imported seafood to ensure health and safety, including the administration of any funds allocated or appropriated for the specific purposes of the program.

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§629. Transfer of boards, commissions, departments, and agencies to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry

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L. The following agencies are transferred to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry and shall perform and exercise their powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities as provided by law:

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(5) The Seafood Safety Task Force (R.S. 40:5.5.3).

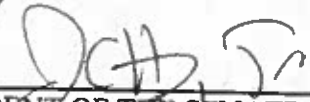
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Section 4. R.S. 36:204(A)(10) and 209(D)(4), R.S. 40:31.35.1, and Section 2 of Act No. 667 of the 2024 Regular Session of Legislature are hereby repealed.
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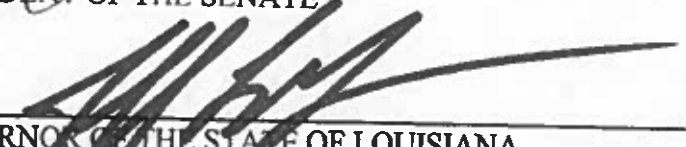
Section 5. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.



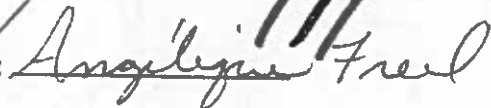
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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. ~~25:341, 342, 344, 345, 346, 349, 350, 353, 380.10, 380.14(A),~~
(B) and (C)(2)(b)(iii), and 380.15 and R.S. ~~36:208(C) and 209(A)(3) and (9)~~ and to
repeal R.S. 25:351, 352 and 380.11 and R.S. 36:801.8, relative to the office of the
state museum; to provide relative to the board of directors and appointments; to
provide for domicile, powers and duties of the office of the state museum and its
board; to provide regarding transition of board membership; to provide relative to
properties included in the state museum system; to provide regarding use of the
museum's collections; to provide relative to residential and commercial leasing of
properties; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 25:341, 342, 344, 345, 346, 349, 350, 353, 380.10, 380.14(A), (B)
and ~~(C)(2)(b)(iii)~~, and 380.15 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§341. Establishment and location; purpose; board of directors; appointment;
compensation of members; terms; oaths

A. The Louisiana State Museum is established as a complex of facilities in
~~the cities of Baton Rouge, Natchitoches, New Orleans, Patterson, Thibodaux, and~~
~~Winnfield~~ under the management and supervision of the office of the state museum
of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

B. The Louisiana State Museum shall be a historical, cultural, and
educational institution whose primary purpose shall be to collect, preserve, and
present, as an educational resource, objects of art, documents, artifacts, and the like
that reflect the history, art, and culture of Louisiana.

C. The Board of Directors of the Louisiana State Museum, hereinafter
hereafter in this Chapter referred to as the board, is hereby created in the
Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

D. The board of directors of the Louisiana State Museum shall be composed

1 board and if the claimant's right to receive such property is not established to the
2 satisfaction of the board office of the state museum within sixty-five days from the
3 date of the second published notice, the property will be deemed to be abandoned
4 and shall become the property of the Edward Douglass White Historic Site.

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6 §380.15. Use of collections

7 Any collection of the Edward Douglass White Historic Site may be lent in
8 part, subject to ~~approval of~~ and in accordance with the collections management
9 policies approved by the board. The board shall ~~insure~~ ensure proper safeguards for
10 its maintenance and return and shall ~~insure~~ ensure that proper records are kept. The
11 collections shall be available for use in educational projects, subject to the approval
12 of the board.

13 Section 2. R.S. 36:208(C) and 209(A)(3) and (9) are hereby amended and reenacted
14 to read as follows:

15 §208. Offices; purposes and functions

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17 C. The office of the state museum shall administer, manage, operate, and
18 maintain the Louisiana State Museum, including all buildings, collections, and
19 exhibitions of the Louisiana State Museum complex in New Orleans and other
20 museums which may be established under the jurisdiction of the museum; except that
21 the board of directors of the Louisiana State Museum shall ~~continue to exercise its~~
22 ~~powers, duties, and functions with respect to accessions and deaccessions of museum~~
23 ~~properties and collections, and the members thereof shall continue to serve as~~
24 ~~trustees for the William Irby Trust~~ as provided by law.

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26 §209. Transfer of boards, commissions, departments, and agencies to Department of
27 Culture, Recreation and Tourism

28 A. The following agencies are transferred to and hereafter shall be within the
29 Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism in accordance with the provisions
30 of R.S. 36:901 et seq. except as otherwise provided by this Subsection:

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2 (3) The Board of Directors of the Louisiana State Museum (R.S. 25:341 et

3 seq.). The board shall ~~continue to exercise those~~ its powers, duties, and functions,

4 and responsibilities with respect to ~~accessions, deaccessions, loans, and~~

5 ~~conservation of the buildings, collections, and exhibitions~~ the collections of the

6 Louisiana State Museum which it is authorized by law to exercise, ~~all~~ in accordance

7 with ~~professional museum practices as~~ the standards established by the American

8 Association Alliance of Museums, except as otherwise provided by law; and the

9 members of the board shall ~~continue to serve as trustees for the William Irby Trust.~~

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11 (9) The Louisiana Civil Rights Museum Advisory Board (R.S. 25:841 et

12 seq.). The board shall exercise ~~and perform~~ its powers, duties, functions, and

13 responsibilities in accordance with ~~accepted standards of museum operations and~~

14 ~~practices as~~ the standards established by the American Association Alliance of

15 Museums.

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17 Section 3. R.S. 25:351, 352, and 380.11 are hereby repealed.

18 Section 4. R.S. 36:801.8 is hereby repealed.



 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE



 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



 GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. ~~36:259(B)(22)~~ and R.S. ~~40:1104~~, relative to the creation of the Uterine Fibroids Commission; to provide for membership of the commission; to provide for functions of commission; to provide for organization of the commission; to require an annual report, and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 36:259(B)(22) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§259. Transfer of agencies and functions to Louisiana Department of Health

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B. The following agencies are placed within the Louisiana Department of Health and shall exercise and perform their powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities as otherwise provided by law:

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(22) Uterine Fibroids Commission.

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~~Section 2. R.S. 40:1104 is hereby enacted to read as follows:~~

PART II-A. UTERINE FIBROIDS

§1104. Uterine Fibroids Commission

A. There is hereby established within the Louisiana Department of Health, office on women's health and community health, the Uterine Fibroids Commission.

B. The commission shall be comprised of the following members:

(1) One member from the Louisiana State Nurses Association.

(2) One member from the Louisiana Primary Care Association.

1 (3) One member from the Christus Health System.

2 (4) One member from the Southern University and Agricultural and
3 Mechanical College School of Nursing.

4 (5) One member from the Tulane University School of Public Health.

5 (6) One member from the Our Lady of the Lake Health System.

6 (7) One member from the Louisiana Hospital Association.

7 (8) Two members who are individuals living with uterine fibroids, polycystic
8 ovary syndrome, or endometriosis.

9 (9) One member from the Louisiana House of Representatives.

10 (10) One member from the Louisiana Senate.

11 (11) One member who is the executive director of the governor's office on
12 women's policy.

13 (12) One member from the Ochsner Health System.

14 (13) One member from Woman's Hospital of Baton Rouge.

15 C.(1) The members listed in Paragraphs (B)(1) through (7) and (12) and (13)
16 of this Section shall be appointed by the governor from a list of qualified candidates
17 nominated by the respective organizations.

18 (2) The members listed in Paragraph (B)(8) of this Section shall be appointed
19 by the governor from a list of self-identified individuals interested in serving on the
20 commission.

21 (3) The members listed in Paragraphs (B)(9) and (10) of this Section shall
22 be appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives and the president of the
23 Senate, respectively.

24 D. Each member shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. Each
25 member appointed by the governor shall be subject to Senate confirmation.

26 E.(1) The commission shall adopt rules and regulations to provide for the
27 governance of the commission. Such rules and regulations shall include but not be
28 limited to procedures and grounds for the removal of any commission member.

1 (2) Procedures for filling a vacancy created by the removal, resignation, or
2 death of any commission member prior to the end of the commission member's term
3 shall follow those used for initial appointments.

4 F. Each commission member shall serve without compensation. Legislators
5 shall receive the same per diem and travel reimbursement for attending a meeting of
6 the commission as is normally provided for members of the legislature.
7 Nonlegislative commission members may receive reimbursement for expenses in
8 accordance with the guidelines of the entity they represent.

9 G. The chairman shall be elected by the commission for a term to be
10 determined by the commission.

11 H. The domicile of the commission shall be Baton Rouge.

12 I. The commission shall hold quarterly public meetings unless decided by
13 a vote of the commission or by order of the chairman.

14 J. The number of commission members necessary to constitute a quorum for
15 the transaction of business shall be one half of the entire membership of the
16 commission. A majority vote of the commission members constituting a quorum
17 shall be necessary for any action taken by the commission.

18 K. The Louisiana Department of Health shall provide administrative
19 assistance and serve as staff for the commission.

20 L. The functions of the commission shall be to:

21 (1) Evaluate functions and activities of existing groups focused on uterine
22 fibroids and other related conditions to collaborate with and engage stakeholders.

23 (2) Support and contextualize reporting on uterine fibroids and other related
24 conditions.

25 (3) Serve as an advisory body to the governor and the Louisiana Department
26 of Health on matters relating to uterine fibroids, polycystic ovary syndrome, and
27 endometriosis.


28 (4) Research and review all state regulations, guidelines, policies, and
29 procedures relative to prevention, treatment, and care of women living with uterine
30 fibroids and other related conditions and, when appropriate, make recommendations

1 to the governor, the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, and the
2 legislature.

3 (5) Provide a forum for an annual public hearing on matters relating to
4 uterine fibroids and other related conditions and provide for other public comment
5 and peer review on federal and state-funded programs related to uterine fibroids and
6 other related conditions.

7 (6) Make recommendations on policy to ensure that the state establishes
8 public health monitoring, advances research, and provides solutions for women
9 battling uterine fibroids and other related conditions.

10 M. The commission shall submit an annual written report to the Senate and
11 House committees on health and welfare at least sixty days prior to each regular
12 session. The report shall include a summary of the data relevant to the functions set
13 forth in Subsection L of this Section.



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



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 2 (E), introductory paragraph of 23(B), (C), and (D), 23.1(A), 25(A)(2), (3), (5), (6),
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 4 28(A), (C), introductory paragraph of (D), (D)(2), (3), (5), (6), and (7), (F), (G), (H),
 5 introductory paragraph of (I)(1), (1)(a), (d), and (g), and (J), 29(A), (B)(1), (C)(1),
 6 (3)(a), (5), and (6)(b) and (c), (D)(1) through (3), (E)(1), (F), (H)(1), (I)(2) and (4),
 7 the introductory paragraph of (M)(1), and (M)(1)(c), 41, 42, 44, 45, 48, introductory
 8 paragraph of 61, 73(1), 74(A) and (B), 79(A), (B), and (C), 82(1), (6), (7), (11), and
 9 (14), 83(A)(5) and (7), 83.1(B)(3), 85(A)(3) and (C), 86(A)(2), (D)(8), (9), and (10),
 10 (E)(2) as enacted by Section 1 of Act 16 of the 2024 Third Extraordinary Session of
 11 the Legislature of Louisiana, (6), and (7), (G), and (H), 87(A), introductory
 12 paragraph of (F)(1)(a), and introductory paragraph of (b) as enacted by Section 1 of
 13 Act 16 of the 2024 Third Extraordinary Session of the Legislature of Louisiana,
 14 88(B), (C), (D), (E), (F), (I), and introductory paragraph of (J), 88.1(A)(3) and (4),
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 19 introductory paragraph of R.S. 30:93(A), 94(A), introductory paragraph of (B)(1),
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 21 introductory paragraph of 101.6(A) and (B), 101.7(A), 101.8, introductory paragraph
 22 of 101.9(D), (D)(1) and (2), 101.10(A) and introductory paragraph of (B), 101.13(A)
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 24 30:103.1(A), 121(A), (C), and (D), 125, 127.1(C)(10) and (11), and (D),
 25 129(B)(1)(a), 135, 136.3(B)(1), (C) and (D), 143(D)(2) and (3), 148.8, 148.9(A)(1)
 26 and (2), 153, 172, the introductory paragraph of 209(4)(e), 209.1(A) and (B)(1),
 27 413(A) and (B), 414(A), 502(D), 503(1), (2), (4), (6), and (8), 504, the introductory
 28 paragraph of 521(A) and 521(C), 524, 525, introductory paragraph of R.S. 30:541
 29 and 541(2), 544(A) and (B), introductory paragraph of 546(A), (A)(5), (B), and (C),
 30 introductory paragraph of R.S. 30:548, 551, 557(A), (B), (C), (D), the introductory

1 paragraph of (E), (E)(1), (F), and (G), 558(A), (B), (D), (F), (G), and (H), 559(A) and
 2 (C), 560(B), (C), and (D), 561(A), (B), and (C), 571, introductory paragraph of
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 4 (9), 681.2(2) and (3), 702(1), (2)(b), and (5), 703, 704(B), (C), (D), and (E), 705(A)
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 6 (12), (20), 905(A), introductory paragraph of (B), (B)(2), (8), and (9), and (C),
 7 905.1(A) and (B)(2), introductory paragraph of 905.3(A)(1), (B), (C), (E)(1), and (F),
 8 906.1, 907(A) and introductory paragraph of (B), (B)(9), (11), (12), (13)(b), (15),
 9 (17), and (18), (C)(1), (D), (F), and (G), 908(A)(12) and (B), 915(B)(7), (9), (10)(f),
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 15 introductory paragraph of 1107(A)(1), (A)(2), (B), (C), and the introductory
 16 paragraph of (D), 1108(A)(1), (B), and (D), introductory paragraph of 1109(A)(1),
 17 1109(C), (D), (E), (F), and (G), 1110(A), (B)(1), introductory paragraph of (C),
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 19 paragraph of (G), (H), and (I), 1115, 2200, 2455, and introductory paragraph of
 20 2456(A), R.S. 31:115(C)(1)(b), *v The heading of chapter 8 and* R.S. 36:351, 352, 353, 354(A)(7), (10), (13), and
 21 (15), (B)(1)(b), (2), (4), (6), (8), (10), and (12), 355, 356, 357, 358, the introductory
 22 paragraphs of 359(A) and (B), (B)(1) and (2), and (C), R.S. 38:3072, 3073(8),
 23 introductory paragraph of 3076(A), (A)(3), (4), (7), (8), (9), (14)(b), and (24), (C),
 24 (D), (E), introductory paragraph of (F)(1), (F)(1)(b), and (2), 3077, 3078, 3079,
 25 3081, 3083, 3087.136(4), 3087.138, 3092(2) and (4), 3093, the introductory
 26 paragraph of 3094(A), (A)(1) through (4), the introductory paragraph of 3094(B),
 27 (B)(7), the introductory paragraph of 3094(C), and (C)(1), 3097.1(C), 3097.2(1), (4),
 28 (7), and (9), 3097.3(A) and (B), the introductory paragraphs of 3097.3(C) and
 29 (C)(4)(a), (C)(4)(a)(v) and (b), and (8), (D), (E), (F)(1), the introductory paragraph
 30 of (2), the introductory paragraph of (d), and the introductory paragraph of (f), and

1 (G), 3097.6(A), the introductory paragraphs of 3097.6(B) and (B)(3), 3097.8(A) and
 2 (C), the introductory paragraph of 3098(A), 3098(B) and (E), and 3098.1(4), R.S.
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 4 56:432.1(C)(2), 700.13(B), and 700.14(B), to enact R.S. 30:3(21) and (22), 4(C)(21)
 5 and (D)(6), 21.1, 29(C)(6)(d), 86(I) and (J), 93(C), Part VIII of Chapter 1 of Subtitle
 6 I of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of 98.1
 7 through 98.13, 124.1, 136.3(B)(6) and (7), 209(6), and 2454(33), R.S. 36:351.1,
 8 354(B)(13) and (14), ^{and (15)} 354.1, 356.1(B)(6) and (7) and (D), and 359(D) and 600, R.S.
 9 38:3098(G), R.S. 39:1367(E)(2)(b)(xi), and R.S. 45:251(4), and to repeal R.S. 17:200
 10 through 220, R.S. 30:4(N), 85(D)(11), 86(F), 136.3(E), Part III of Chapter 2 of
 11 Subtitle I of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes of Louisiana, comprised of R.S. 30:186
 12 through 188, 1103(10), 1104(F), 2458, 2469, and 2470 through 2474, and R.S.
 13 38:3073(2), 3074, 3075, 3080, 3097.4, 3097.7, and 3098.6(A)(1), relative to the
 14 Department of Energy and Natural Resources; to rename the Department of Energy
 15 and Natural Resources as the Department of Conservation and Energy; to provide for
 16 the structure and organization of the department; to provide for definitions; to
 17 provide for bonding authority; to provide for the creation of offices; to provide for
 18 the secretary; to provide for the deputy secretary; to provide for the undersecretary;
 19 to provide for directors; to provide for the authority to promulgate rules and
 20 regulations; to provide for expedited permits; to provide for the Natural Resources
 21 Financial Security Fund; to provide for enforcement; to provide for the Natural
 22 Resources Commission; to provide for the Louisiana Natural Resources Trust
 23 Authority; to provide for water resource management; to provide for net state
 24 supported debt; to provide for orphan oil wells; to provide for the State Mineral and
 25 Energy Board; to provide for the transfer of entities; to provide for the Oyster Lease
 26 Acquisition and Compensation Program; to provide for conditions, terms, and
 27 procedures; to provide for the issuance of certificates of public convenience and
 28 necessity; to provide for carbon dioxide sequestration policy; to provide for notice;
 29 to provide for remediation; to provide for an administrative process for resolution of
 30 disputes within the department's jurisdiction; to provide for oilfield site restoration;

1 and to provide for related matters.

2 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

3 Section 1. R.S. 30:1(section heading), (A), (B), and (C), introductory paragraph of
 4 3, 3(3), (6), (7), (9), and (18), 4(A), (B), introductory paragraph of (C), (C)(1)(a)(v) and (b),
 5 (14), (16)(b), (17)(b), introductory paragraph of (D), (D)(1), (2), (3), and (5), (E), (F), (G),
 6 (H), introductory paragraph of (I), (I)(1), (3), (4), (5), (9), and (11), (K), introductory
 7 paragraph of (L)(1), introductory paragraph of (M), (M)(3), (6)(b), (O)(1) and (2), (P), (Q),
 8 introductory paragraph of (R), and (T), introductory paragraph of 4.1(B), (C), (D), (E),
 9 (F)(1), (I), and (K), 4.2, 4.3, 5(A), (B), (C)(1), introductory paragraph of (2), (2)(d), (4), and
 10 (6), and (D)(1) and introductory paragraph of (2), 5.1(A)(1), (2), introductory paragraph of
 11 (3), (3)(e), (5), (6), (7), (8), and (9), (B)(1), (2), and introductory paragraph of (3), (5), (7),
 12 (9), (10), (12), and (13), 5.2(A), (B), introductory paragraph of (C), (E), (F), (G), and (H),
 13 6, 6.1(A), (B), (C), (D)(1), and (F), 8(A)(1), (2), (3), and (4), and (B), introductory paragraph
 14 of 9(A), (B), (C), and (D), the introductory paragraph of 10(A), the introductory paragraph
 15 of (A)(1), the introductory paragraph of (A)(2), the introductory paragraph of (A)(2)(a)(i),
 16 (b)(ii)(ii), introductory paragraph of (vi), (vi)(bb), (c), (d), and (f), and (3), (B), and (C)(7),
 17 10.1(B)(1), (3), (4), and (5), 11.1, 12(A), (B)(1), (2), (3), (4), introductory paragraph of (5),
 18 and (5)(f), and (C), 13, 14, 15, 18(A)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6)(a)(i) and (ii), (b), (c)(i)(ff), (ii),
 19 (iii), (d), and (e), and (B), 20(A) and (D), 21(A) and (B)(1)(a), (b), (c), introductory
 20 paragraph of (d) and (e), and (2)(a) and (b), introductory paragraph of 22(B) and (C), (D),
 21 and (E), introductory paragraph of 23(B), (C), and (D), 23.1(A), 25(A)(2), (3), (5), (6), and
 22 (7), (D), (E), and (F), 26(A), the introductory paragraph of 27(A), (D), and (F), 28(A), (C),
 23 introductory paragraph of (D), (D)(2), (3), (5), (6), and (7), (F), (G), (H), introductory
 24 paragraph of (I)(1), (1)(a), (d), and (g), and (J), 41, 42, 44, 45, 48, introductory paragraph
 25 of 61, 73(1), 74(A) and (B), 79(A), (B), and (C), 82(1), (6), (7), (11), and (14), 83(A)(5) and
 26 (7), 83.1(B)(3), 85(A)(3), and (C), 86(A)(2), (D)(8), (9), and (10), (E)(2) as enacted by
 27 Section 1 of Act 16 of the 2024 Third Extraordinary Session of the Legislature of Louisiana,
 28 (6), and (7), (G), and (H), 88(B), (C), (D), (E), (F), (I), and introductory paragraph of (J),
 29 88.1(A)(3) and (4), (C), (D), (E), (G), and (H), 88.2(C), introductory paragraph of (E),
 30 (E)(1), and (F), 89(A), (B), introductory paragraph of (C), (C)(2) and (3), and (D), 90(C),

1 (b) For natural gas and casing head gas, the fee shall be based on the
 2 natural gas price on July first of each year for the ensuing twelve months based
 3 upon the Henry Hub Natural Gas Spot Price average monthly price in dollars
 4 per million BTU published by the United States Energy Information
 5 Administration for the preceding January first through December thirty-first
 6 available as of April first. For natural gas and casing head gas, the fee shall be as
 7 follows:

8 * * *

9 Section 3. R.S. 31:115(C)(1)(b) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §115. Requirement of term; limitation of continuation without drilling or mining
 11 operations or production

12 * * *

13 C.(1) Any lease, granting the right to explore for and produce lignite or
 14 another form of coal, which is included within a mining plan and upon which no
 15 actual operations have begun, may provide for an extension beyond the initial ten
 16 year term for a period of thirty years by the payment of rent, an advance royalty
 17 payment or any other form of periodic payment to the lessor, provided the following
 18 requirements are satisfied:

19 * * *

20 (b) A mining plan for the ultimate production of lignite or other forms of
 21 coal, together with a permit issued by the ~~commissioner of conservation~~ secretary,
 22 is filed in the conveyance records of the parish or parishes in which the leased land
 23 is located.

24 * * *

25 ✓ The heading of Chapter 8 and
 Section 4. R.S. 36:351, 352, 353, 354(A)(7), (10), (13), and (15), (B)(1)(b), (2), (4),
 26 (6), (8), (10), and (12), 355, 356, 357, 358, the introductory paragraphs of R.S. 36:359(A)
 27 and (B), 359(B)(1) and (2), and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 36:351.1,
 28 ✓ and (15) 354(B)(13) and (14), 354.1, 356.1(B)(6) and (7) and (D), and 359(D), and 600 are hereby
 29 enacted to read as follows:

30 CHAPTER 8. DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

§351. Department of Conservation and ~~Energy and Natural Resources~~; creation; domicile; composition; purposes and functions

A. The Department of Conservation and ~~Energy and Natural Resources~~ is created and shall be a body corporate with the power to sue and be sued. The domicile of the department shall be in Baton Rouge.

B. The Department of Conservation and ~~Energy and Natural Resources~~, through its offices and officers, shall be responsible for the conservation, management, and development of water, minerals, and other such natural resources of the state, including coastal management, state water bottom management and permitting, the issuance of energy-related rights of way on state water bottoms and state lands, and energy-related leasing of state water bottoms and state lands as further set forth in law, but not including timber or fish and wildlife and their habitats.

C.(1) The Department of Conservation and ~~Energy and Natural Resources~~ shall be composed of the executive office of the secretary, the office of management and finance, ~~the office of conservation, the office of mineral resources, the office of coastal management~~ administration, the office of enforcement, the office of energy, the office of ~~land and water, the Oilfield Site Restoration Commission~~ permitting and compliance, the office of state resources, and other offices as shall be created by law.

(2) ~~Whenever the secretary determines that the administration of the functions of the department may be more efficiently performed by eliminating, merging, or consolidating existing offices or establishing new offices, the secretary shall present a plan therefor to the legislature for its approval by statute. In addition, beginning January 15, 2026, and thereafter in the same year as the sunset of the Department of Energy and Natural Resources, the secretary shall recommend to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to either terminate or continue the boards and commissions provided for in this Chapter. Any recommendation to terminate a board~~

1 or commission shall include a plan to eliminate, merge, or consolidate the functions
2 and responsibilities of that board or commission:

3 §351.1. Natural Resources Commission; creation composition; purposes and
4 functions

5 A. The Natural Resources Commission is hereby reconstituted within the
6 Department of Conservation and Energy. The commission shall not have
7 authority to grant or deny permits, to take enforcement action, or to take other
8 action which has traditionally been within the sole jurisdiction of the
9 department.

10 B. The Natural Resources Commission shall be composed of the
11 following individuals, who shall not have the ability to serve by proxy or
12 designee:

13 (1) The secretary of the Department of Conservation and Energy.

14 (2) The secretary of Louisiana Economic Development.

15 (3) The secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality.

16 (4) The secretary of the Department of Revenue.

17 (5) The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

18 (6) The executive secretary of the Louisiana Public Service Commission.

19 (7) One individual, appointed by the governor, who shall represent
20 statewide flood control interests. This individual shall be one of the following:

21 (a) The secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development.

22 (b) The executive director of the Coordinated Use of Resources for
23 Recreation, Economy, Navigation, and Transportation Authority.

24 (c) The executive director of the Coastal Protection and Restoration
25 Authority.

26 (d) The chief resilience officer.

27 C. The department shall staff the commission and may engage the
28 legislative auditor for reports requested by legislature or commission. The
29 commission shall meet four times per year, preferably quarterly. The
30 commission will facilitate strategic alignment and coordination amongst

1 members. The commission shall coordinate with the legislative auditor to
2 provide investigative oversight to the commission.

3 D. The commission shall:

4 (1) Serve as primary coordination body for water management planning,
5 statewide flood protection, and develop a process for its centralization striving
6 for uniformity.

7 (2) Develop a process in which agencies coordinate intergovernmental
8 responses.

9 (3) Develop a process in responding to legislative study requests,
10 including their prioritization.

11 (4) Engage legislative auditor for staffing on matters related to
12 investigation, reporting, and review of the executive branch.

13 (5) Develop a process to identify, review, receive, clarify and act on
14 matters of agency overlap, including independent agencies and political
15 subdivisions.

16 E. The commission shall meet on the first Wednesday of March, June,
17 September, and December of each year. In the event of a state declared
18 emergency or holiday, the meeting shall be held on the next working day. The
19 date may be changed by unanimous agreement of the members in writing.

20 F. The legislature may establish advisory committees to advise the
21 Natural Resources Commission on any matter within the jurisdiction of the
22 commission. Advisory committees shall be established by resolution which, at
23 a minimum, provides for the purpose of the advisory committee, either the
24 membership of the committee or how the members will be appointed, and such
25 other matters as the legislature deems appropriate. An advisory committee
26 established pursuant to this Subsection shall terminate one year after the
27 effective date of the resolution creating it unless a different term is expressly
28 provided in the resolution or the advisory committee is reauthorized by
29 subsequent resolution.

30 §352. Officers of the department; compensation for one office only

1 A. The officers of the department shall be the secretary, the undersecretary,
2 the deputy secretary if a deputy secretary is appointed, and ~~assistant secretaries~~
3 directors, each of whom shall be selected and shall perform functions as provided
4 in this Title.

5 B. No person serving as a secretary, deputy secretary, undersecretary, or
6 ~~assistant secretary~~ director shall receive any additional salary from the state other
7 than that salary which he receives by virtue of serving in any one of such offices.
8 Any statewide elected official appointed to serve as a secretary, deputy secretary,
9 undersecretary, or ~~assistant secretary~~ director shall not receive any additional salary
10 from the state other than that salary which he receives as a statewide elected official.

11 C. Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, subject to approval
12 of the governor, any person, including any statewide elected official, serving or
13 appointed to serve as a secretary, undersecretary, deputy secretary, or ~~assistant~~
14 ~~secretary~~ director may receive additional compensation for part-time services
15 rendered as an instructor in post-secondary educational institutions, or as a member
16 of the National Guard.

17 §353. Secretary of ~~natural resources~~ conservation and energy

18 There shall be a secretary of ~~natural resources~~ conservation and energy,
19 who shall be appointed by the governor with consent of the Senate and who shall
20 serve at the pleasure of the governor at a salary fixed by the governor, which salary
21 shall not exceed the amount approved for the position by the legislature while in
22 session. The secretary shall serve as the executive head and chief administrative
23 officer of the Department of Conservation and Energy and Natural Resources and
24 shall have the responsibility for the policies of the department except as otherwise
25 provided by this Title and for the administration, control, and operation of the
26 functions, programs, and affairs of the department, provided that the secretary shall
27 perform his functions under the general control and supervision of the governor. ~~The~~
28 ~~secretary shall be an ex officio member of the State Mineral and Energy Board~~ The
29 secretary shall also assume all duties and functions of the commissioner of
30 conservation as set forth in law.

1 §354. Powers and duties of secretary of conservation and energy ~~and natural~~
2 resources

3 A. In addition to the functions, powers, and duties otherwise vested in the
4 secretary by law, the secretary shall:

5 * * *

6 (7) Undertake, or in necessary cases, designate one of the offices within the
7 department or its ~~assistant secretary~~ directors to prepare all necessary studies
8 regarding alternate fuel sources for the state of Louisiana.

9 * * *

10 (10) Act as the sole agent of the state or, in necessary cases, designate one of
11 the offices within the department or its ~~assistant secretary~~ directors to cooperate
12 with the federal government and with other state and local agencies in matters of
13 mutual concern and in the administration of federal funds granted to the state or
14 directly to the department or an office thereof to aid in the furtherance of any
15 function of the department and its offices. For this purpose he may take such actions,
16 in accordance with applicable state law, necessary to meet such federal standards as
17 are established for the administration and use of such federal funds, except as
18 otherwise specifically provided in this Title or by the constitution and laws of this
19 state.

20 * * *

21 (13) Contract, if the secretary so desires, or, if the secretary deems necessary,
22 designate one of the offices within the department or its ~~assistant secretary~~ director,
23 under the secretary's supervision, to do so, with private or public research
24 organizations for the purchase, out of funds available to the Department of
25 Conservation and Energy ~~and Natural Resources~~, of services in scientific,
26 economic, and technological research, including but not limited to surveys, studies,
27 and experiments with a view toward protecting and replenishing the natural
28 resources of the state under the jurisdiction of the Department of Conservation and
29 Energy ~~and Natural Resources~~, toward preventing the waste, wasteful use, and
30 wasteful utilization thereof, except as defined in R.S. 30:3, toward preventing the use

1 of the natural resources in such a manner and in such quantities as will threaten with
2 premature exhaustion, extinction, and destruction of the supply of these resources in
3 the state, and toward the energy policy of this state, and to prepare and implement
4 plans and programs in relation thereto.

5 * * *

6 (15) Set priorities for program funds as provided in R.S. 30:2483 and declare
7 emergencies pursuant to R.S. 30:6.1.

8 * * *

9 B. The secretary shall have authority to:

10 (1)(a) * * *

11 (b) All of the above are to be accomplished in accordance with applicable
12 civil service laws, rules, and regulations, and with policies and rules of the
13 Department of Conservation and Energy and Natural Resources, and all are subject
14 to budgetary control and applicable laws.

15 (2) Appoint, subject to gubernatorial approval disapproval, advisory
16 councils, boards, and commissions necessary in the administration of the department
17 or for providing expertise within the department's jurisdiction, except as otherwise
18 provided by law or by executive order.

19 * * *

20 (4) Contract upon terms as the secretary may agree upon, for legal, financial,
21 engineering, and other professional services necessary or expedient in the conduct
22 of the affairs of the Department of Conservation and Energy and Natural Resources
23 under the provisions of this Chapter.

24 * * *

25 (6) Represent, or designate ~~an assistant secretary~~ a director to represent, the
26 state in all matters involving or affecting the interest of the state and its residents
27 relative to energy and natural resources within the jurisdiction of the Department of
28 Conservation and Energy and Natural Resources before all federal agencies,
29 offices, and officials, and congressional committees, and in all judicial actions
30 arising out of the proceedings of the agencies, offices, and committees or in relation

1 thereto. Those employed or contracted with as provided by this Section shall be
 2 entitled to represent the state and the secretary and to appear in the courts and before
 3 agencies of this state or the agencies, officials, and courts of the United States and
 4 of other states to carry out the purposes of this Chapter.

5 * * *

6 (8) Obtain from the federal government and its agencies, the offices of the
 7 Department of Conservation and Energy and Natural Resources, and other state
 8 agencies any information and data collected by the entities relating to energy, natural
 9 resources, or the environment, upon mutually agreeable terms and conditions or as
 10 required by law; however, information and data subject to nondisclosure under R.S.
 11 44:4 shall maintain that status while in the custody of the secretary.

12 * * *

13 (10) Establish in ~~his office~~ the department a capacity for policy analysis,
 14 development of information and statistics, and generation of economic information
 15 relating to the natural resources and environmental affairs of the state.

16 * * *

17 (12) Delegate his duties and responsibilities to other personnel within the
 18 department as necessary for the efficient administration of the department and
 19 its programs.

20 (13) Do such other things not inconsistent with law, as are necessary to
 21 perform properly the functions vested in him.

22 (14) Issue directives, acting through an initiative of the deputy secretary
 23 and upon certification by the undersecretary, that establish immediate agency
 24 policy effective upon issuance. Such orders shall remain in effect unless and
 25 until they are superseded by subsequent directive or subjected to additional
 26 administrative rulemaking through the Louisiana Administrative Procedure
 27 Act, including but not limited to the processes for emergency rulemaking or
 28 potpourri notices, if and when the secretary deems further formal rulemaking
 29 necessary. These directives, which do not constitute "adjudications" within the
 30 meaning of federal or state administrative law, shall serve as statements of

policy that the department may apply to its programs and operations forthwith.

(15) Establish a formal certification process to recognize academic and research institutions within the state who possess specialized expertise in areas such as energy technologies, natural resources management, environmental stewardship, resource economics, and other strategically significant fields of research and development related to the mission of the department, which may be accomplished through entering into agreements with certified institutions to govern ownership of intellectual property developed through or in conjunction with this program. The secretary shall coordinate with the Natural Resources Commission in developing this process. The secretary may promulgate rules and regulations to implement this program. Unless otherwise specified by the secretary, primary management of this program shall be placed in the office of energy.

§354.1. Authorization for ^aAdministrative ^rReorganization and ^dDelegation of ^fFunctions, ^gAuthority of ^sSecretary

A. The purpose of this Section is to streamline and modernize the operations of the department, provide flexibility to the department to respond to changing conditions, and ensure the continuity of effective administration.

B. Where consistent with this Title and other applicable laws, the secretary is hereby authorized to:

(1) Reorganize, consolidate, create, merge or abolish divisions, offices, bureaus, sections, or other administrative units within the department as deemed necessary for the efficient, economical, and effective performance of its functions.

(2) Delegate any function or duty vested in the secretary by law to any subordinate officer or employee within the department. Delegation may be rescinded by the secretary at any time.

C. The secretary shall follow the following procedures for reorganization under this Section:

1 **(1) Where contemplated reorganization materially affects the procedural**
 2 **rights of the public or substantively changes the department's administrative**
 3 **processes, the secretary shall follow the provisions of the Administrative**
 4 **Procedure Act to implement such changes, but for any provision of this Title.**

5 **(2) Where contemplated reorganization is internal, ministerial, or**
 6 **otherwise a minor reorganization that does not materially affect the procedural**
 7 **rights of the public or substantively change the department's administrative**
 8 **processes, the reorganization shall be effective upon a written order by the**
 9 **secretary. Such order shall be filed with the secretary of state and shall also be**
 10 **transmitted to the governor, the House Committee on Natural Resources and**
 11 **Environment and the Senate Natural Resources ^{Committee on} Committee for informational**
 12 **purposes.**

13 **D. No provision of this Section shall be construed to limit or circumvent**
 14 **any rights of protections afforded to employees of the department under**
 15 **applicable state civil service rules or any other provisions of law. Any workforce**
 16 **adjustments made pursuant to any reorganization under this Section shall**
 17 **comply with the due process requirements set forth in applicable state civil**
 18 **service rules and law.**

19 **E. The secretary shall submit an annual report to the House Committee**
 20 **on Natural Resources and Environment and the Senate Natural Resources ^{Committee on}**
 21 **Committee detailing the nature, purpose, and results of any major**
 22 **reorganization undertaken in the preceding year, including any administrative**
 23 **consolidations, transfers of authority, or delegation changes that materially**
 24 **affect the public's procedural rights or the department's administrative**
 25 **processes.**

26 **F. If any provision or item of this Section, or the application thereof, is**
 27 **held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or**
 28 **applications which can be given effect without the invalid provision or item, and**
 29 **to this end, the provisions of this Section are hereby declared severable.**

30 §355. Deputy secretary

1 A. There may shall be a deputy secretary of the department, who shall be
 2 appointed by the secretary with consent of the Senate and who shall serve at the
 3 pleasure of the secretary at a salary fixed by the secretary, which salary shall not
 4 exceed the amount approved for such position by the legislature while in session.
 5 ~~The duties and functions of the deputy secretary shall be determined and assigned~~
 6 ~~by the secretary. If appointed, he~~ He shall serve as acting secretary in the absence of
 7 the secretary.

8 B. The deputy secretary shall, in addition to any authorities established
 9 elsewhere in law:

10 (1) Oversee the office of natural resources commission, performing all
 11 functions, including the authority to employ, appoint, remove, assign, and
 12 promote such personnel as is necessary for the efficient administration of this
 13 office and its programs and the performance of its powers, duties, functions,
 14 and responsibilities, in accordance with applicable civil service laws, rules, and
 15 regulations, and with policies and rules of the department, all subject to
 16 budgetary control and applicable laws.

17 (2) Perform other duties as requested or delegated by the secretary.

18 §356. Undersecretary; functions; office of management and finance administration

19 A. (1) There shall be an undersecretary of the Department of Conservation
 20 and Energy and Natural Resources, who shall be appointed by the governor with
 21 consent of the Senate and who shall serve at the pleasure of the governor at a salary
 22 fixed by the governor, which salary shall not exceed the amount approved for the
 23 position by the legislature while in session.

24 (2) The undersecretary shall be directly responsible to and shall perform his
 25 functions under the supervision and control of the secretary but for this Subsection,
 26 and shall otherwise be vested with the authority provided in the Section.

27 B. The Subject to R.S. 39:1^{et seq.} the undersecretary shall direct and be
 28 responsible for the functions of the office of ~~management and finance~~
 29 administration and the Louisiana Natural Resources Trust Authority within the
 30 Department of Conservation and Energy and Natural Resources. In this capacity,

1 the undersecretary shall be responsible for accounting and ~~budget~~ budgetary
2 oversight, systems of internal control; and financial compliance, procurement and
3 contract management, information technology and data processing, management
4 and program analysis, personnel management, and grants management for the
5 department and all of its offices, including all agencies transferred to the Department
6 of Conservation and Energy and ~~Natural Resources~~, except as otherwise
7 specifically provided in this Title. The undersecretary shall employ, appoint, remove,
8 assign, and promote personnel as is necessary for the efficient administration of the
9 office of ~~management and finance~~ administration and the Louisiana Natural
10 Resources Trust Authority and the performance of their powers, duties, functions,
11 and responsibilities, in accordance with applicable civil service laws, rules, and
12 regulations, and with policies and rules of the department, all subject to budgetary
13 control and applicable laws. The undersecretary shall exercise all powers and
14 authority granted to him in this Title subject to the overall direction and control of
15 the secretary.

16 C.(1) The duties and functions of the office of ~~management and finance~~
17 administration and of the undersecretary shall be as provided in this Section, and
18 these duties and functions shall not be subject to change by the secretary, except that
19 the undersecretary shall perform such additional duties and functions as are assigned
20 by the secretary. The undersecretary shall:

21 (a) Ensure internal-control mechanisms to safeguard departmental
22 assets and promote compliance with financial, administrative, and regulatory
23 requirements. This responsibility shall include developing and enforcing written
24 policies and procedures for the prevention and detection of fraud, waste, and
25 abuse, as well as for proper budgeting, accounting, and reporting practices.

26 (b) Coordinate and oversee auditing, both internal and external, to
27 evaluate the department's fiscal integrity and operational compliance. This shall
28 include the authority to:

29 (i) Initiate or recommend financial, performance, and compliance audits
30 of divisions, programs, or processes within the department.

(ii) Collaborate with the legislative auditor or any external auditor authorized by law, ensuring prompt access to records and cooperation by departmental staff.

(iii) Review and respond to audit findings, develop corrective-action plans, and monitor their implementation to resolve deficiencies.

(c) Regularly report to the secretary on the department's financial status, the results of any internal or external audits, and identified risks or potential areas of concern. In connection therewith, the undersecretary shall recommend policies, practices, or remedial actions necessary to enhance accountability and protect the department's resources.

(d) Have the authority to investigate personnel matters within the department, including allegations of misconduct, inefficiency, or violations of department policies, and to recommend to the secretary appropriate disciplinary action, consistent with civil service laws, rules, and regulations.

(e) Have the authority to utilize the services of contracted third-party firms to assist in the administration and management of the department.

(2) With express permission from the commissioner of administration, this Subsection may be exempt from R.S. 39:1551 et seq.

§356.1. Louisiana Natural Resources Trust Authority; establishment; powers

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B. The authority's powers shall also include the following:

* * *

(6) Bonding, financing, or otherwise acting as a State Energy Financing Institution pursuant to federal law, to fund or assist in funding a plant or facility demonstrating technological advances of new methods and procedures and prototype application for the exploration, development, production, transportation, conversion, and use of energy resources, or other programs which may become available under the Loan Programs Office of the U.S. Department of Energy, or any successor office or agency.

(7) Establishing and administering mechanisms to satisfy financial

security requirements in lieu of traditional instruments, including but not limited to the collection and management of cash payments and fees from participating operators.

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D. The authority may request that the state treasurer invest funds, or any portion thereof, under the control of the authority in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 33:2955, including the use of the Louisiana Asset Management Pool.

§357. Assistant secretaries Leadership

~~A. Each office within the Department Energy and Natural Resources, except the office of management and finance, shall be under the immediate supervision and direction of an assistant secretary. The assistant secretary of each office shall be appointed by the governor with the consent of the Senate and shall serve at the pleasure of the governor. Each assistant secretary shall be paid a salary which shall be fixed by the governor, which salary shall not exceed the salary approved for the position by the legislature while in session. The commissioner of conservation shall serve as the assistant secretary for the office of conservation and shall be selected in accordance with law.~~

~~B. The duties and functions of each office and its assistant secretary shall be determined by the secretary, and all of such duties and functions shall be exercised under the direct supervision and control of the secretary.~~

C. Each assistant of Conservation and Energy, except the executive office of the secretary and the office of administration shall be under the immediate supervision and direction of a director who shall be appointed by the secretary and shall be an unclassified employee. The secretary may issue a directive clearly identifying each director and specifically delegating the authority of such director.

B. The secretary shall employ, appoint, remove, assign, and promote from any funding sources authorizing administrative costs such personnel as is necessary for the efficient administration of his office and its programs and the

1 performance of its powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities, in accordance with
 2 applicable civil service laws, rules, and regulations, and with policies and rules of
 3 the department, all subject to budgetary control and applicable laws.

4 D. Each assistant secretary shall exercise all powers and authority granted to
 5 him in this Title subject to the overall direction and control of the secretary this
 6 Chapter. In addition to any other powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities
 7 defined by the secretary.

8 §358. Offices; purposes and functions

9 A. The purposes for which the offices of the Department of Conservation
 10 and Energy and Natural Resources are created shall be as set forth in this Section.

11 B. The office of ~~coastal management~~ shall perform the functions of the state
 12 relative to the coastal zone management program the executive office of the
 13 secretary shall be responsible for assisting the secretary in the exercise of the
 14 functions and duties established in law of the secretary. Among the divisions
 15 included within the executive office of the secretary shall be the office of natural
 16 resources commission to be headed by the deputy secretary and the office of
 17 legal services to be headed by an attorney designated by the secretary.

18 (1) The office of the natural resources commission may provide any
 19 necessary direct support to the natural resources commission. In addition, the
 20 office of the natural resources commission shall provide intergovernmental
 21 affairs and communications support to the commission and the department.

22 (2) The office of legal services shall provide general legal support for the
 23 department and its offices, including specialized support for state lands,
 24 minerals, and water resources, and shall oversee and administer the Saltwater
 25 and Oil Assessment Process as set forth in law.

26 C. The office of conservation, in accordance with law, shall exercise the
 27 functions of the state with respect to the regulation, conservation, permitting,
 28 compliance, and use of the natural resources of the state which are not specifically
 29 within the jurisdiction of other state departments or agencies. Its functions shall
 30 include but not be limited to the conservation of the oil and gas resources of the state

1 ~~and matters pertaining thereto; the promotion and encouragement of exploration;~~
 2 ~~production, and refining efforts for oil, intrastate gas, and other hydrocarbons; the~~
 3 ~~control and allocation of energy supplies and distribution; the lease or construction~~
 4 ~~and operation of intrastate pipeline systems; the implementation and enforcement of~~
 5 ~~any emergency gas shortage allocation plan and the setting of priorities; the~~
 6 ~~regulation of the minimum sale price of intrastate natural gas; and the management~~
 7 ~~of ground water resources, all in accordance with applicable laws.~~ administration
 8 shall be responsible for accounting and budget control, procurement and
 9 contract management, data processing, management and program analysis,
 10 information technology and geographic information systems, strategic planning,
 11 and personnel management for the department and all of its offices, including
 12 the Natural Resources Trust Authority, subject to R.S. 39:1^g et seq.

13 D.(†) The office of permitting and compliance shall perform all
 14 permitting and compliance functions within the jurisdiction of the department
 15 consistent with law, including Act No. 548 of the 2006 Regular Session of the
 16 Legislature.

17 E. The office of mineral state resources shall perform:

18 (1) Perform the functions of the state relating to the lease of or other
 19 contracts for the use of lands and water bottoms of the state for the development
 20 and production of minerals, oil, and gas, storage, and other energy related
 21 activities and supervision of such mineral leases and other agreements, in
 22 accordance with the law, including but not restricted to the exercise of the option of
 23 the state to receive in kind the portion due to the state as royalty of any minerals
 24 produced and severed from leased premises, and shall receive, administer, and
 25 control royalties and other storage and energy related payments due ~~in~~ kind to the
 26 state in accordance with state law.

27 (2) Work in cooperation with the Center for Energy Studies to maintain
 28 current surface and subsurface geological surveys of the state, or otherwise at the
 29 discretion of the assistant secretary of the office of mineral resources or his designee;
 30 conduct geological mapping; prepare geological hazards assessments and resource

1 inventories; and conduct process investigations and related studies.

2 (3) Provide for the administration of state water bottom management,
3 the issuance of mineral, storage, and energy-related rights of way on state water
4 bottoms and state lands, and energy-related leasing of state water bottoms and
5 state lands as further set forth in law, including agreements related to the
6 subsurface and above-ground storage of minerals, gasses, and products on state
7 water bottoms or lands and receipt, administration, and control of payments
8 due to the state under these agreements in accordance with state law. The
9 secretary and the commissioner of administration shall enter into and maintain
10 a memorandum of understanding regarding receipt, administration, and
11 control of these payments to memorialize necessary arrangements associated
12 with funding their respective departments.

13 (4) Provide for the administration of groundwater, surface water, and
14 other water resources for quantity purposes, unless otherwise designated by the
15 secretary following adequate review set forth by rule.

16 E.F. The office of enforcement shall be responsible for the inspection of the
17 regulated community and the enforcement of laws and regulations within the
18 jurisdiction of the department consistent with Act No. 548 of the 2006 Regular
19 Session of the Legislature.

20 F.G. The office of energy shall organize, plan, supervise, direct, administer,
21 execute, and be responsible for the functions and programs relating to the
22 deployment and operation of alternative energy infrastructure in this state in a
23 manner that results in affordable and reliable energy. The office of energy shall also
24 work in cooperation with the Center for Energy Studies to create and carry out a
25 central, comprehensive, and unified energy data and information program which will
26 collect, evaluate, assemble, analyze, and disseminate data and information which is
27 relevant to energy resource reserves, energy production, demand, and technology,
28 and related economic and statistical information, or which is relevant to the adequacy
29 of energy resources to meet demands in the near and longer term future of the state.
30 The office of energy shall work to provide the department and the Natural

1 Resources Commission with technical assistance and expertise in matters
 2 related to energy and natural resources and shall also work to identify policy
 3 options relative to energy related matters upon request. Finally, the office of
 4 energy shall coordinate with academic and research institutions who possess
 5 specialized expertise in areas related to energy and natural resources on behalf
 6 of the department.

7 ~~G. The office of land and water shall be responsible for the following:~~

8 ~~(1) The administration of state water bottom management, the issuance of~~
 9 ~~energy-related rights of way on state water bottoms and state lands, and energy-~~
 10 ~~related leasing of state water bottoms and state lands as further set forth in law.~~

11 ~~(2) The administration of groundwater, surface water, and other water~~
 12 ~~resources for quantity purposes, unless otherwise designated by the secretary~~
 13 ~~following adequate review set forth by rule.~~

14 * * *

15 §359. Transfer of agencies and functions to Department of Conservation and
 16 Energy and Natural Resources

17 A. The following agencies are transferred to the Department of Conservation
 18 and Energy and Natural Resources and shall exercise and perform their powers,
 19 duties, functions, and responsibilities as provided by law:

20 * * *

21 B. The following agencies are transferred to the Department of Conservation
 22 and Energy and Natural Resources and shall exercise and perform their powers,
 23 duties, functions, and responsibilities in accordance with the provisions of R.S.
 24 36:802:

25 (1) State Department of Conservation (Article V, Section 18 and Article VI,
 26 Section 1(C) of the 1921 Constitution of Louisiana made statutory by Article XIV,
 27 Section 16(A)(2) and (3) of the 1974 Constitution of Louisiana; Part I of Chapter 1
 28 of Subtitle I of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and other
 29 provisions of Title 30 that directly apply to the department). The assistant secretary
 30 shall be authorized to employ, appoint, remove, assign, and promote personnel as is

1 necessary for the efficient administration required in making these decisions in
 2 accordance with applicable civil service laws, rules, and regulations, and with
 3 policies and rules, subject to budgetary control of the Department of Conservation
 4 and Energy and Natural Resources and applicable laws.

5 (2) State Mineral and Energy Board (R.S. 30:121 et seq.), except the
 6 ~~secretary~~ undersecretary of the Department of Conservation and Energy and
 7 ~~Natural Resources~~ or his designee shall be an ex officio member of the State Mineral
 8 and Energy Board. The State Mineral and Energy Board shall retain the authority to
 9 lease for development and production of minerals, oil, and gas any lands belonging
 10 to the state, or the title to which is in the public, including road beds, water bottoms,
 11 and land adjudicated to the state at tax sale. The State Mineral and Energy Board
 12 shall retain supervision of all mineral leases granted by the state, and it shall retain
 13 general authority to take action for and on behalf of and to protect the interests of the
 14 state in accordance with the provisions of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes
 15 of 1950, as amended, and applicable laws.

16 * * *

17 C. The Oilfield Site Restoration Commission (R.S. 30:80 et seq.) is placed
 18 within the Department of Conservation and Energy and Natural Resources and shall
 19 perform its powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities in accordance with the
 20 provisions of R.S. 36:901 et seq.

21 D. The Capital Area Groundwater Conservation District (R.S. 38:3071
 22 et seq.) is transferred to the Department of Conservation and Energy and shall
 23 perform its powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities in accordance with
 24 the provisions of R.S. 36:851 et seq.

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26 CHAPTER 13

27 §600. Administrative process for resolution of disputes

28 A. It is the intent of the legislature to establish a voluntary
 29 administrative process to provide an alternative means of resolving disputes
 30 arising from activities under the jurisdiction of the Department of Conservation
and Energy. This process may be utilized upon mutual agreement of all parties

1 involved as an alternative to any other administrative or judicial processes
2 provided by law.

3 B. Procedural requirements.

4 (1) The administrative process shall initiate upon the submission of
5 written requests by all involved parties to the secretary of the Department of
6 Conservation and Energy. The secretary may deny the request at his discretion,
7 but notice of such denial shall be sent to all parties at the addresses provided in
8 the written requests. If the secretary does not deny the request to utilize the
9 administrative process, then the secretary shall forward to all parties an
10 agreement setting forth the details of the process, how the hearing master's
11 costs shall be paid, and other details of the process along with the retired judges
12 list provided for in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection. The administrative process
13 shall not proceed until all parties have signed the agreement and the secretary
14 appoints a hearing officer as set forth in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection.

15 (2) Upon receipt of the agreement signed by the parties, the secretary
16 shall appoint a hearing master as follows:

17 (a) Qualified hearing masters shall be retired judges included in the
18 retired judges list maintained by the Louisiana Supreme Court, licensed to
19 practice law in the state, and in good standing with the Louisiana State Bar
20 Association. They shall not have conflicts or relationships that could
21 compromise impartiality, and they shall disclose any potential conflicts upon
22 discovery.

23 (b) Preference shall be given to retired judges with expertise in
24 administrative law, regulatory compliance, environmental matters, or relevant
25 industry practices. The department may maintain and update a list of preferred
26 candidates meeting these criteria.

27 (c) The parties shall jointly select a hearing master from the provided list
28 within ten days. If agreement on selecting the hearing officer is not reached
29 within fifteen days, the parties shall alternately strike names from the list until
30 only one candidate remains, who shall be appointed by the secretary, subject to

1 their availability. If unavailable, the process shall be repeated until an
2 appointment is finalized.

3 C. Scope. The parties may mutually define the scope of matters subject
4 to resolution through this administrative process, provided those matters
5 involve activities that are within the jurisdiction and authority of the
6 department as provided by law.

7 D. Recordation. The signed agreement to utilize this administrative
8 process shall be recorded in the conveyance records of the parish where the
9 regulated activity or disputed issue occurred. If the activity or issue is located
10 in more than one parish, then the agreement shall be recorded in the
11 conveyance records of all parishes where it is located.

12 E. Decision and remedies.

13 (1) The hearing master may grant any appropriate remedy or
14 combination of remedies permissible under applicable law, including but not
15 limited to monetary damages, injunctive relief, or specific performance.

16 (2) The hearing master shall issue a draft decision and provide copies via
17 certified mail to the parties, the department, the Department of Environmental
18 Quality, and the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for their review and
19 comments, which shall be provided to the hearing master, other parties, and the
20 department within thirty days. If no comments are submitted, the hearing
21 officer shall issue his decision within fifteen days following the end of the
22 thirty-day comment period. If comments are submitted, the hearing officer shall
23 have thirty days from receipt of the last comment or from the end of the
24 thirty-day comment period, whichever is later, to issue his decision. If a
25 comment is submitted by one of the three departments in which a department
26 states that the draft decision must be revised in order to meet compliance with
27 one of its applicable laws, rules, or regulations, then the hearing officer shall
28 revise the draft decision accordingly prior to issuing his decision.

29 (3) Any decision issued by the hearing master is final unless a review is
30 requested by any party within thirty days of the issuance of his decision. A

1 review, if requested, shall be conducted en banc by a panel of three hearing
2 masters selected pursuant to the procedure provided pursuant to Paragraph
3 (B)(2) of this Section.

4 (4) If conducted, the panel shall issue a draft decision and provide copies
5 via certified mail to the parties, the department, the Department of
6 Environmental Quality, and the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for their
7 review and comments, which shall be provided to the panel, other parties, and
8 all three departments within thirty days of receipt of the draft decision. If no
9 comments are submitted, then the panel shall issue its decision within fifteen
10 days following the end of the thirty-day comment period. If comments are
11 submitted, the panel has thirty days from receipt of the last comment or from
12 the end of the thirty-day comment period, whichever is later, to issue its
13 decision. If a comment is submitted by one of the three departments in which
14 a department states that the draft decision must be revised in order to meet
15 compliance with one of its applicable laws, rules, or regulations, then the panel
16 shall revise the draft decision accordingly prior to issuing its decision. The
17 decision of the panel is final.

18 F. Publication. All final decisions and the rationale therefor shall be
19 published on the department's website within thirty days of issuance.

20 G. Preemption. Unless all parties agree otherwise at the time they
21 request the administrative process, any pre-existing and duly recorded
22 contractual agreements or leases governing the relationship between the parties
23 shall supersede this administrative process. A settlement agreed to by the
24 parties after initiation of the administrative process but prior to the final
25 decision of the hearing master shall supersede the administrative process as to
26 the parties to the settlement.

27 H. Rulemaking authority. The department shall promulgate rules as
28 necessary to implement the provisions of this Section.

29 Section 5. R.S. 38:3072, 3073(8), the introductory paragraph of 3076(A), (A)(3), (4),
30 (7), (8), (9), (14)(b), and (24), (C), (D), (E), the introductory paragraph of (F)(1), (F)(1)(b),

1 leaseholder may recover for actual damages to his oyster beds or grounds caused by
2 oil and gas activities.

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4 Section 11. R.S. 17:200 through 220, R.S. 30:4(N), 29(M)(1)(d), 85(D)(11), 86(F),
5 136.3(E), Part III of Chapter 2 of Subtitle I of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes of Louisiana,
6 comprised of R.S. 30:186 through 188, 1103(10), 1104(F), 2458, 2469, and 2470 through
7 2474, and R.S. 38:3073(2), 3074, 3075, 3080, 3097.4, 3097.7, and 3098.6(A)(1) are hereby
8 repealed.

9 Section 12. The Louisiana Law Institute is hereby directed to replace all references
10 to "Department of Energy and Natural Resources" in state law with "Department of
11 Conservation and Energy".

12 Section 13. The Louisiana Law Institute is hereby directed to renumber the
13 paragraphs in R.S. 38:3092 and 3097.2 and to redesignate R.S. 30:101.1 through 101.15 as
14 Part IX of Chapter 1 of Subtitle I of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

15 Section 14. In the event the Act which originated as House Bill No. 605 of the 2025
16 Regular Session becomes law, the Louisiana State Law Institute shall redesignate R.S.
17 30:21.1 as enacted by Section 1 of that Act as R.S. 30:4(Q)(1)(b), which shall supersede R.S.
18 30:4(Q)(1)(b) as enacted by Section 1 of this Act.

19 Section 15.(A) The provisions of R.S. 30:29 as amended by this Act shall not apply
20 to any lawsuit for damages that arises out of activity conducted prior to the effective date of
21 Section 2 of this Act and which is filed prior to September 1, 2027.

22 (B) The provisions of R.S. 30:29 as amended by this Act shall apply to any lawsuit
23 for damages that arises out of activity conducted prior to the effective date of Section 2 of
24 this Act and which is filed on or after September 1, 2027.

25 (C) The provisions of R.S. 30:29 as amended by this Act shall apply to any lawsuit
26 for damages that arises out of activity conducted after the effective date of Section 2 of this
27 Act.

28 Section 16.(A) Sections 2, 15, and 16 of this Act shall become effective upon
29 signature of the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for
30 bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section

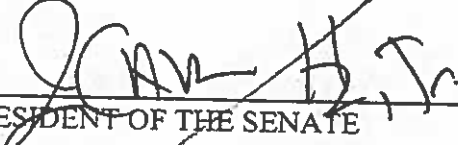
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1 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved
2 by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

3 (B) All remaining Sections of this Act shall become effective on October 1, 2025.



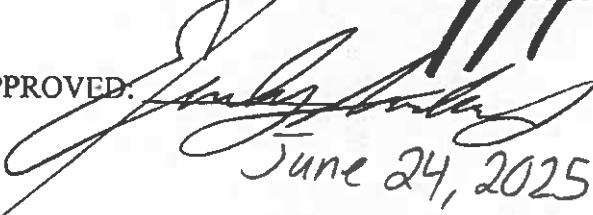
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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: 
June 24, 2025

ACT 120

2025 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 228

BY SENATOR ABRAHAM

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AN ACT

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To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1730.22(A) and (D), to enact R.S. 37:2166 and R.S. ^{NOTE 34}

40:1730.22 (G) and (H), and to repeal R.S. 36:409(A)(3), relative to the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council; to provide for the transfer of power and duties of the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council; to provide relative to membership of the council; to provide relative to the powers and duties of the council; to provide for powers and duties of the State Licensing Board for Contractors; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 37:2166 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§2166. Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council; transfer of duties

A. The Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council shall be placed within the State Licensing Board for Contractors and shall exercise its duties, functions, and responsibilities under the management of the executive director.

B. The executive director of the board shall serve as executive director of the council and shall not have voting privileges.

C. The executive director shall have the authority to designate the board's staff to the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council as needed.

Section 2. R.S. 40:1730.22 (A) and (D) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 40:1730.22 (G) and (H) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1730.22. Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council; membership; function of council; meeting requirements; immunity

A.(1) The Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council, hereinafter in this Part referred to as the "council", is hereby created and shall consist of twenty

1 ~~seventeen~~ members, ~~one of whom shall be the state health officer or his designee,~~
2 ~~and one of whom shall be the fire marshal or his designee.~~ as follows:

3 (a) The fire marshal or his designee.

4 (b) Two building code enforcement officers registered with the Louisiana
5 State Uniform Construction Code Council.

6 (c) One member who shall have had the greater part of their professional
7 experience as licensed electrician or licensed plumber.

8 (d) One member who shall have had the greater part of his professional
9 experience as a licensed mechanical engineer.

10 (e) Two members each of whom shall have had the greater part of his
11 professional experience as a licensed architect, one of whom shall be a member
12 of the American Institute of Architects of Louisiana.

13 (f) One member who shall have had the greater part of his professional
14 experience as a licensed structural engineer.

15 (g) One member representing the Louisiana Home Builders Association.

16 (h) One member representing the Associated Builders and Contractors.

17 (i) One member who shall have had the greater part of his professional
18 experience as a licensed residential contractor.

19 (j) One member who shall have had the greater part of his professional
20 experience as a licensed commercial contractor and who is a member of the
21 Louisiana Associated General Contractors.

22 (k) One member who shall have had the greater part of his professional
23 experience in the insurance industry.

24 (l) One member representing the Building Officials Association of
25 Louisiana.

26 (m) One member representing the Louisiana Building Code Alliance.

27 (n) Two members at-large.

28 (2) With the exception of the state health officer or his designee and the fire
29 marshal or his designee, who shall serve by virtue of his position, each member of
30 the council shall be appointed by the governor, subject to Senate confirmation, and

1 shall serve at the pleasure of the governor. With the exception of ~~the state health~~
 2 ~~officer or his designee~~ and the fire marshal or his designee, each term for a member
 3 of the council shall be four years where a member shall serve no more than two
 4 consecutive terms. Each member of the council shall serve without compensation but
 5 ~~shall~~ may be reimbursed for actual expenses and mileage incurred while attending
 6 council meetings in accordance with state travel regulations promulgated by the
 7 division of administration. ~~Reimbursement shall be limited to mileage and expenses~~
 8 ~~for the attendance of twelve meetings per calendar year.~~ The executive director
 9 shall have the authority to use the board funds for the operations of the
 10 Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council.

11 * * *

12 D. (1) The council shall elect from its members a chairman and vice chairman.
 13 ~~The chairman shall serve as chairman for a maximum of four years from the date of~~
 14 ~~his election.~~ The council shall adopt regulations under the Administrative Procedure
 15 Act in order to implement the provisions of this Part. A meeting may be called by the
 16 chairman on his own initiative and must be called by him at the request of three or
 17 more members of the council within fourteen days of such request. Each member
 18 must shall be notified by the chairman in writing of the time and place of the
 19 meeting at least seven days before the meeting. Each meeting shall be open to the
 20 public and any official decision of the council may be made only by a vote of at least
 21 two-thirds of those members in attendance at the meeting provided that a quorum is
 22 established prior to a vote. A majority of members of the council shall constitute a
 23 quorum.

24 (2) The domicile of the council shall be East Baton Rouge Parish. The
 25 council shall meet bi-monthly in East Baton Rouge Parish, unless directed to
 26 meet more often by the chairman.

27 (3) The governor may remove any member of the council for cause or at
 28 the request of the chairman for failure to attend more than half of regularly
 29 scheduled meetings within a twelve-month period.

30 * * *

G. The executive director of the State Licensing Board for Contractors shall serve as the executive director of the council and shall not have voting privileges.

H. Notwithstanding any other provisions to the contrary and to the extent deemed necessary or appropriate for the efficient implementation of its responsibilities under this Chapter, the State Licensing Board for Contractors is hereby vested with the authority to delegate its powers and duties to its staff. The executive director shall have the authority to designate the board's staff to the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council as needed.

Section 3. R.S. 36:409(A)(3) is hereby repealed.

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Section 4. The provisions of this Act shall supercede and control any conflict with R.S. 40:1730.22(A) as amended by Section 1 of Act 534 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature.

[NOTE: R.S. 40:1730.22(A) REMOVE DUPLICATE PRINT]

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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ACT 210

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 589

BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:205(A), 216(A)(introductory paragraph) and (B), 407.101(G), and 416.21(N)(3)(b)(ii), to enact R.S. 17:2, and to repeal R.S. 17:202, 203, 205(B)(1) and (2), 215, 217, 220(B)(5) and (C), 253, and 407.101(E)(8) and R.S. 36:651(E)(2), relative to elementary and secondary education; to provide relative to reports required for submission to the legislature by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education or state Department of Education; to provide that each law requiring such a report shall cease to be effective two years following the date of its first publication unless renewed by the legislature; to reduce the required number of annual meetings of the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission; to abolish the task force created by the commission; to abolish the Louisiana Environmental Education Commission and transfer certain commission duties to the department; to abolish the Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§2. Reports of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and state Department of Education

A. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any provision of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 requiring the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education or the state Department of Education to submit a report as

1 defined in R.S. 24:771 shall cease to be effective on August first two years following
2 the date of the first publication of the report unless renewed by the legislature.

3 B. If a bill providing for the renewal of a reporting requirement does not
4 become law, the statute creating and continuing such report shall be construed as
5 repealed on the applicable termination date.

6 Section 2. R.S. 17:205(A), 216(A)(introductory paragraph) and (B), 407.101(G), and
7 416.21(N)(3)(b)(ii) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §205. Environmental Education Section; staff; powers and duties; cooperation;
9 funding

10 A. There is hereby created, within the state Department of Education, the
11 environmental education section which shall assist the commission and perform
12 responsibilities relative to education as provided for in this Subpart. Insofar as funds
13 are appropriated, staff may be employed under the direction and control of the state
14 superintendent of education and in accordance with policies of the department.

15 * * *

16 §216. Curriculum framework

17 A. The ~~commission~~ state Department of Education shall develop a
18 curriculum framework for establishing environmental education programs in all
19 public and private elementary and secondary schools. The program shall integrate
20 environmental concepts and skills into regular curricula, which include:

21 * * *

22 B. ~~The commission shall work with the Department of Education to~~
23 department shall implement an environmental education program in grades K-12.

24 * * *

25 §407.101. Early Childhood Care and Education Commission

26 * * *

27 G. The commission shall meet at least four two times per year. At each
28 meeting, the state Department of Education shall provide updates on how the
29 commission's recommendations are being implemented. The commission shall make

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any further recommendations it deems necessary to advance the vision and goals established pursuant to Subsection E of this Section.

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§416.21. Behavior of students with exceptionalities; use of seclusion and physical restraint

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(ii) The state Department of Education shall post the annual report on its website and submit a written copy to the Senate and House committees on education and the ~~Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline established pursuant to R.S. 17:253.~~

Section 3. R.S. 17:202, 203, 205(B)(1) and (2), 215, 217, 220(B)(5) and (C), 253, and 407.101(E)(8) and R.S. 36:651(E)(2) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Section 4.(A) This Section and Sections 2 and 3 of this Act shall become effective on August 1, 2025.

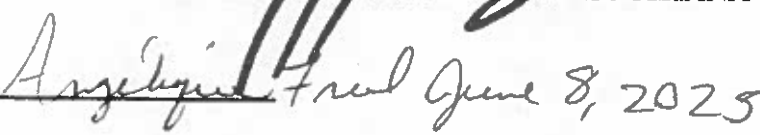
(B) Section 1 of this Act shall become effective on August 1, 2026.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE


GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 544

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:2048.51(B), (C)(9), (10), and (20), and (G), to enact R.S. 17:2048.51(C)(14), and to repeal Part IV-C of Chapter 9 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 17:2048.61, R.S. 36:651(L)(1)(b) and (c), and Subpart C of Part III of Chapter 11 of Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 37:1007, relative to health care workforce development; to provide for the Louisiana Health Works Commission; to provide for its membership; to provide for committees of the commission; to abolish the Nursing Supply and Demand Council; to abolish the Simulation Medical Training and Education Council for Louisiana; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:2048.51(B), (C)(9), (10), and (20), and (G) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:2048.51(C)(14) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§2048.51. Louisiana Health Works Commission; creation; membership; compensation; staff and facilities; powers and duties; data collection and reporting

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B. The purpose of the commission is to serve as a collaborative working group to integrate and coordinate resources relative to ~~health care~~ healthcare workforce development within various state departments and key organizations and to carry out those duties previously assigned to the Nursing Supply and Demand Council and the Simulation Medical Training and Education Council for Louisiana.

C. The following shall serve as members of the Louisiana Health Works Commission:

* * *

(9) The chairman of the Nursing Supply and Demand Council Committee or his designee.

(10) The dean ~~of the School of Allied Health Professions at~~ or a staff member of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport or his designee appointed by the president of the Louisiana State University System.

* * *

(14) One member representing and appointed by the Louisiana Department of Health, office of public health.

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(20) The chancellor or a staff member of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans ~~or his designee~~ appointed by the president of the Louisiana State University System.

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G. The Louisiana Health Works Commission shall have the following committees:

(1)(a) ~~There shall be an~~ An executive committee composed of the following:

(1) (i) The commissioner of higher education or his designee for the commission.

(2) (ii) The chairman of the Nursing Supply and Demand Council Committee or his designee for the commission.

(3) (iii) The president of the University of Louisiana System or his designee for the commission.

(4) (iv) The dean ~~of the School of Allied Health Professions at~~ or a staff member of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport appointed by the president of the Louisiana State University System ~~or his designee~~ for the commission.

1 ~~(5)~~ (v) The president of the Louisiana Hospital Association or his designee
2 for the commission.

3 ~~(6)~~ (vi) The executive director of the Louisiana Nursing Home Association
4 or his designee.

5 ~~(7)~~ (vii) The president of the Louisiana State Medical Society or his designee.

6 ~~(8)~~ (viii) The president of the Southern University System or his designee for
7 the commission.

8 ~~(9)~~ (ix) The chancellor or a staff member of the Louisiana State University
9 Health Sciences Center at New Orleans appointed by the president of the Louisiana
10 State University System or his designee for the commission.

11 ~~(10)~~ (x) The president of the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians or his
12 designee for the commission.

13 ~~(11)~~ (xi) The president of the Louisiana Community and Technical College
14 System or his designee for the commission.

15 ~~(12)~~ (xii) The president of the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges
16 and Universities or his designee for the commission.

17 (xiii) The president of the Louisiana State Nurses Association or his designee
18 for the commission.

19 H. (b) The executive committee shall:

20 ~~(1)~~ (i) Elect the chairperson of the commission. The chair of the Nursing
21 Supply and Demand Committee shall serve as the vice chair of the commission.

22 ~~(2)~~ (ii) Establish rules of procedure to be adopted in accordance with the
23 Administrative Procedure Act.

24 ~~(3)~~ (iii) Perform other tasks as the commission directs or the adopted rules
25 of procedure require.

26 (2) A Nursing Supply and Demand Committee, to consist of representatives
27 of all organizations previously represented on the Nursing Supply and Demand
28 Council who are not represented on the Health Works Commission, in addition to
29 any other members of the Health Works Commission as appointed by its chair.

ACT 289

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2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 531

BY REPRESENTATIVES TRAVIS JOHNSON, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BUTLER, CARVER, CHASSION, FISHER, FREEMAN, FREIBERG, HORTON, JACKSON, MARCELLE, MOORE, SPELL, WALTERS, AND WYBLE AND SENATORS BARROW, BOUDREAUX, JACKSON-ANDREWS, MIZELL, PRICE, AND WOMACK

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1216.1(A)(introductory paragraph) and to enact R.S. 36:702(9), relative to forensic medical examinations of sexual assault survivors; to require a healthcare facility or hospital to offer forensic medical examinations to sexual assault survivors; to provide for powers and duties of the attorney general; to require the Louisiana Legislative Auditor to conduct audits; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 36:702(9) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§702. Powers and duties of attorney general

In addition to the functions,...

(9) Provide for the statewide coordination of sexual assault nurse examiners, with a specific focus on ensuring access to services provided by sexual assault nurse examiners in rural areas. The statewide coordination provided for in this Paragraph may be funded through grants or appropriations by the legislature.

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Section 2. R.S. 40:1216.1(A)(introductory paragraph) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1216.1. Procedures for survivors of a sexually oriented criminal offense; immunity; regional plans; maximum allowable costs; definitions; documents requested by victim

A. All licensed hospitals and healthcare providers in Louisiana shall offer every sexual assault survivor information to receive the treatment provided for in this Section. A licensed hospital or healthcare provider shall adhere to the following procedures if a person presents for treatment as a sexual assault survivor:

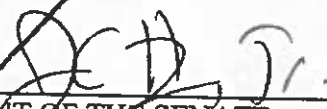
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Section 3. The Louisiana Legislative Auditor shall conduct an audit of sexual assault advocacy services, the sexual assault nurse examiners programs, the sexual assault regional plans, the availability of sexual assault forensic medical exams, and sexual assault services funding in this state.

(NOTE ALL PROVISIONS IN THIS ACT)



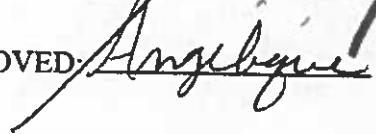
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BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHAMERHORN

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 36:742(11), relative to the functions, powers, and duties of the secretary of state; to provide that the secretary of state shall act as the chief protocol officer of the state; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 36:742(11) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§742. Powers and duties of secretary of state

In addition to the functions, powers, and duties otherwise vested in the secretary of state by law, he shall:

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(11) Act as the chief protocol officer of the state of Louisiana. The secretary shall actively seek appropriate contacts with other officials in nations with which the state has or desires to have active trade, cultural, or educational relations and shall help facilitate the interchange of ideas and contacts for betterment of commerce, cultural exchange, or educational studies between such nations and the state.



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



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ACT 197

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HOUSE BILL NO. 468

BY REPRESENTATIVES ADAMS, ROBBY CARTER, CHASSION, MIKE JOHNSON,
MARCELLE, MOORE, NEWELL, ST. BLANC, TAYLOR, AND VENTRELLA

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. ~~36:784(A)(8)~~, relative to the award of certain honorary medals; to provide for the Civilian Honor Medal Program; to provide for the establishment and management of the Civilian Honor Medal Program; to provide for qualifications and selection; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 36:784(A)(8) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§784. Powers and duties of the secretary

A. In addition to the functions, powers, and duties otherwise vested in the secretary by law, he shall:

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(8)(a)(i) Establish and manage a Veterans' Honor Medal Program in order to recognize and honor all Louisiana veterans. The secretary shall design or cause to be designed a medal. A gold star shall be affixed and awarded to the next of kin of armed forces personnel killed in action. A silver star shall be affixed and awarded to armed forces personnel wounded in action.

(ii) Establish and manage a Civilian Honor Medal Program to recognize and honor the following individuals:

(aa) Civilian state employees for commendable service or achievement to military and veteran programs.

1 (bb) Civilians who have demonstrated important contributions and
2 unwavering commitment to the military and veteran communities of the state of
3 Louisiana and our country.

4 (cc) Individuals selected to receive a Civilian Honor Medal under the criteria
5 established by this Item shall be distinguished from veterans by having a white
6 ribbon.

7 (b) Have the authority to form an advisory committee of interested persons,
8 including; but not limited to; the governor or his designee, the speaker of the
9 Louisiana House of Representatives or his designee, the president of the Louisiana
10 Senate or his designee, the adjutant general or his designee, the Louisiana secretary
11 of veterans affairs or his designee, and various veterans. This committee shall assist
12 the secretary in the design of the medals provided for in Subparagraph (a) of this
13 Paragraph and accompanying certificates.

14 (c)(i) Determine eligibility for award of an Honor Medal provided for in this
15 Section based upon military records such as DD-214 discharge paper or a DD-201
16 service record.

17 (ii) Select a civilian recipient based on the sole discretion of the secretary.
18 In order to receive a Civilian Honor Medal, civilian recipients shall be residents of
19 the state of Louisiana, shall not have a criminal record, and shall be of good moral
20 character.

21 (d) Create an application for the distribution of the Honor Medal and
22 Civilian Honor Medal in which the applicant may elect to receive a medal by one of
23 the following methods:

24 (i) Delivery by the United States Postal Service.


25 (ii) Delivery to the Department of Veterans Affairs parish service office in
26 the parish where the veteran or civilian resides.

27 (iii) Delivery to the veteran or civilian by the governor or his designee in a
28 ceremony conducted by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

1 (e) Deliver each Honor Medal or Civilian Honor Medal pursuant to the
2 method of delivery selected by the veteran or civilian on the application in
3 accordance with Subparagraph (d) of this Paragraph.

4 (f) Deliver each Honor Medal to the applicant within forty-five days of
5 receipt of the application unless the veteran elects to receive the medal in a ceremony
6 conducted by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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