

AGENDA

House Committee on Appropriations

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

Committee Room 5

9:00 a.m.

Chair: Jack G. McFarland
Vice Chair: Jerome Zeringue

Staff: Jaymi Foster, committee administrative assistant
Brittany Lea, executive assistant
Stephanie Little, attorney
Rebecca Robinson, legislative analyst

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. INSTRUMENTS TO BE HEARD

_____	HB 82	VILLIO	DWI Provides relative to penalties for DWI offenses
_____	HB 143	BACALA	SHERIFFS Provides relative to the per diem rate paid by the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections for the housing of state inmates in a parish jail or institution
_____	HB 145	CHASSION	FUNDS/FUNDING Provides for the payment of extraordinary medical and dental expenses of firemen and law enforcement officers
_____	HB 160	KNOX	DOMESTIC ABUSE Increases the penalties for certain domestic violence offenses that involve strangulation
_____	HB 222	BERAULT	MEDICAID Requires Medicaid to cover dental procedures for certain Medicaid enrollees
_____	HB 430	CHASSION	LAW ENFORCE/OFFICERS Enacts the MJ 911 Act to extend health insurance coverage for families of law enforcement officers and firemen employed in Lafayette Parish who are killed in the line of duty
_____	HB 445	FREIBERG	EDUCATION Provides relative to the Louisiana Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Advisory Council
_____	HB 490	KERNER	PUBLIC CONTRACTS Provides limited exemptions from payment under contract requirements for public entities in certain circumstances

_____	HB 603	WRIGHT	FUNDS/FUNDING (Constitutional Amendment) Authorizes the investment of state funds in digital assets and precious metals
_____	HB 619	WRIGHT	TREASURY DEPARTMENT Authorizes the state treasurer to invest monies deposited into the Budget Stabilization Fund in certain metals and certain digital assets
_____	HB 670	OWEN, CHARLES	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Provides relative to wood pellet manufacturing
_____	HB 672	OWEN, CHARLES	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Provides for matters related to brick manufacturing
_____	HB 763	BILLINGS	PUBLIC RECORDS Provides for a public Settlement Agreement Information Database to contain certain information regarding settlements entered into by state agencies
_____	HB 773	MELERINE	PROCUREMENT Establishes priorities and requirements for purchases by the state and participating local governments from certain providers including prison enterprises and nonprofits assisting persons with disabilities.
_____	HB 781	BOURRIAQUE	MTR VEHICLE/REGISTRATION Provides for a fleet vehicle registration program
_____	HB 810	BOURRIAQUE	INFRASTRUCTURE (Constitutional Amendment) Provides for additional authorized uses of funds invested in a state infrastructure bank
_____	HB 874	MURRAY	TRANSPORTATION DEPT Provides with respect to electronic credentials
_____	HB 981	VILLIO	FUNDS/FUNDING Extends the sunset for the law enforcement recruitment incentive program

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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