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## Louisiana Citizens for Action Now

### Information Alert - Advocacy Update

[HB185](#) was unanimously passed with amendments by the Senate Health and Welfare Committee. This bill by Rep. Kenny Havard would exempt direct support professionals (DSP) working for waiver recipients in self-direction from the same rigorous training currently required of all DSPs to administer any medication and perform non-complex medical tasks. The bill will now be considered by the full Senate.

[SB355](#) by Sen. Fred Mills, Jr. failed to pass the full Senate by a vote of 13 to 25 (Click [here](#) to see the stance your Senator took on the issue). The bill is back on the Senate calendar and can be called up for reconsideration by Sen. Mills. If passed, SB355 calls for a constitutional amendment on the November 2014 ballot that, if approved by voters, would provide protection against future budget cuts for critical supports and services for people with developmental disabilities and other vulnerable populations.

LaCAN will keep you posted on upcoming opportunities to advocate for both of these issues

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