

2022 Legislative Tracking List updated as of 6/20/2022 11:20 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Either (1) bill was withdrawn or (2) bill was substituted with another bill

*The positions noted below are not a position on the legislative instrument, but a position on the issues addressed in that instrument.

Instrument	Author	Summary	Position*	Priority	Notes	Updates / Action Taken	Status
HB1	Zeringue	APPROPRIATIONS: Provides for the ordinary operating expenses of state government for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.	For	1	Includes additional \$500k for FHF funding (continuation of last year's appropriation bringing total to \$1 million), \$1 million for postsecondary inclusive education programs, funding for comprehensive dental for adults on I/DD waivers and in ICF/DDs, increased rates for aging and adult services (match OCDD rates), funding to continue rate/wage increase for DD services, funding for additional 250 Community Choices Waiver slots, rate increases for EarlySteps and support coordination, rate increase in the ROW, NOW and Supports Waiver for transportation, and \$8 million for cameras in self-contained special education classrooms.	LaCAN AA1 - LDH Budget to be Discussed in Senate Finance 3.7.22 LaCAN AA2 - House Appropriations Discusses LDH Budget Wednesday 3.11.22 LaCAN AA5 - Public Testimony in Appropriations April 5th 3.31.22 LaCAN AA6 - Appropriations to Vote on FY23 Budget 4.13.22 LaCAN AA8 - House to Vote on Amended FY23 Budget LaCAN AA10 - Public Testimony in Senate Finance on May 2nd 4.29.22 LaCAN AA13 - Senate Finance to Vote on FY23 Budget LaCAN AA14 - Amended FY23 Budget Heads to Senate Floor 5.17.22	PASSED with Vetoes Act 199
HB55	Butler	MEDICAID: Provides for Medicaid coverage of dental care for certain residents of intermediate care facilities	For	1b	Extends Medicaid coverage for dental care to Medicaid enrollees age 21 and up who reside in intermediate care facilities for people with developmental disabilities.		PASSED Act 366

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SB45	Foil	SPECIAL EDUCATION: Requires all public school governing authorities to adopt certain policies relative to cameras in certain classrooms by December 31, 2022.	For	1	If passed, would amend Act 456 of 2021 which requires all public school governing authorities to adopt policies relative to cameras in self-contained special education classrooms. Strengthens language to clarify that a policy should be developed despite the lack of funding, policies are to be created by December 31st, and policies should be submitted to DOE by January 15th and within ten days of updates to policies.	<p>Staff continues to stay in contact with Sen. Foil's office to address additional concerns for funding and oversight.</p> <p>LaCAN AA3 - Senate Education Needs to Hear from You About Cameras in Special Education Classrooms 3.22.22</p> <p>LaCAN AA4 - Cameras in SpEd Classrooms on Senate Floor Today 3.29.22</p> <p>LaCAN AA11 - House Education to Discuss Cameras in Self-Contained Classrooms 5.6.22</p> <p>LaCAN AA15 - House to Debate Self-Contained Special Education Classrooms 5.25.22</p>	Sent to Governor
SB192	Boudreaux	POSTSECONDARY ED: Provides for the Postsecondary Inclusive Education Fund for funding programs for students with intellectual disabilities.	For	1		<p>LaCAN AA7 - Opportunities for Postsecondary Inclusive Education Headed to Senate Finance 4.14.22</p> <p>LaCAN AA12 - Postsecondary Inclusive Education Options Headed to House Education 5.13.22</p> <p>LaCAN AA16 - House to Debate Postsecondary Inclusive Education Opportunities 6.1.22</p>	Sent to Governor
HB33	DeVillier	SCHOOLS/CHOICE: Creates and provides for a program to provide state funding for the education of students not enrolled in public school	Against	1b	As written, proposed legislation takes funding away from public schools and does not promote an inclusive education setting. Also, these programs may exclude students with disabilities from this program by limiting their access to services provided by the school(s) and/or make it difficult for parents to access needed special education services for their child. Most private education entities are not required to provide accommodations to students with disabilities.	<p>Shared letter of opposition with Rep. DeVillier 4/6/22</p> <p>LaCAN AA9 - ESAs and Impacts on Students with Disabilities 4.23.22</p>	DID NOT PASS Failed to Complete Legislative Process
HB452	Freiberg	SCHOOLS/CHOICE: Creates and provides for a program to provide state funding for the education of certain students who have been victims of bullying and are not enrolled in public school	Against	1b	As written, proposed legislation takes funding away from public schools and does not promote an inclusive education setting. Also, these programs may exclude students with disabilities from this program by limiting their access to services provided by the school(s) and/or make it difficult for parents to access needed special education services for their child. Most private education entities are not required to provide accommodations to students with disabilities.	<p>Shared letter of opposition with Rep. Freiberg 4/6/22</p> <p>LaCAN AA9 - ESAs and Impacts on Students with Disabilities 4.23.22</p>	DID NOT PASS Failed to Complete Legislative Process

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HB824	Schlegel	SCHOOLS/CHOICE: Creates and provides for a program to provide state funding for the education of students not enrolled in a public school	Against	1b	As written, proposed legislation takes funding away from public schools and does not promote an inclusive education setting. Also, these programs may exclude students with disabilities from this program by limiting their access to services provided by the school(s) and/or make it difficult for parents to access needed special education services for their child. Most private education entities are not required to provide accommodations to students with disabilities.	Shared letter of opposition with Rep. Schlegel 4/6/22 LaCAN AA9 - ESAs and Impacts on Students with Disabilities 4.23.22	DID NOT PASS Failed to Complete Legislative Process
HB838	Garafola	SCHOOLS/CHOICE: Creates and provides for a program to provide state funding for the education of students not enrolled in a public school	Against	1b	As written, proposed legislation takes funding away from public schools and does not promote an inclusive education setting. Also, these programs may exclude students with disabilities from this program by limiting their access to services provided by the school(s) and/or make it difficult for parents to access needed special education services for their child. Most private education entities are not required to provide accommodations to students with disabilities.	Shared letter of opposition with Rep. Garafola 4/6/22 LaCAN AA9 - ESAs and Impacts on Students with Disabilities 4.23.22	DID NOT PASS Failed to Complete Legislative Process
SB203	Hewitt	FUNDS/FUNDING: Creates an education savings account for certain students reading below grade level.	Against	1b	As written, proposed legislation takes funding away from public schools and does not promote an inclusive education setting. Also, these programs may exclude students with disabilities from this program by limiting their access to services provided by the school(s) and/or make it difficult for parents to access needed special education services for their child. Most private education entities are not required to provide accommodations to students with disabilities.	Shared letter of opposition with Sen. Hewitt 4/6/22 LaCAN AA9 - ESAs and Impacts on Students with Disabilities 4.23.22	Sent to Governor
SB260	Hewitt	FUNDS/FUNDING: Provides relative to the Community and Family Support System Fund.	Neutral	1b			PASSED Act 242
HB194	Butler	SCHOOLS/CHOICE: Creates and provides for a program to provide state funding for the education of students with exceptionalities not enrolled in public school	Against	2	As written, proposed legislation takes funding away from public schools and may not promote an inclusive education setting. Also most private education entities are not required to provide accommodations to students with disabilities.	Shared letter of opposition with Rep. Butler 4/6/22 LaCAN AA9 - ESAs and Impacts on Students with Disabilities 4.23.22	Sent to Governor
HB227	Wright	SCHOOLS/CHOICE: Creates and provides for a program to provide state funding for the education of students with exceptionalities not enrolled in public school	Against	2	As written, proposed legislation takes funding away from public schools and may not promote an inclusive education setting. Also most private education entities are not required to provide accommodations to students with disabilities.	Shared letter of opposition with Rep. Wright 4/6/22 LaCAN AA9 - ESAs and Impacts on Students with Disabilities 4.23.22	DID NOT PASS Failed to Complete Legislative Process
HB645	Magee	FUNDS/FUNDING: Establishes the Community Options Waiver Fund and provides for dedication of revenues and use of monies in the fund	For	2	Modeled after the NOW Fund.	Ex. Director shared the Council's support of this issue with Appropriations 4.11.22	DID NOT PASS Failed to Complete Legislative Process
HB58	G. Miller	TRUSTS: Provides relative to irrevocable trusts for individuals interdicted	Neutral	3			PASSED Act 22
HB80	Edmonds	BUDGETARY CONTROLS: Restricts spending of state general fund revenue-direct to 98% of the official forecast	Against	3			DID NOT PASS Failed to Complete Legislative Process
HB90	Marcelle	HEALTH/LDH: Creates the office on women's health within the La. Department of Health and provides for the duties and functions of the office	For	3			DID NOT PASS Failed to Complete Legislative Process

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HB106	Green	CRIMINAL/SENTENCING: Eliminates the death penalty	Neutral	3	While it has been deemed unconstitutional to execute someone with an intellectual disability, lack of or inadequate legal representation and the burdensome evidence requirements may still lead to individuals with intellectual disabilities receiving a death penalty sentence.		DID NOT PASS Failed to Complete Legislative Process
HB136	Marino	EDUCATION: Requires dyslexia education as a component of teacher education programs	For	3	Proposed law requires that teacher education programs include at least three credit hours on teaching students with dyslexia		Sent to Governor
HB143	Butler	STATE AGENCIES: Provides for development and implementation by state agencies of policies, training, and reporting relative to compliance with requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act	For	3			PASSED Act 103
HB146	Owen	CIVIL/INTERDICTION: Provides relative to consent with regard to certain medical procedures	Neutral	3	Currently individuals that are interdicted are not able to make these decisions. While this law does help take that individual's wishes into account, there is still some concern about how effective this would be in allowing someone to express their wishes and impacts it may have on the need for medically necessary or even life saving procedures.		DID NOT PASS Failed to Complete Legislative Process
HB190	Johnson	MEDICAL MARIJUANA: Authorizes certain nurse practitioners to recommend medical marijuana to patients	Neutral	3			Sent to Governor
HB222	Marcelle	STUDENT/DISCIPLINE: Provides relative to out-of-school suspensions and expulsions of public school students	Neutral	3			DID NOT PASS Failed to Complete Legislative Process
HB226	Turner	HEALTH CARE: Enacts the Louisiana Healthcare Workforce Training Law	For	3	Proposed law requires that the council, in carrying out its duties, shall give primary consideration to increasing workforce diversity and furthering improved access, quality, and equity of health care for underserved communities, Medicaid-eligible individuals and families, and other medically needy populations.		DID NOT PASS Failed to Complete Legislative Process
HB229	Green	EMPLOYMENT/WAGES-MINIMUM: (Constitutional Amendment) Establishes a state minimum wage	For	3	Increasing minimum wage may help address the direct support workforce crisis.		DID NOT PASS
HB257	Landry	LESSOR/LESSEE: Provides relative to lease termination in certain conditions	For	3	Proposed law provides that lessees who are at least 60 years old or with a physical or mental disability may terminate their residential lease agreement prior to the term of the lease if their physical or mental condition requires their relocation to a new dwelling for care or treatment.		DID NOT PASS Failed to Complete Legislative Process
HB269	Nelson	STUDENTS: Prohibits promotion to the fourth grade of certain students whose reading deficiencies have not been remedied by the end of the third grade	Neutral	3			DID NOT PASS
HB291	Edmonds	NURSING HOMES: Requires all nursing homes to maintain in effect emergency preparedness plans approved by the La. Department of Health	For	3	Includes representative from Disability Rights Louisiana on review committee.		Sent to Governor
HB311	Marcelle	EMPLOYMENT/WAGES-MINIMUM: Establishes a state minimum wage rate	For	3	Increasing minimum wage may help address the direct support workforce crisis.		DID NOT PASS
HB315	Turner	EDUCATION/SPECIAL: Provides for the Blind and Visually Impaired Student's Bill of Rights	For	3			Sent to Governor

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HB337	Hilferty	MOTOR VEHICLES: Establishes a special identification card designation for persons with autism spectrum disorder	For	3			PASSED Act 210
HB346	Thompson	STUDENT/LOANS-SCHOLARSHIP: Provides for a program and a fund for the purpose of providing scholarships for students in approved teacher preparation programs	For	3	If passed, advocacy with LDOE should continue as they develop policies for the program in hopes that funding could be used to help increase teachers going into special education field.		Sent to Governor
HB384	Wheat	HEALTH CARE/FACILITIES: Requires pediatric day health care facilities to provide for installation and operation of cameras at their premises	For	3			Sent to Governor
HB416	Marino	STUDENTS: Provides relative to screening of students for dyslexia and other impediments to learning	For	3			Sent to Governor
HB451	Carpenter	SCHOOLS/CHARTER: Requires the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to consider the potential fiscal impact on the local school system when reviewing a Type 2 charter school proposal	For	3			DID NOT PASS
HB524	Lyons	EXCEPTIONAL PERSONS: Establishes a program for needs assessment and coordination of services for people with disabilities affected by disasters	For	3			Sent to Governor
HB611	Selders	HEALTH CARE/FACILITIES: Provides relative to the facility need review process for healthcare facilities and providers	Neutral	3			DID NOT PASS Failed to Complete Legislative Process
HB624	Pressly	HEALTH CARE/PROVIDERS: Includes behavioral health services providers within the definition of "healthcare provider" in the La. Telehealth Access Act	For	3			DID NOT PASS Failed to Complete Legislative Process
HB649	Hilferty	STUDENT/DISCIPLINE: Prohibits corporal punishment in public schools	For	3	Corporal punishment is banned for students with disabilities but many students with disabilities have not been identified and do not have IEPs, 504 plans, Behavior plans, etc. in place leaving them unprotected. An amendment was added that would allow parents to opt in granting the school permission to use corporal punishment on their child.		DID NOT PASS Failed to Complete Legislative Process
HB709	Selders	HEALTH/BEHAVIORAL: Authorizes behavioral health services providers to furnish services to clients and patients regardless of those persons' location within the state	For	3			PASSED Act 390
HB784	Duplessis	HEALTH: Provides relative to universal perinatal mood disorder screening for primary care doctors	For	3			PASSED Act 188
HB827	Gadberry	HEALTH/CHILDREN: Provides relative to screening of children for autism spectrum disorder	For	3			PASSED Act 356

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HB880	Carter	EMPLOYMENT/WAGES-MINIMUM: Establishes a state minimum wage rate	For	3	Increasing minimum wage may help address the direct support workforce crisis.		DID NOT PASS Failed to Complete Legislative Process
HB914	Crews	SCHOOLS: Provides relative to treatment of students with seizure disorders and training of school employees	For	3			Sent to Governor
HB933	Stagni	NURSING HOMES: Provides relative to emergency preparedness among licensed nursing homes	For	3			Sent to Governor
HB940	Freiberg	SCHOOLS/CHARTER: Provides relative to student enrollment at charter schools	Against	3	This could potentially allow charter schools to not serve students with disabilities and students who are economically disadvantaged.		DID NOT PASS Failed to Complete Legislative Process
HB946	Miller	EDUCATION/SPECIAL: Provides relative to the membership and reports of special education advisory councils	For	3			Sent to Governor
HB1012	Lyons	MEDICAID: Provides relative to nonemergency medical transportation services within the La. Medicaid program	For	3			Sent to Governor
SB30	Mills	HEALTH SERVICES: Provides relative to facility need review.	For	3	Proposed law identifies the healthcare providers that are subject to facility need review and provides for the creation and composition of a facility need review committee.		Sent to Governor
SB33	Mills	NURSING HOMES: Provides relative to alternate electrical power sources in nursing facilities.	For	3			PASSED Act 253
SB74	Hewitt	ELECTION CODE: Provides relative to the qualification of poll watchers.	For	3	Proposed legislation would remove stipulation that individuals who require assistance to vote cannot serve as poll watchers.		PASSED Act 178
SB92	Cathey	DISCRIMINATION: Prohibits employers from discriminating against employees due to their medical history.	Neutral	3			DID NOT PASS Failed to Complete Legislative Process
SB98	Hewitt	HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Provides relative to the Louisiana Commission for the Deaf.	For	3			PASSED Act 128
SB116	Barrow	HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Creates the office on women's health within the Louisiana Department of Health.	For	3			Sent to Governor

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SB154	Talbot	HEALTH/ACC INSURANCE: Provides for health insurance coverage of genetic testing for critically ill infants with no diagnosis.	For	3			Sent to Governor
SB166	Talbot	NURSING HOMES: Requires nursing facilities to have generators.	For	3			DID NOT PASS Failed to Complete Legislative Process
SB167	Talbot	NURSING HOMES: Provides relative to emergency preparedness plans for nursing homes.	For	3			Sent to Governor
SB176	Fields	SPECIAL EDUCATION: Amends the Blind Persons' Literacy Rights and Education Act.	For	3			PASSED Act 302
SB253	Barrow	INSURANCE DEPARTMENT: Provides an unfair trade practice if an insurer takes advantage of an insured who is a senior or a special needs individual during a disaster or declared emergency.	For	3			DID NOT PASS Failed to Complete Legislative Process
SB256	Barrow	SCHOOLS: Requires certain assessments of a student prior to suspension from school.	Neutral	3			DID NOT PASS
SB257	Mills	MEDICAID: Provides relative to Medicaid coverage for continuous glucose monitors.	For	3			PASSED Act 241
SB269	Barrow	EMPLOYMENT: Constitutional amendment to establish a state minimum hourly wage and index future increases according to the Consumer Price Index or its successor index.	For	3	Increasing minimum wage may help address the direct support workforce crisis.		DID NOT PASS Failed to Complete Legislative Process
SB294	Jackson	CRIME/PUNISHMENT: Eliminates the death penalty for offenses committed on or after August 1, 2022, and allocates savings generated to Early Childhood Education Fund literacy programs.	For	3	While it has been deemed unconstitutional to execute someone with an intellectual disability, lack of or inadequate legal representation and the burdensome evidence requirements may still lead to individuals with intellectual disabilities receiving a death penalty sentence.		DID NOT PASS
SB298	Barrow	MEDICAID: Requires the Louisiana Department of Health to annually review medications, forms of treatment, and services for care of Medicaid enrollees with sickle cell disease.	For	3			Sent to Governor
SB299	Barrow	BESE: Prohibits the chartering authority from approving or renewing charters of charter schools until the legislative auditor conducts certain performance audits	For	3			DID NOT PASS Failed to Complete Legislative Process
SB407	Bouie	SCHOOLS: Requires schools to store epinephrine in the classrooms of certain students.	For	3			PASSED Act 315

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SB464	Talbot	MEDICAID: Provides relative to Medicaid coverage for genetic testing of critically ill infants with no diagnosis.	For	3			DID NOT PASS Failed to Complete Legislative Process
HCR4	Butler	MEDICAID: Increases Medicaid reimbursement to intermediate care facilities for resident leave of absence days	Against	3	Resolution if passed would amend present administrative rule to provide that reimbursement to non-state ICFs for all leave of absence days shall be increased from 75% to 85% of the current applicable per diem rate.		PASSED
HCR14	Willard	VOTERS/VOTING: Creates a task force to study and make recommendations relative to the voting rights of people with disabilities	For	3	Recommend more persons with disabilities be included in task force makeup.		PASSED
HCR38	Davis	EXCEPTIONAL PERSONS: Forms a working group to study the unique needs of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and co-occurring behavioral health conditions	For	3			PASSED
HCR39	Butler	WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT: Requests a study and recommendations concerning barriers to hiring of direct support professionals who provide Medicaid-covered services to people with disabilities	For	3			PASSED
HCR40	Miller	MEDICAID: Requests the La. Department of Health to study and report on the costs of providing nursing services in certain Medicaid-funded programs and facilities for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities	For	3			PASSED
HCR44	Miller	HEALTH: Creates and provides for the Health Inequities and Disparities in Rural Areas Task Force	For	3			PASSED
HCR89	Miller	INSURANCE/HEALTH: Requests a study of the costs and benefits of mandating coverage for therapies and treatments for PANS, PANDAS, and both conditions as types of AE by private insurance plans in the state of La.	For	3			PASSED
HCR112	Amedee	PUBLIC MEETINGS: Requests local public bodies to allow the public to view and participate in meetings via electronic means to the extent practicable	For	3			PASSED
HR105	Duplessis	TRANSPORTATION: Creates a task force to study and make policy recommendations relative to ridesharing options for persons with disabilities	For	3			DID NOT PASS Failed to Complete Legislative Process
HR165	Carpenter	SCHOOLS/CHARTER: Directs the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to consider the potential fiscal impact on local school systems when reviewing a Type 2 charter school proposal	For	3			DID NOT PASS Failed to Complete Legislative Process

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HR173	Marcelle	STUDENT/DISCIPLINE: Creates a task force to study student behavior, mental health, and discipline	For	3			PASSED
HR206	Phelps	WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT: Urges and requests the Louisiana Workforce Commission to study and make recommendations concerning the payment model for vocational rehabilitation services	For	3			PASSED
SR38	Talbot	HEALTH CARE: Requests the Louisiana Department of Health to study programs implemented in other states or through Medicaid waiver programs to evaluate options for delaying institutionalization for frail elders.	For	3			PASSED
SR144	Barrow	INSURANCE COMMISSIONER: Urges the Commissioner of Insurance to develop outreach initiatives to assist seniors and special needs individuals after a presidentially or gubernatorially declared disaster or emergency.	For	3			PASSED
SR162	Barrow	WORKFORCE COMMISSION: Request La. Workforce Commission to study the current rate structure for vocational rehabilitation services.	For	3			PASSED
SCR28	Foil	BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS: Requests the Louisiana Department of Health and Louisiana commercial health insurance payors to increase reimbursement rates for autism therapy services.	For	3			PASSED
SCR31	Jackson	STUDENTS: Establishes the Related Services Advisory Commission to study the level of supports statewide for students with special needs and exceptionalities.	For	3			PASSED
SCR64	Foil	EDUCATION DEPARTMENT: Requests the state Department of Education to implement a program for seizure safety in all public schools.	For	3			DID NOT PASS Failed to Complete Legislative Process