

House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2019 Regular Session
May 21, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Gregory A. Miller, chairman of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. in Room 4, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Gregory A. Miller, chairman
Representative Roy Daryl Adams
Representative Ryan Joseph Bourriaque
Representative Jimmy Harris
Representative Dorothy Sue Hill
Representative Dodie Horton
Representative Sam L. Jenkins, Jr.
Representative Ed Larvadain III
Representative Stephen E. Pugh, vice chairman
Representative Mark Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Lance Harris
Representative Barry Ivey
Representative John C. "Jay" Morris, III

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patricia Lowrey-Dufour, legislative analyst
Mark Mahaffey, attorney
Andrea Simmons, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Angela McKnight, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 550 by Representative Turner

Representative Turner presented House Bill No. 550, which provides that the identity of a person making a complaint relative to an early learning center or certain providers or fraud pertaining to the Child Care Assistance Program and related state Dept. of Education investigation records shall be confidential and shall not be public records.

Representative Pugh offered a motion to report House Bill No. 550 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 550 was reported favorably by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Adams, Bourriaque, Hill, Jenkins, Larvadain, Pugh, and Wright voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support, and 1 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 75 by Representative Wright

Representative Wright presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 75, which provides for a task force to review rules and regulations and make recommendations relative thereto.

Representative Wright offered amendments to add a representative of the Louisiana AFL-CIO designated by its president and a representative of the Louisiana Association of Nonprofit Organizations designated by the chair of its board of directors. Representative Wright offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Adams, Bourriaque, Jimmy Harris, Hill, Horton, Jenkins, Larvadain, Pugh, and Wright voted yea.

Representative Wright offered amendments to add representatives of the following departments designated by the secretaries thereof: Louisiana Department of Health, Department of Natural Resources, and Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Representative Wright offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Adams, Bourriaque, Jimmy Harris, Hill, Horton, Jenkins, Larvadain, Pugh, and Wright voted yea.

Representative Wright offered amendments to provide that the chairmen of the legislative governmental affairs committees or their designees are members rather than members of the committees designated by the chairmen. Representative Wright offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Adams, Bourriaque, Jimmy Harris, Hill, Horton, Jenkins, Larvadain, Pugh, and Wright voted yea.

Representative Wright offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 75 with amendments. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 75 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Adams, Bourriaque, Jimmy Harris, Hill, Horton, Jenkins, Larvadain, Pugh, and Wright voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 283 by Representative Wright

Representative Wright presented House Bill No. 283, which requires the use of video cameras in classrooms where special education services are provided to certain students with exceptionalities.

Shawn Fleming, Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council, 626 Main Street, Suite A, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, 225-342-6804, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 283 and provided a handout, Exhibit A, "FAQs on Photos and Videos under FERPA", which is included in the committee records.

Representative Wright offered a motion to report House Bill No. 283 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 283 was reported favorably by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Gregory Miller, Adams, Jimmy Harris, Hill, Horton, Larvadain, and Wright voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 13 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

The committee received presentations relative to redistricting from the following:

Wendy Underhill, director, Elections & Redistricting Program, National Conference of Legislatures, no address given, provided information to the committee and a handout, Exhibit B, "Preparing for Redistricting", which is included in the committee records.

Patricia Lowrey-Dufour, senior legislative analyst, for the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, provided information to the committee and handouts, Exhibit C, "Committee Rules for Redistricting" and Exhibit D "Redistricting Timeline", which are included in the committee records.

John Couvillon, JMC Analytics & Polling, 1025 Chipperham Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, 225-802-9756, spoke for information only.

Tim Slack, Ph.D., professor, LSU Department of Sociology, no address given, 225-578-1116, provided information to the committee and provided a handout, Exhibit E, "Recent Demographic Trends in Louisiana: A State Population Profile", which is included in the committee records.

James F. "Ted" Booth, general counsel, Mississippi Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) and staff counsel, Redistricting/Reapportionment Committee, State of Mississippi, P.O. Box 1204, Jackson, Mississippi, 39215, 501-359-1221, provided information for the committee and a handout, Exhibit F, "Redistricting Law 101", which is included in the committee records.

Alfred W. "Butch" Speer, clerk, Louisiana House of Representatives, provided information to the committee.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman Gregory A. Miller
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Date adopted: