



UPDATE Action Alert #14 House & Governmental Affairs Yellow Shirt Day Cancelled

May 23, 2023

The Yellow Shirt Day for House & Governmental Affairs scheduled for Wednesday, May 24th, has been cancelled. Originally, the committee was scheduled to continue their discussions on [SB201](#) which amends Louisiana's Open Meetings Law to allow for remote operations (i.e. by electronic means or virtually) of public entities. However, the agenda was revised, and SB201 was heard on Tuesday, May 23rd. If interested, you can watch the committee's discussion from today [here](#) beginning at 4:35.

Fortunately, SB201 was amended to include requests from the disability community. As proposed, SB201 allows:

- Members of the public with a disability recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or their designated caregiver to participate in meetings electronically and encourages similar measures be implemented to maximize public participation;
- A member of any public body or advisory council with a disability recognized by the ADA or their designated caregiver to participate in meetings electronically; and
- Any public body that is strictly advisory or that primarily focuses on issues dealing with disabilities host meetings remotely.

The Council and LaCAN would like to thank Senator Hewitt, Chairman Stefanski and the House & Governmental Affairs committee for considering the needs of the disability community as they work to make public meetings more transparent and more inclusive of all individuals, including individuals with disabilities and their caregivers.

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