

## **House Committee on Health and Welfare**

Minutes of Meeting  
2022 Regular Session  
May 3, 2022

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Representative Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley, chairman of the House Committee on Health and Welfare, called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. in Room 5, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley, chairman  
Representative Raymond J. Crews  
Representative Michael Charles Echols  
Representative Jason Hughes  
Representative C. Travis Johnson  
Representative Ed Larvadain, III  
Representative Wayne McMahan  
Representative Dustin Miller  
Representative Thomas A. Pressly  
Representative Laurie Schlegel  
Representative Larry Selders  
Representative Joseph A. Stagni  
Representative Christopher Turner, vice chairman

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Roy Daryl Adams  
Representative Robby Carter  
Representative Kenny R. Cox  
Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore  
Representative Robert "Bob" Owen

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Meah Johnson, attorney  
Drew Murray, legislative analyst  
Kristy Neubrandner, committee administrative assistant

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Braley Trabeau, committee clerk  
Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms  
Stephen Louis, assistant sergeant at arms  
Danny Leming, assistant chief sergeant at arms  
Nevonda Reed, division director

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****House Bill No. 605 by Representative Landry**

*This is a continuation of the discussion on House Bill No. 605 from April 27, 2022. Please check for the prior action to complete the record of discussion and motions on House Bill No. 605.*

Representative Landry presented House Bill No. 605, which prohibits certain licensed professionals from engaging with any minor in the practice known as conversion therapy.

*Representative Turner in the chair.*

Representative Dustin Miller offered a motion to reconsider the vote by which the concept amendments to House Bill No. 605 relating to consent were adopted on April 27, 2022. Without objection, the motion to reconsider the vote passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Crews, Echols, Hughes, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Representative Dustin Miller offered a motion to withdraw the amendments to House Bill No. 605. Without objection, the amendments were withdrawn by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Crews, Echols, Hughes, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Representative Turner offered amendments to:

- (1) Delete proposed law setting forth enumerated practices which, by definition, constitute conversion therapy and replace those provisions with the following:
  - (a) Any practice by a healthcare provider that purports to result in a complete and permanent change in a person's sexual orientation or gender identity.

- (b) Any practice by a healthcare provider that asserts that a complete and permanent change in a person's sexual orientation or gender identity is necessary.
  - (c) Any practice by a healthcare provider that, in attempting to change a person's sexual orientation or gender identity, subjects the person to physical discomfort through aversive treatment that causes nausea, vomiting, or other unpleasant physical sensations.
  - (d) Any practice by a healthcare provider that, in attempting to change a person's sexual orientation or gender identity, subjects that person to electric shock treatment or other electrical therapy including, without limitation, electroconvulsive therapy or transcranial magnet stimulation.
- (2) Add the following to the enumerated practices in proposed law which, by definition, do not constitute conversion therapy:
- (a) Counseling or other practices that are conducted with the express consent of a patient under the age of eighteen and a parent or tutor of the patient.
  - (b) Counseling or other practices that are neutral with respect to sexual orientation and gender identity.
  - (c) Counseling or other practices that explore a person's assumptions and goals by permitting the person to decide how to self-identify and live out his sexual orientation or gender identity.
  - (d) Counseling or other practices that, without an a priori treatment goal, provide acceptance, support, and understanding of a person's sexual orientation identity and gender identity.
  - (e) Counseling or other practices that discuss with a person his moral or religious beliefs or practices.
  - (f) Counseling or other practices that provide acceptance, support, and understanding of a person's moral or religious beliefs or practices.

Representative Turner offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Crews, Echols, Hughes, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Logan Kinamore, 511 Cortez Street, New Orleans, LA 70119, (225) 362-1072, spoke in support of House Bill No. 605.

*Chairman Bagley in the chair.*

Liz Murrill, Office of Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry, 1885 North Third Street, Livingston Building, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 362-6000, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 605.

Representative Stagni offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 605. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 605 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Larvadain, Dustin Miller, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 27 in support and 26 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 17 in support and 13 in opposition. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

### **House Concurrent Resolution No. 88 by Representative Echols**

Representative Echols presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 88, which urges and requests the La. Department of Health to utilize increased collections from pharmacy rebates to increase rates for primary care providers in the Medicaid program.

Daniel Cocran, Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), 628 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-9509, spoke for information only on House Concurrent Resolution No. 88.

Representative Echols offered amendments to add reimbursement language for pharmacists to acquire prescription drugs and to make technical corrections.

Representative Echols offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Pressly, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Representative Echols offered technical amendments. Representative Echols offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Pressly, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Representative Echols offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 88 with amendments. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 88 was reported with amendments by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Pressly, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 117 by Representative Echols**

Representative Echols presented House Bill No. 117, which provides relative to prescribing, administering, and dispensing of drugs for off-label use.

Representative Echols offered amendments to:

- (1) Delete proposed law prohibiting certain actions against healthcare professionals by licensing boards and commissions in connection with the prescription, administration, and dispensing of drugs for off-label use.
- (2) Delete proposed law prohibiting certain actions against healthcare professionals by hospitals in connection with the prescription, administration, and dispensing of drugs for off-label use.
- (3) Provide that neither the La. Department of Health nor any healthcare professional licensing board or commission shall prohibit or restrict the prescribing, administering, or dispensing for an off-label use a drug that has been approved for a specific use by the FDA.
- (4) Make technical changes.

Representative Echols offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Pressly, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Connie Sampognaro, 510 Griggs Road, Calhoun, LA 71225, (318) 366-3717, spoke in support of House Bill No. 117.

Jill Hines, Health Freedom Louisiana (HFL), 1307 Mesa Avenue, Ruston, LA 71270, (904) 318-6018, spoke in support of House Bill No. 117.

Fiorella Trapani, (HFL), 4412 Lefkoe Street, Metairie, LA 70006, (504) 957-7523, spoke in support of House Bill No. 117.

Representative Echols offered a motion to report House Bill No. 117 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 117 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Crews, Echols, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 14 in support, 1 in opposition, and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 36 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 600 by Representative Frieman**

Representative Frieman presented House Bill No. 600, which provides for release of opt-out information to the public when state law requires a vaccination or immunization.

Representative Stagni offered amendments to:

- (1) Remove language that requires publication and distribution of certain immunization information by the Louisiana Department of Health during a governmental vaccination mandate.
- (2) Require the Louisiana Department of Health to provide and publicize exemption information whenever an immunization or a vaccination is recommended, requested, or required by a governmental agency or quasi-governmental organization of the state, parish, or local government.
- (3) State what the vaccination information required by the Louisiana Department of Health should include and potential methods for publication of such information.
- (4) Make technical corrections.

Representative Stagni offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Crews, Echols, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Fiorella Trapani, Health Freedom Louisiana (HFL), 4412 Lefkoe Street, Metairie, LA 70006, (504) 957-7523, spoke in support of House Bill No. 600.

Jill Hines, (HFL), 1307 Mesa Avenue, Ruston, LA 71270, (904) 318-6018, spoke in support of House Bill No. 600.

Kim Humbles, Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), 628 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-9509, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 600.

Kim Hood, LDH, 628 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-9509, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 600.

Representative Crews offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 600. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 600 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Pressly, Schlegel, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 18 in support and 1 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 2 in support and 1 in opposition. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

***Further action was taken by the committee on House Bill No. 600 on May 10, 2022. Please check for the subsequent action to complete the record of discussion and motions on House Bill No. 600.***

### **House Bill No. 910 by Representative Thomas**

*Representative Turner in the chair.*

On behalf of Representative Thomas, Representative Bagley presented House Bill No. 910, which provides relative to athletic training.

Jason Dunavant, Louisiana Athletic Trainer Association, 1905 Filhiol Avenue, Monroe, LA 71203, (318) 512-5679, spoke in support of House Bill No. 910.

Representative Bagley offered amendments to:

- (1) Reinstate and revise the definition of "athlete" in present law.
- (2) Redefine the proposed law term, "athletic injury".
- (3) Add an effective date provision.

- (4) Make technical corrections.

Representative Bagley offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Schlegel, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Representative Hughes offered a motion to report House Bill No. 910 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 910 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 6 in support and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **House Concurrent Resolution No. 80 by Representative Crews**

*Chairman Bagley in the chair.*

Representative Crews presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 80, which directs the office of public health to conduct a comprehensive assessment of this state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Kim Hood, Louisiana Department of Health, 628 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 342-9509, spoke for information only on House Concurrent Resolution No. 80.

Fiorella Trapani, Health Freedom Louisiana (HFL), 4412 Lefkoe Street, Metairie, LA 70006, (504) 957-7523, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 80.

Jill Hines, HFL, 1307 Mesa Avenue, Ruston, LA 71270, (904) 318-6018, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 80.

Connie Sampognaro, 510 Griggs Road, Calhoun, LA 71225, (318) 366-3717, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 80 and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Crews offered amendments to specify that data on deaths of persons with COVID-19 to be reported are to reflect deaths of persons with incidental COVID-19. Representative Crews offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.



Representative Crews offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 80 with amendments, to which Representative Dustin Miller objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 6 yeas and 6 nays. Representatives Bagley, Crews, Echols, McMahan, Schlegel, and Turner voted yea. Representatives Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, Dustin Miller, Selders, and Stagni voted nay.

Representative Crews offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 80. Without objection, action on House Concurrent Resolution No. 80 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 14 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 30 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

***Further action was taken by the committee on House Concurrent Resolution No. 80 on May 4, 2022. Please check for the subsequent action to complete the record of discussion and motions on House Concurrent Resolution No. 80.***

#### **House Bill No. 941 by Representative Illg**

Chairman Bagley announced that action on House Bill No. 941, which provides requirements and limitations relative to certain procedures performed on the spine, was voluntarily deferred.

#### **House Concurrent Resolution No. 94 by Representative Duplessis**

Representative Duplessis presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 94, which requests a study regarding the potential establishment of a program to provide children born to low- to moderate-income parents with a trust that, at maturity, can be used for postsecondary education, the purchase of a home, or formation of a business.

Davante Lewis, Louisiana Budget Project, 619 Jefferson Highway, Suite 1-D, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 614-9126, spoke in support of House Concurrent Resolution No. 94.

Representative Stagni offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 94 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 94 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Echols, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **House Concurrent Resolution No. 93 by Representative Emerson**

Representative Emerson presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 93, which commends and honors the pregnancy care centers of Louisiana.

Representative Bagley offered amendments to add title language, revise "transmit to" language, and make technical and clarifying changes.

Representative Bagley offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Echols, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Representative Stagni offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 93 with amendments. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 93 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Echols, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Echols offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Echols, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley  
House Committee on Health and Welfare

Date adopted: