

2020 Legislative Tracking List as of 3/13/2020 3:20 PM

DDC Staff Recommendations

- 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Either (1) bill was withdrawn or (2) bill was substituted with another bill

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HB105	Zeringue	APPROPRIATIONS: Provides for the ordinary operating expenses of state government for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	Against	1	Companion bill HB319. Budget does not include funding for TEFRA or additional funding for the SPAS program, FHF Centers or increased service rates for HCBS services and skilled nursing.	Action Alert #3 - Contact Appropriations 3.10.20	Pending House Appropriations
HB138	Wright	EDUCATION/SPECIAL: Requires the use of video cameras in classrooms where special education services are provided to certain students with exceptionalities	For	1	Companion bill SB39.		Pending House Education
HB319	Zeringue	APPROPRIATIONS: Provides for the ordinary operating expenses of state government for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	Against	1	Companion bill HB105. Budget does not include funding for TEFRA or additional funding for the SPAS program, FHF Centers or increased service rates for HCBS services and skilled nursing.		Pending House Appropriations
HB361	Davis	CIVIL/LAW: Provides relative to supported decision-making agreements as a less restrictive means to interdiction	For	1b	Provides for a supported decision-making agreement between an adult with a disability and a supporter, whereby the supporter advises the adult with a disability on issues outlined within the agreement without impeding the self-determination of the adult.		Pending House Civil Law & Procedure
SB39	Foil	SPECIAL EDUCATION: Requires the use of video cameras in certain classrooms where special education services are provided to certain students with exceptionalities.	For	1	Companion bill HB138.		Pending Senate Education
SB126	Barrow	EXCEPTIONAL PERSONS: Establishes the Commission for Identifying Risk Factors for Cortical Visual Impairment.	For	1b	Would provide for early identification of blind and visually impaired infants.		Pending Senate Health & Welfare
HB64	Dwight	JUVENILES: Provides relative to the unlawful disruption of the operation of a school	Against	2	Redefines actions considered as an unlawful disruption of the operation of a school; expands potential offenders to include students and provides for penalties.		Pending House Administration of Criminal Justice
HB183	Turner	CHILDREN/PARENTAL RIGHTS: Prohibits parenting determinations based upon parental blindness	For	2	Limits the consideration of a parent's blindness in custody, adoption, relocation, child in need of care, and parental termination proceedings and in foster parent fitness and eligibility determinations.		Pending House Civil Law & Procedure
HB449	Echols	HEALTH SERVICES: Provides relative to behavioral health services delivered via telehealth	For	2	May increase access to behavioral health services via telehealth for people with disabilities.		Pending House Health & Welfare
HB530	Echols	INSURANCE/HEALTH: Provides for coverage of healthcare services provided through telehealth or	For	2	May increase access to healthcare services for people with disabilities.		Pending House Insurance
HB663	Hughes	STUDENT/DISCIPLINE: Provides relative to student discipline	For	2	Incorporates changes recommended by the Advisory Council for Student Behavior and Discipline to reduce time out of instruction from disciplinary removals.		Pending House Education
SB87	Mills	ELDERLY: Requires reports of elderly exploitation or extortion to be reported to local law enforcement agencies.	For	2	Strengthens current law which only requires reports of sexual and/or physical abuse be reported to law enforcement. Unclear why reporting for any abuse as defined in R.S. 15:1503 (2) is not included.		Pending Senate Judiciary B

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SB98	Peacock	SPEECH/PATH/AUDIO: Provides for the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC)	For	2	May increase access to audiology and speech language pathology services to individuals with disabilities.		Pending Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection & International Affairs
SB150	T. Carter	EDUCATION DEPARTMENT: Provides relative to alternative schools and alternative education programs.	For	2	Opportunity to advocate for LDOE/BESE to maintain Model Master Discipline Plans for schools and ensure implementation per the ACSBD recommendations.		Pending Senate Education
HB94	Green	EMPLOYMENT/WAGES-MINIMUM: Establishes a state minimum wage rate	For	3	Companion bill SB136, SB317, SB401. Raising minimum wage may have a positive impact on the recruitment and retainment of Direct Support Professionals.		Pending House Labor & Industrial Relations
HB118	Edmonds	BUDGETARY CONTROLS: Restricts spending of the state general fund (direct) from recurring money to 98% of the official forecast	Against	3			Pending House Appropriations
HB158	Marino	MEDICAL MARIJUANA: Authorizes the recommendation of medical marijuana in treating certain neurodegenerative diseases and conditions	For	3	May result in increased access to medical marijuana for eligible individuals with disabilities.		Pending House Health & Welfare
HB191	Huval	STATE AGENCIES: Provides for parish offices of the Dept. of Children and Family Services and the Dept. of Health	Neutral	3	Would establish in each parish of the state a Medicaid office. Offices in each parish could make it easier for families to apply for Medicaid in person and seek guidance/assistance when needed.		Pending House Health & Welfare
HB192	Lyons	EARLY CHILDHOOD: Provides relative to the coordination of data for the purpose of evaluating the effectiveness of the early childhood care and education network and prioritizing the provision of related services and funds	For	3	Opportunity to advocate for data to include the number of children with developmental disabilities participating in early childhood care and education network.		Pending House Education
HB243	Lyons	HEALTH CARE/RECORDS: Exempts persons with disabilities from charges associated with obtaining medical records	For	3			Pending House Health & Welfare
HB244	Lyons	MEDICAL MARIJUANA: Provides relative to marijuana pharmacies, creates the Medical Marijuana Affordable Access Council, and authorizes the regulation of medical marijuana prices	For	3	May result in increased access to medical marijuana for eligible individuals with disabilities.		Withdrawn prior to introduction
HB251	Hilferty	EARLY CHILDHOOD: Recreates the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission	Neutral	3	Re-creates the Early Childhood Care and Education Commission to establish a vision for accessible, quality early childhood care and education to be implemented through pilot programs. Membership includes a representative from a disability "special-needs" advocacy organization.		Pending House Education
HB263	Huval	DRUGS/PRESCRIPTION: Provides for insurance coverage of step therapy or fail first protocols	For	3	Companion bill SB59. May ensure individuals receive the right medication when they need providing greater accessibility and more justifications for a practitioner to use in obtaining authorizations for treatment		Pending House Insurance
HB291	Davis	CHILDREN/NEWBORNS: Adds mucopolysaccharidosis type I and glycogen storage disorder type II to the state's newborn screening panel	For	3	Early detection and subsequent treatment of these conditions may positively impact prognosis and reduce the level of care needed as the child ages.		Pending House Health & Welfare
HB317	Thompson	TRANSPORTATION: Establishes a driver's license designation for individuals with autism	For	3	Designation would be at the request of the individual and not mandated. Would also include a training requirement instructing law enforcement officers on sensitivity and awareness to ensure equitable treatment and how to effectively communicate and interact with individuals with autism.		Pending House Transportation, Highways & Public Works

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HB370	Thomas	HEALTH CARE/FACILITIES: Provides for calculation of Medicaid per diem rates for certain intermediate care facilities for people with developmental disabilities	Neutral	3			Pending House Health & Welfare
HB386	James	MEDICAL MARIJUANA: Adds to the set of debilitating conditions qualifying a patient for a recommendation of medical marijuana by a physician	For	3	Would increase access to medical marijuana for people with disabilities who would benefit from this particular form of treatment.		Pending House Health & Welfare
HB391	Marino	STUDENTS: Provides for screening, diagnosis, and intervention with respect to students with dyslexia	For	3			Pending House Education
HB448	Cox	EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY: Provides relative to the use of student test scores and diploma types in calculations of performance scores for the school and district accountability system	Neutral	3			Pending House Education
HB505	S. Bishop	HEALTH SERVICES: Establishes the licensed profession of art therapist	For	3			Pending House Health & Welfare
HB517	Crews	SCHOOLS: Provides relative to treatment of students with seizure disorders and training of school employees	For	3	Would require the La. Department of Education to develop and make available two online courses on treating students with seizure disorders.		Pending House Education
HB542	Edmonston	STUDENTS: Creates the Dyslexia Commission	For	3	Creates the Dyslexia Commission (commission) to review and make recommendations for legislation and policies relative to the education of students with dyslexia.		Pending House Education
HB698	Freeman	PROCUREMENT: Provides procurement preference for goods manufactured and services performed by individuals with disabilities through supported employment providers	For	3	Bill language indicates supported employment providers would manufacture goods or provides services rather than supporting individuals with DD with employment.		Pending House Appropriations
SB59	Mills	PHARMACEUTICALS: Provides relative to coverage of step therapy or fail first protocols.	For	3	Companion bill HB263. May ensure individuals receive the right medication when they need providing greater accessibility and more justifications for a practitioner to use in obtaining authorizations for treatment		Pending Senate Insurance
SB121	T. Carter	LOTTERIES: Constitutional amendment to provide relative to certain lotteries and certain disbursement of proceeds.	For	3	Constitutional amendment if passed would allow for proceeds of certain lottery tickets (to be defined by law) be used to help fund programs for people with disabilities.		Pending Senate Judiciary B
SB128	Barrow	SCHOOLS: Requires certain assessments of a student prior to suspension from school.	Neutral	3	Proposed law requires the principal, prior to suspending a student, ensure the student is assessed using an instrument, such as the Adverse Childhood Experiences Assessment developed by the Centers for Disease Control, that is designed to determine if the student has experienced trauma. Further requires the results of the assessment to be used to determine whether the student's behavior may be better addressed in a manner other than through suspension.		Pending Senate Education
SB134	Womack	MOTOR VEHICLES: Authorizes inclusion of notice on driver's license of health condition that may impede ability to communicate with a peace officer.	For	3			Pending Senate Transportation, Highways & Public Works
SB136	T. Carter	EMPLOYMENT: Provides for an increase in state minimum wage.	For	3	Companion bill HB94, SB317, SB401. Raising minimum wage may have a positive impact on the recruitment and retainment of Direct Support Professionals.		Pending Senate Labor & Industrial Relations
SB148	Talbot	INSURERS: Provides relative to the Louisiana Health Reinsurance Association.	Neutral	3	May increase stability in the individual insurance market and reduce insurance premiums.		Pending Senate Insurance
SB166	Hewitt	FISCAL CONTROLS: Provides for forecasting of the Medicaid program.	Neutral	3	Creates the Medicaid Estimating Conference and provides for its duties to develop the official forecast of the Medicaid program. Removes the Medicaid Subcommittee which seems to remove input from subject matter and fiscal experts.		Pending Senate Finance

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SB169	Mills	HEALTH SERVICES: Provides relative to facility need review.	For	3	Provides that LDH shall implement a facility need review process for home- and community-based service providers, adult day healthcare providers, hospice providers or inpatient hospice facilities, pediatric day healthcare facilities, behavioral health services providers that provide psychosocial rehabilitation or community psychiatric support and treatment services, and opioid treatment programs licensed under a behavioral health services provider license.		Pending Senate Health & Welfare
SB231	Talbot	INSURANCE POLICIES: Provides with respect to the Louisiana Health Plan.	For	3	Reactivates the Louisiana Health Plan should law no longer prohibit the individual insurance market from rejecting applicants due to preexisting conditions.		Pending Senate Insurance
SB252	T. Carter	DRIVER EDUCATION: Provides for driver education to include instruction relative to accessible parking and access aisles.	For	3			Pending Senate Transportation, Highways & Public Works
SB255	T. Carter	LOTTERIES: Authorizes three separate additional lottery games with proceeds from each dedicated to veterans, senior citizens, and persons with special needs.	For	3	Creates the Persons with Special Needs Fund and provides for funds from certain lottery tickets to be deposited into this fund. Board to govern this fund will be represented by a designee of the Council.		Pending Senate Judiciary B
SB279	Peterson	EMPLOYMENT: Constitutional amendment to establish and provide for the gradual increase in the state minimum hourly wage.	For	3	Raising minimum wage may have a positive impact on the recruitment and retainment of Direct Support Professionals.		Pending Senate Labor & Industrial Relations
SB290	Jackson	COUNSELING/GUIDANCE: Provides for comprehensive school counseling program.	For	3			Pending Senate Education
SB293	Jackson	EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY: Limits the use of certain test scores in the school accountability system.	For	3			Pending Senate Education
SB298	Jackson	TEACHERS: Removes requirements for use of a value-added assessment model with regard to school and district accountability and teacher evaluations.	For	3			Pending Senate Education
SB317	T. Carter	EMPLOYMENT: Provides relative to the state minimum wage.	For	3	Companion bill HB94, SB136, SB401. Raising minimum wage would have a positive impact on the recruitment and retainment of Direct Support Professionals.		Pending Senate Labor & Industrial Relations
SB401	Peterson	EMPLOYMENT: Provides relative to an increase in the state minimum hourly wage.	For	3	Companion bill HB94, SB136, SB317. Raising minimum wage may have a positive impact on the recruitment and retainment of Direct Support Professionals.		Pending Senate Labor & Industrial Relations

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