

2021 Legislative Tracking List as of 4/30/2021 2:15 PM

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Either (1) bill was withdrawn or (2) bill was substituted with another bill

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HB1	Zeringue	APPROPRIATIONS: Provides for the ordinary operating expenses of state government for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	Against	1	Does not contain additional funding (\$500k) for Families Helping Families Regional Resource Centers. Also does not contain funding needed (\$27.9m) to increase HCBS service rates for services provided by a DSW with required starting pay of at least \$8.65 per hour.	LaCAN AA1 - Share the Importance of Disability Funding with House Appropriations 4.9.21 LaCAN AA1 - Reminder Still Time to Share the Importance of Disability Funding with House Appropriations 4.16.21 LaCAN AA4 - House Appropriations to Vote on Budget. Let Them Know the Importance of Disability Funding 4.28.21	Pending House Appropriations
HB172	Butler	MEDICAID: Provides for Medicaid coverage of dental care for certain adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities	For	1	Requires the state Medicaid program to provide comprehensive dental coverage for each person of age 21 or older who is enrolled in any Medicaid waiver program for persons with developmental or intellectual disabilities.	LaCAN AA2 - House Health & Welfare to Hear Two Issues Dental Coverage for Adults with I/DD & COVID-19 Waiver Exceptions 4.23.21	Pending House Appropriations
HB204	Turner	EXCEPTIONAL PERSONS: Provides relative to the delivery of Medicaid-funded services for persons with disabilities	For	1	Would permanently continue some COVID exceptions including allowing a DSP to exceed 16 hours per day, allow for DSPs to reside in the same home as the person receiving services, and allow providers and support coordinators to conduct virtual check ins and electronic signatures.	LaCAN AA2 - House Health & Welfare to Hear Two Issues Dental Coverage for Adults with I/DD & COVID-19 Waiver Exceptions 4.23.21	Pending House Final Passage
SB86	Foil	SPECIAL EDUCATION: Requires the governing authority of each public school to develop and adopt policies for the installation and operation of video cameras in certain classrooms.	For	1		LaCAN AA3 - Senate Education Needs to Hear from You About Requiring Cameras in Special Education Classrooms 4.27.21 UPDATE LaCAN AA3 - Still Time to Share Your Thoughts on Requiring Cameras in Special Education Classrooms 4.29.21	Pending Senate Education

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HB238	Moore	CRIME/SEX OFFENSES: Creates the crimes of felony and misdemeanor intentional exposure to a sexually transmitted disease	Against	2	Proposed language in bill implements harsher penalties for offender who have an intellectual disability than those without. It is possible the Rep.'s intent was to impose harsher penalties if the victim has an intellectual disability, but the language does not reflect this.	Council staff and Region 8 LaCAN Leader reached out to Rep. Moore on 4/15/21 with concerns and suggested updated language to include in the bill	Pending House Administration of Criminal Justice
HB324	Hilferty	STUDENT/DISCIPLINE: Prohibits corporal punishment in public elementary and secondary schools	For	2			Pending House Final Passage
HB411	Hughes	STUDENT/DISCIPLINE: Provides relative to student discipline	For	2	Would make comprehensive revisions to school discipline laws and require LDOE to publish data regarding disciplinary removals.		Pending House Education
HB446	Butler	ADMINISTRATION DIVISION: Creates and provides for the office of the state Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator within the division of administration	For	2	Information about this issue was shared with Council members and the public at its April quarterly meeting.		Pending House & Governmental Affairs
HB485	Zeringue	MEDICAID MANAGED CARE: Establishes the Medicaid Managed Care Authority as a policymaking and oversight body for the Medicaid managed care program	For	2			Pending House Health & Welfare
HB85	McKnight	STUDENTS: Creates a literacy program for certain public school students	For	3			Pending House Appropriations
HB91	Echols	MEDICAID: Authorizes transportation network companies to provide nonemergency medical transportation services through the state Medicaid program	For	3			Pending House Health & Welfare
HB136	Carpenter	STUDENT/DISCIPLINE: Provides relative to suspensions and expulsions of public school students	Against	3	Based on language in proposed bill, concerns that students with significant behavior needs may face suspension at disproportionate rates.		Pending House Education
HB170	Marino	SCHOOLS/DISTRICTS: Provides relative to reporting of students identified as having dyslexia	For	3			Pending House Final Passage
HB187	Bagley	HEALTH/HOME CARE: Amends laws relative to home health care	For	3	Adds nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, and physician assistants to order home health services.		Pending House Final Passage
HB228	Carrier	SANITARY CODE: Provides relative to restroom access for individuals with certain conditions	For	3	Creates Restroom Access Act which would allow individuals with eligible medical conditions to access employee only restrooms of certain retail establishments		Pending House Health & Welfare
HB251	Jones	CRIMINAL/PROCEDURE: Provides relative to time limitations for instituting prosecution for crimes with victims with infirmities	For	3	Proposed law would establish time limitations from the time the alleged crime was discovered and from the time it was committed as it currently states in law.		Pending Senate Referral
HB253	McKnight	SCHOOLS: Provides relative to the governance and funding of the Special School District, which provides special education services through its schools and programs	For	3	Provides for the Special School District to be an independent agency governed by a newly created board of directors that shall have nine members appointed by the governor. Provides for the board's powers and duties with respect to district governance.		Pending Senate Referral
HB259	Horton	EMPLOYMENT: Provides relative to employment for persons with disabilities	For	3	Removes exemption for unemployment insurance for people with disabilities in AbilityOne or similar programs.		Pending House Labor & Industrial Relations

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HB285	James	VOTERS/VOTING: Provides relative to the amount a time a person may remain in a voting machine	For	3	Increases time a person may spend in a voting machine		Pending House Final Passage
HB286	Jones	VOTERS/VOTING: Extends the period for early voting prior to election day	For	3			Pending House & Governmental Affairs
HB316	Davis	CHILDREN/NEWBORNS: Adds mucopolysaccharidosis type I and glycogen storage disorder type II to the state's newborn screening panel	For	3			Pending House Appropriations
HB356	Bacala	MEDICAID: Requires regular evaluation of and reporting on Medicaid administration and services	Neutral	3	Would require LDH to evaluate certain aspects of the state Medicaid program regularly and to report the results of such evaluations to the legislature.		DID NOT PASS House Health & Welfare
HB397	White	PUBLIC HEALTH: Provides relative to public health programs and services related to Alzheimer's disease and other dementias	For	3	Would authorize the La. Dept. of Health to provide education and training to healthcare providers who treat patients suffering from Alzheimer's disease or other dementia diseases.		Pending House Final Passage
HB421	Emerson	SCHOOLS: Authorizes public school governing authorities to establish learning pods for the purpose of providing small group instruction for students enrolled in public schools	Against	3			Pending House Education
HB428	Geymann	BUDGETARY CONTROLS: Prohibits the use of federally declared disaster funds for increases in recurring state expenditures	Against	3			Pending House Appropriations
HB460	Hollis	HEALTH/LDH: Establishes the Rare Disease Advisory Council within the Louisiana Department of Health	For	3			Pending House Final Passage
HB476	Schamerhorn	COMMERCE: Provides relative to broadband	For	3	Broadband and high speed data infrastructure expansion would allow individuals with disabilities and their families in more rural areas of the state the opportunity to access information and telehealth services		House Commerce Voluntarily Deferred
HB555	Thompson	TEACHERS/EVALUATION: Prohibits the use of data derived from a value-added model (VAM) as a factor in measuring student growth for the purpose of teacher evaluations	Neutral	3			Pending House Education
HB556	DeVillier	SCHOOLS/CHOICE: Creates and provides for a program to provide state funding for the education of students not enrolled in public school	Neutral	3			Pending House Education
HB570	Lyons	MEDICAID: Provides for payment enhancements to compensate nonemergency medical transportation providers for cost increases in that industry	For	3			Pending House Final Passage
HB598	Green	MENTAL HEALTH: Requires the La. Department of Health to apply for a Medicaid demonstration waiver to support and improve the delivery of inpatient mental health services	For	3			Pending House Health & Welfare
HB628	Stefanski	GAMING: Provides for sports wagering	For	3	Proposed law provides some of the proceeds collected by the Louisiana Lottery Corporation for sports wagering will be deposited into the Developmental Disability Services subfund.		Passed by Substitute HB697

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HB648	Deshotel	TELECOMMUNICATIONS: Establishes a grant program to be administered by the office of broadband development and connectivity in the division of administration	For	3	Program would help bring broadband access to rural and disadvantaged areas. Greater access to broadband services would allow individuals with disabilities and their families in more rural areas of the state the opportunity to access information and telehealth services		Pending House & Governmental Affairs
HB697	Stefanski	GAMING: Provides for sports wagering	For	3	Proposed law creates a Developmental Disability Services subfund under the New Opportunities Waiver Trust Fund and allows for proceeds to be deposited into the subfund should certain criteria be met. Also requires LDH to partner with LaDDC when determining use of these funds.		Pending House Appropriations
SB7	Peterson	EMPLOYMENT: Provides relative to the state minimum wage.	For	3	Raising minimum wage may have a positive impact on the recruitment and retention of Direct Support Workers.		Pending Senate Labor & Industrial Relations
SB49	T. Carter	EMPLOYMENT: Provides relative to the state minimum wage.	For	3	Raising minimum wage may have a positive impact on the recruitment and retention of Direct Support Workers.		Pending Senate Finance
SB93	Pope	HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Provides relative to telehealth services provided by licensed hearing aid dealers.	For	3	Proposed law adds licensed hearing aid dealers to the definition of health care provider included in the Louisiana Telehealth Access Act		Pending House Health & Welfare
SB127	McMath	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH: Provides relative to specialized behavioral health rehabilitation services in the Louisiana medical assistance program.	For	3			Pending Senate Final Passage
SB133	Barrow	HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Provides relative to the prioritization of health equity by the Louisiana Department of Health.	For	3	Provides that LDH serve as a foundation and resource for addressing health care disparities in vulnerable populations, and contribute to the progression and improvement of Louisiana's health care rankings.		Pending Senate Final Passage
SB137	Talbot	MEDICAID: Provides relative to Medicaid managed care for individuals receiving long-term services and supports.	For	3	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.		Pending Senate Health & Welfare
SB191	Cloud	INSURANCE POLICIES: Provides relative to coverage of certain physician-administered drugs and related services.	For	3			Pending House Insurance
SB214	Jackson	CURRICULA: Provides relative to individual graduation plans and high school curriculum options.	For	3			Pending Senate Floor
SB216	Mills	TEACHERS: Requires early literacy professional development for certain teachers.	For	3			Pending Senate Floor
SB222	Hewitt	SCHOOLS: Provides relative to early literacy.	For	3			Pending Senate Floor
SB224	Cloud	VOTERS/VOTING: Prohibits the use of ballot drop boxes.	Against	3	Ballot drop boxes would give individuals with disabilities additional opportunities to participate in absentee voting.		Pending Senate & Governmental Affairs
SB234	McMath	SCHOOLS: Provides relative to providing accelerated instruction to certain students.	Neutral	3			Pending Senate Floor

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HCR34	Butler	MEDICAID: Requests a study regarding potential means of financing dental care for adult residents of intermediate care facilities	For	3			Pending House Final Passage
HCR49	Garofalo	SCHOOLS: Requests that the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education collect, analyze, and report data relative to certain high and low performing schools	For	3			Pending House Education
SCR2	Fields	BESE: Provides for legislative approval of the MFP formula for the 2021-2022 school year.	Neutral	3			Pending Senate Floor
SCR18	Fields	EDUCATION DEPARTMENT: Requests the state Department of Education to study the feasibility of banning the use of corporal punishment in public schools.	For	3			Pending Senate Floor
SR23	Talbot	MEDICAID: Establishes a task force to study and report on Medicaid managed care for individuals receiving long-term supports and services.	For	3			Pending Senate Health & Welfare

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