

**2018 Legislative Tracking List as of 4/13/2018 @ 10:40 AM**

- Priority 1 Activate grassroots network
- Priority 1b Discretion w/ activating grassroots network
- Priority 2 Council advocacy action
- Priority 3 No action; report final outcome only

Bill is still in the legislative process; outcome is yet to be determined
Bill in which the final outcome IS aligned with the Council's position
Bill in which the final outcome IS NOT aligned with the Council's position
Bill in which the Council's position was neutral
Either (1) bill was withdrawn, (2) bill was substituted with another bill, or (3) no action was taken on bill

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Instrument	Author	Summary	Position*	Priority	Notes	Updates / Action Taken	Status
<a href="#">HB1</a>	Henry	APPROPRIATIONS: Provides for the ordinary operating expenses of state government for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.	Against	1	Includes up to \$2.4 Billion (in total funding) cuts to LDH, resulting in elimination of many services to people with DD and other vulnerable populations. Does not include funding for 800 waiver slots for those in urgent need, complex need enhanced rate, or TEFRA.	<a href="#">LaCAN Action Alert #8 - Attend Yellow Shirt Day to Support DD Services 3/19/18</a>  <a href="#">LaCAN Action Alert #9 - Contact Appropriations Committee &amp; Attend Public Testimony Day (4/2/18)</a>  <a href="#">Update LaCAN Action Alert #9 - Time Changed for Yellow Shirt Day / Appropriations Still Needs to Hear from You (4/9/18)</a>  <a href="#">Public Testimony House Appropriations on 4/10/18 beginning 5:21:33</a>	Pending House Appropriations
<a href="#">SB345</a>	Donahue	STUDENTS: Provides relative to school master plans for supporting student behavioral health. (gov sig)	For	1	Addresses Council advocacy agenda for LDOE to have a statewide plan for behavior leadership and support.	<a href="#">LaCAN Action Alert #10 - Contact Senate Education Committee and Attend Yellow Shirt Day on April 12th (4/9/18)</a>	Voluntarily Deferred in Senate Education

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<a href="#">HB46</a>	Harris	Medicaid: Provides for work and community engagement requirements in the state Medicaid program	Against	1b	Companion bill SB77 authored by Hewitt. Could reduce or eliminate Medicaid access for low-income families; increase burden to obtain/maintain Medicaid coverage by having to provide documentation for disability; increase administrative costs which could be used for HCBS; no provisions for those who are unable to work but do not meet the strict Medicaid eligibility criteria for being "unfit" for employment.		Pending House Health & Welfare
<a href="#">HB280</a>	McFarland	MEDICAID: Institutes premium payment requirements in the Medicaid program	Against	1b	Institutes premium payments in the Medicaid program which will place additional financial hardships on many parents of children with disabilities and Direct Support Professionals who are not making a living wage.		Pending House Health & Welfare
<a href="#">SB77</a>	Hewitt	MEDICAID: Provides relative to opportunities to promote work and community engagement among Medicaid recipients. (8/1/18)	Against	1b	Companion bill HB46 authored by Harris. Could reduce or eliminate Medicaid access for low-income families; increase burden to obtain/maintain Medicaid coverage by having to provide documentation for disability; increase administrative costs which could be used for HCBS; no provisions for those who are unable to work but do not meet the strict Medicaid eligibility criteria for being "unfit" for employment.		Pending Senate Health & Welfare
<a href="#">SB300</a>	Hewitt	HEALTH CARE: Provides relative to tasks performed by direct service workers. (8/1/18)	Against	1b	Deletes nurse delegation of medical tasks to DSPs from current law; adds physician delegation of medical tasks to DSPs; changes training requirements for DSPs performing medical tasks employed through self-direction.	Staff and advocates shared concerns in meeting with Sen. Hewitt and LDH on 3/20/18.	Pending Senate Health & Welfare
<a href="#">SB347</a>	Hewitt	FUNDS/FUNDING: Provides relative to funding for waiver services for individuals with developmental disabilities. (8/1/18)	For	1b	Provides that state general fund dollars from savings resulting from changes in the delivery of services for individuals with developmental disabilities shall also be deposited into the fund.	Staff and advocates met with Sen. Hewitt and LDH on 3/20/18.  Staff and advocates met with Sen. Hewitt to discuss proposed amendments on 4/12/18.	Pending Senate Finance

<a href="#">HB14</a>	P. Smith	RETIREMENT/TEACHERS: Provides relative to the reemployment of retired interpreters, educational transliterators, and certified educators of the hearing impaired in positions covered by the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana	For	2			Pending House Retirement
<a href="#">HB105</a>	Stokes	SCHOOLS/CHARTER: Allows certain Type 1 charter schools to act as their own local education agencies	Against	2	Identification of and enrollment levels of students with disabilities would cause problems with funding discrepancies and provision of appropriate services.		Pending House Floor
<a href="#">HB128</a>	J. Morris	SNAP/FOOD STAMPS: Requires legislative authorization for any waiver of SNAP work requirements for able-bodied adults without dependents	Against	2	Could impact receipt of SNAP benefits for individuals with disabilities unable to provide documentation of disability.		Failed House Health & Welfare
<a href="#">HB199</a>	P. Smith	EXCEPTIONAL PERSONS: Creates Language Equality and Acquisition for Deaf Kids (LEAD-K) Task Force to develop framework for assessing children who are deaf or hard of hearing to determine language skills and ensure kindergarten readiness	For	2			Pending Senate Education
<a href="#">HB334</a>	Bacala	MEDICAID: Provides for implementation of a Medicaid managed long-term services and supports system	For	2	Companion bill SB357 authored by Appel. Would implement MLTSS population served by Office of Aging and Adult Services. Would provide greater opportunities for this population to receive home and community-based services. Specifically states provisions in law shall not apply to DD population.		Voluntarily Deferred in House Health & Welfare
<a href="#">HB362</a>	Hoffman	MEDICAID: Provides relative to the state's system of Medicaid-funded long-term care	Against, as written	2	To reform the methodologies and processes governing Medicaid reimbursement for long-term care services to ensure these services are provided in the most efficient and effective manner possible. Would support if amended to indicate cost savings will increase rate to a certain amount for PCA services only; additional cost savings to be used for new waiver opportunities.		Voluntarily Deferred in House Health & Welfare

<a href="#">HB880</a>	Cox	STUDENT/DISCIPLINE: Provides relative to student discipline	For	2	Companion bill SB465.		Pending House Education
<a href="#">SB244</a>	T. Carter	LOTTERIES: Constitutional amendment to provide relative to certain lotteries and certain disbursement of proceeds. (2/3 - CA13s1)	For	2	Companion bill SB407. Constitutional amendment to allow net proceeds of three proposed Lottery games to benefit veterans, senior citizens, and persons with disabilities.		Voluntarily Deferred in Senate Judiciary B
<a href="#">SB292</a>	Barrow	SCHOOLS: Prohibits a chartering authority from approving or renewing charters until the legislative auditor conducts certain performance audits. (gov sig)	For	2	Would prohibit BESE and local school boards from authorizing a new charter or renewing an existing charter until the legislative auditor conducts a performance audit and determined the school is in compliance with law.		Voluntarily Deferred in Senate Education
<a href="#">SB298</a>	Milkovich	SCHOOLS: Provide relative to school safety. (gov sig)	Against	2	Allows a school employee to have a student removed from campus due to a perceived threat.	<p>Shared general concerns with Sen. Milkovich on 3/14/18.</p> <p>Shared concerns with proponents on 4/5/18.</p> <p><a href="#">Parent Advocate public Testimony on 4/12/18 beginning 1:58:34</a></p> <p><a href="#">Staff provided information related to proposed bill in Senate Education on 4/12/18 beginning at 2:19:45</a></p>	Involuntarily deferred in Senate Education

<a href="#">SB301</a>	Milkovich	TEACHERS: Provides relative to Teacher Bill of Rights. (gov sig)	Against	2	Proposed law updates Teacher Bill of Rights to include provisions from SB298.	Shared general concerns with Sen. Milkovich on 3/14/18. <a href="#">Staff provided information related to proposed bill in Senate Education on 3/22/18 beginning at 44:28</a>	Involuntarily Deferred in Senate Education
<a href="#">SB303</a>	Milkovich	SCHOOLS: Provides relative to bullying. (gov sig)	Against	2	(ii) A school employee who witnesses an incident of bullying may take all steps deemed necessary to stop the behavior, including reasonable force, physical restraint, or removal of the offending student from the school grounds, provided the force used is proportional to the level of perceived risk. (iii) A school official may contact law enforcement and have the student exhibiting bullying behavior immediately removed from the school grounds, if he believes the student's behavior poses an imminent risk of harm to another person.	Shared concerns with Sen. Milkovich on 3/14/18. He requested LaDDC staff provide language change recommendations  <a href="#">Staff provided information related to proposed bill in Senate Education on 3/15/18 beginning at 1:22:23</a>	Pending House Education
<a href="#">SB310</a>	Claitor	EDUCATION DEPARTMENT: Provides relative to the collection and reporting of certain data regarding students with exceptionalities. (gov sig)	For	2	Amended to withhold \$100,000 of funds (not 10% as originally proposed) appropriated to the state DOE through the general appropriation bill for "STATE ACTIVITIES" for any fiscal year in which the department fails to collect and report the data.		Pending House Referral
<a href="#">SB357</a>	Appel	MEDICAID: Provides relative to Medicaid managed care for individuals receiving long-term services and supports. (8/1/18)	For	2	Companion bill HB334 authored by Bacala. Would implement MLTSS for population served by the Office of Aging and Adult Services. Would provide greater opportunities for this population to receive home and community based services. Specifically states provisions in law shall not apply to DD population.		Involuntarily Deferred in Senate Health & Welfare
<a href="#">SB407</a>	T. Carter	LOTTERIES: Authorizes three separate additional lottery games with proceeds from each dedicated to veterans, senior citizens, and persons with disabilities. (See Act)	For	2	Companion bill SB244. Creates a board for each fund. DDC is represented on the board for people with disabilities.		Voluntarily Deferred Senate Judiciary B
<a href="#">SB465</a>	W. Bishop	STUDENTS: Provides relative to student discipline. (8/1/18)	For	2	Companion bill HB880.	Staff provided information related to ACSBD recommendations	Voluntarily deferred in Senate Education

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<a href="#">SCR13</a>	T. Carter	CONGRESS: Memorializes Congress to pass the Disability Integration Act of 2017	For	2			Pending House Labor & Industrial Relations
<a href="#">HB79</a>	Mack	CRIME: Creates the crime of abuse of persons with infirmities through electronic means and provides for criminal penalties and exceptions	For	3	Protects individuals with DD and other populations from abuse through electronic means.		Pending Senate Judiciary C
<a href="#">HB191</a>	S. Bishop	COMMERCIAL REGULATIONS: Provides relative to the availability of certain seating in restaurant establishments	For	3	Would improve accessibility of seating for individuals with disabilities.		Involuntarily Deferred in House Commerce
<a href="#">HB192</a>	Bouie	EMPLOYMENT/WAGES: Establishes a state minimum wage rate	For	3	Companion bill SB162 authored by T. Carter. Raising minimum wage would have an overwhelming positive impact on the recruitment and retainment of Direct Support Professionals.		Involuntarily Deferred House Labor & Industrial Relations
<a href="#">HB198</a>	Simon	FUNDS/FUNDING: Provides relative to distribution of funding from the Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund	Neutral	3	Fund shall be considered as a source of last resort after Medicare and Medicaid sources have been expended for Louisiana citizens.		Pending Senate Finance
<a href="#">HB238</a>	McFarland	MEDICAID: Provides relative to the state medical assistance program	Neutral	3	Requires LDH to provide quarterly Medicaid reports to certain legislative committees and specifies the data to be included.		Substitute Adopted on House Floor (HB734)
<a href="#">HB258</a>	Garofalo	NURSING HOMES: Provides for a limited exception to the moratorium on additional nursing facilities	Against	3			Voluntarily Deferred in House Health & Welfare
<a href="#">HB281</a>	Talbot	NURSING HOMES: Authorizes nursing home residents or their qualified surrogates to have monitoring devices installed in those residents' rooms (OR SEE FISC NOTE GF EX)	For	3			Pending Senate Health & Welfare
<a href="#">HB294</a>	P. Smith	STUDENTS: Changes references to "at-risk" students to students who are "economically disadvantaged" throughout Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes	Neutral	3			Pending Senate Education

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<a href="#">HB323</a>	Foil	CONSTITUTION/CONVENTION: Provides for calling a limited constitutional convention for fiscal purposes and preparations therefor	For	3	Companion bills HB385, HB500, SB218 & SB329. States there is a need to address a number of key policy areas that require constitutional change, that the constitution restricts the legislature in effectively addressing state and constituent needs, and that a serious analysis and revision of the state constitution is needed to conduct an examination of the state's critical needs, to consider reform proposals, and to craft provisions that allow legislative solutions.		Voluntarily Deferred in House & Governmental Affairs
<a href="#">HB337</a>	Foil	SCHOOLS: Requires public school governing authorities to develop policies relative to notifying certain school visitors of crisis management and response plans	Neutral	3	It would seem to be too much information for every visitor to be told of a crisis response plan.		Voluntarily Deferred in House Education
<a href="#">HB351</a>	Jenkins	VOTERS/VOTING: Provides relative to voting by persons in a nursing home	For	3			Pending Senate & Governmental Affairs
<a href="#">HB385</a>	Ivey	CONSTITUTION/CONVENTION: Provides for calling a limited constitutional convention and preparations therefor	For	3	Companion bills HB323, HB500, SB218 & SB329. States there is a need to address a number of key policy areas that require constitutional change, that the constitution restricts the legislature in effectively addressing state and constituent needs, and that a serious analysis and revision of the state constitution is needed to conduct an examination of the state's critical needs, to consider reform proposals, and to craft provisions that allow legislative solutions.		FAILED House & Governmental Affairs
<a href="#">HB389</a>	G. Carter	CRIME/SEX OFFENSES: Increases penalties for the crime of sexual assault of persons with infirmities and provides enhanced penalties under certain circumstances	For	3	Increases prison sentence for the crime of sexual battery of persons with infirmities and provides for enhanced penalties when the victim is the resident of a nursing home, ICF/DD or other facility and the offender is an employee of the facility.		Voluntarily Deferred in House Administration of Criminal Justice
<a href="#">HB395</a>	Foil	CHILDREN/TUTORSHIP: Provides relative to tutorship	Neutral	3			Pending Senate Judiciary A

<a href="#">HB402</a>	Edmonds	EMPLOYMENT: Provides for the reimbursement of the cost of certain preemployment examinations, testing, or background checks	Against	3	Allows employer to seek reimbursement from employee for criminal background check should employee leave in less than 90 days. Similar bill last year was deferred but only targeted home and community providers.		Pending Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection & International Affairs
<a href="#">HB457</a>	Hoffman	MOTOR VEHICLES: Provides relative to a needs accommodation designation on a license plate	For	3	Allows a needs accomodation to be included on an individual with a disability license plate. Also requires law enforcement to use electronic means immediately to determine accomodation needed by individual prior to approaching the vehicle and provides training to law enforcement on interacting with persons who need accomodation.		Pending House Transportation, Highways & Public Works
<a href="#">HB474</a>	P. Smith	LAW ENFORCE/OFFICERS: Requires additional training for peace officers	For	3			Pending House Judiciary
<a href="#">HB500</a>	Abramson	CONSTITUTION/CONVENTION: Provides for calling a limited constitutional convention and preparations therefor	For	3	Companion bills HB323, HB385, SB218 & SB329. States there is a need to address a number of key policy areas that require constitutional change, that the constitution restricts the legislature in effectively addressing state and constituent needs, and that a serious analysis and revision of the state constitution is needed to conduct an examination of the state's critical needs, to consider reform proposals, and to craft provisions that allow legislative solutions.		Pending House Appropriations
<a href="#">HB505</a>	Carmody	FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS: Protects certain individuals from financial exploitation	For	3			Pending House Commerce
<a href="#">HB511</a>	Bacala	MENTAL HEALTH: Requires a mental health evaluation of persons who threaten public safety or physical harm to other persons	Neutral	3	Late for an eval. Perhaps LEA should review what went wrong with their screening/evaluation process if the child threatening public safety was never identified and offered services.		Pending House Floor Action
<a href="#">HB570</a>	N. Landry	SCHOOLS/CHARTER: Provides relative to charter schools	Neutral	3	Monitor for amendments.		Pending House Education
<a href="#">HB627</a>	Lyons	EXCEP PERSON/DEV DISABLE: Authorizes the recommendation of medical marijuana for treating certain health conditions of persons with autism	For	3			Pending Senate Health & Welfare

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<a href="#">HB647</a>	Norton	MENTAL HEALTH: Requires the La. Department of Health to implement the Medicaid health home option for persons with serious mental illness	For	3			Pending House Health & Welfare
<a href="#">HB650</a>	Foil	STUDENT/TUITION: Creates a program for education savings accounts for tuition expenses for elementary and secondary schools	Neutral	3	Amended to no longer redirect state revenues to private schools.		Pending House Appropriations
<a href="#">HB734</a>	McFarland	MEDICAID: Requires reporting of data on healthcare provider claims submitted to Medicaid managed care organizations	Neutral	3			Pending Senate Health & Welfare
<a href="#">HB766</a>	Pierre	HEALTH/BEHAVIORAL: Provides for access to behavioral health services providers in schools	Neutral	3		Staff shared information from 2015 survey of school districts regarding barriers to allowing private behavior therapists in schools.	Pending House Education
<a href="#">HR3</a>	J. Morris	HOUSE/RULES: Allows interpreters designated by the Speaker to be admitted to the House floor	For	3			Pending House & Governmental Affairs
<a href="#">SB89</a>	W. Bishop	SCHOOLS: Requires parent representation on each charter school governing or management board. (gov sig)	For	3	Representation of a public body should be inclusive of any tax-payer of that entity. Amended to include grandparents, legal guardians, and alumni.		Pending Senate Final Passage - Subject to Call
<a href="#">SB107</a>	Morrish	EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY: Requires the state Department of Education to provide student assessment results for certain assessments for dispersal to teachers. (gov sig)	For	3			Pending Senate Floor
<a href="#">SB152</a>	Morrish	EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY: Provides relative to information provided with the release of school performance scores and letter grades. (gov sig)	For	3			Pending Senate Floor
<a href="#">SB162</a>	T. Carter	EMPLOYMENT: Provides for an increase in the state minimum wage. (2/3 - CAs2.1)(8/1/18)	For	3	Companion bill HB192 authored by Bouie. Raising the minimum wage would have an overwhelming positive impact on the recruitment and retainment of Direct Support Professionals.		Pending Senate Final Passage - Subject to Call

<a href="#">SB205</a>	Boudreaux	SCHOOLS: Provides relative to the operation of a Type 2 charter school. (gov sig)	Neutral	3			Pending Senate Education
<a href="#">SB218</a>	T. Carter	CONSTITUTION CONVENTION: Provides for calling a limited constitutional convention for finance matters. (gov sig)	For	3	Companion bills HB323, HB385, HB500 & SB329. States there is a need to address a number of key policy areas that require constitutional change, that the constitution restricts the legislature in effectively addressing state and constituent needs, and that a serious analysis and revision of the state constitution is needed to conduct an examination of the state's critical needs, to consider reform proposals, and to craft provisions that allow legislative solutions.		Pending Senate Finance
<a href="#">SB235</a>	Colomb	HEALTH/ACC INSURANCE: Provides for insurance coverage for hearing aids. (8/1/18)	For	3	Extends hearing aid insurance coverage to adults.		Pending Legislative Bureau
<a href="#">SB256</a>	Peacock	EMPLOYMENT: Allows employers to receive reimbursement for the costs of employee criminal background checks when certain employees terminate employment in less than ninety days. (8/1/18)	Against	3	Allows employer to seek reimbursement from employee for criminal background check should employee leave in less than 90 days. Similar bill last year was deferred but only targeted home and community providers.		Voluntarily Deferred in Senate Labor & Industrial Relations
<a href="#">SB265</a>	Morrell	COURTS: Provides for minimum standards for elevator access to multistory courthouses for the disabled community. (8/1/18)	For	3	Would provide for increased accessibility of multistory courthouses.		Pending Senate Final Passage - Subject to Call
<a href="#">SB302</a>	Milkovich	SUPERINTENDENT OF ED: Provides for Senate confirmation of the state superintendent of education. (gov sig)	Neutral	3			Involuntarily Deferred in Senate Education

<a href="#">SB329</a>	Cortez	CONSTITUTION CONVENTION: Provides for calling a constitutional convention. (gov sig)	For	3	Companion bills HB323, HB385, HB500 & SB218. States there is a need to address a number of key policy areas that require constitutional change, that the constitution restricts the legislature in effectively addressing state and constituent needs, and that a serious analysis and revision of the state constitution is needed to conduct an examination of the state's critical needs, to consider reform proposals, and to craft provisions that allow legislative solutions.		Involuntarily Deferred in Senate & Governmental Affairs
<a href="#">SB331</a>	Colomb	MOTOR VEHICLES: Provides for a ten-year renewable period for hang tags for persons with mobility impairments. (8/1/18)	For	3			Pending House Transportation, Highways & Public Works
<a href="#">SB472</a>	Johns	MOTOR VEHICLES: Provides for a special prestige license plate for "Autism". (1/1/19)	For	3			Pending House Transportation, Highways & Public Works
<a href="#">SB531</a>	Milkovich	NURSING HOMES: Provides relative to the reimbursement methodology for nursing homes. (8/1/18)	For	3	Provides that funds saved by implementation of the case mix reimbursement methodology be utilized by the department in the amount of \$12.5 million deposited in the Community and Family support System Fund to increase waiver slots and \$13.5 million to increase reimbursement rates to HCBS service providers.		Voluntarily Deferred Senate Health & Welfare
<a href="#">SB532</a>	Milkovich	NURSING HOMES: Establishes an informed choice in long-term care pilot program at the Northeast Delta Human Services Authority for Louisiana citizens vulnerable to nursing home admission. (8/1/18)	For	3	This pilot program would educate and inform citizens vulnerable to nursing home admission of alternative options that can safely and effectively meet their needs. Advances the goals of preventing long-term nursing facility placement through diversion and providing home and community-based options to nursing home residents who prefer to transition to a community setting.		Voluntarily Deferred Senate Health & Welfare
<a href="#">SCR16</a>	Colomb	CONGRESS: Memorializes Congress to address the deaf and hard of hearing provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act.	For	3			Pending Senate Health & Welfare