

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

Minutes of Meeting  
2022 Regular Session  
May 24, 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 10:00 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 Roy Daryl Adams  
Representative Robby Carter  
Representative Raymond J. Crews  
Representative Michael Charles Echols  
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 Kenny R. Cox  
Representative Jason Hughes  
Representative C. Travis Johnson  
Representative Ed Larvadain, III  
Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore  
Representative Robert "Bob" Owen

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

Felicie Jackson, executive assistant  
Meah Johnson, attorney  
Drew Murray, legislative analyst

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms  
Braley Trabeau, committee clerk

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 39 by Senator Allain**

Senator Allain presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 39, which requests the Louisiana Department of Health to study and develop a proposal for a statewide patient movement plan.

Representative Bagley offered amendments to make technical 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, Adams, Crews, Echols, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Pressly, Schlegel, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Greg Waddell, Louisiana Hospital Association, 9521 Brookline Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 928-0026, spoke in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 39.

Representative Stagni offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 39 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 39 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Crews, Echols, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Pressly, Schlegel, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 6 in support.

**Senate Bill No. 63 by Senator Mizell**

Senator Mizell presented Senate Bill No. 63, which provides for the duties of the Department of Children and Family Services regarding victims of child sex trafficking.

Representative Schlegel offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 63 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 63 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Crews, Echols, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Pressly, Schlegel, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

**House Resolution No. 155 by Representative Turner**

Representative Turner presented House Resolution No. 155, which forms a study group to evaluate options and make recommendations for reforming healthcare workforce training and development in this state.

Representative Turner offered amendments to add to the study group a member appointed by the president of the Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners, to add a member appointed by the executive director of the Louisiana Nursing Home Association, and to make technical changes. 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 Bagley, Adams, Crews, Echols, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Pressly, Schlegel, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Representative Turner offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 155 with amendments. Without objection, House Resolution No. 155 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Crews, Echols, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Pressly, Schlegel, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

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

Statements submitted in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 1 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

#### **Senate Bill No. 22 by Senator Boudreaux**

On behalf of Senator Boudreaux, Representative Dustin Miller presented Senate Bill No. 22, which extends the termination date of the Palliative Care Interdisciplinary Advisory Council for three years.

Representative Dustin Miller offered amendments to make technical changes. Representative Dustin Miller offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Robby Carter, Crews, Echols, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Pressly, Schlegel, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Representative Pressly offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 22 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 22 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Robby Carter, Crews, Echols, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Pressly, Schlegel, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 9 in support.

Statements submitted in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 1 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

#### **House Concurrent Resolution No. 121 by Representative Jordan**

On behalf of Representative Jordan, Representative Dustin Miller presented House Concurrent Resolution No. 121, which creates the Task Force on African American Suicide Rates.

Representative Dustin Miller offered a motion to report House Concurrent Resolution No. 121 favorably. Without objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 121 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Robby Carter, Crews, Echols, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Pressly, Schlegel, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

#### **House Resolution No. 158 by Representative Firment**

Representative Firment presented House Resolution No. 158, which requests a study of gender-altering procedures for minors and the risks associated with such procedures.

Laura Huber, 416 Choctaw Drive, Abita Springs, LA 70420, no phone number provided, spoke in support of House Resolution No. 158 and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Bagley offered amendments to:

- (1) Rearrange existing language within the resolution.
- (2) Add a modifying phrase that describes Sweden as a pioneer in the performance of gender reassignment procedures.
- (3) Make technical corrections.

Representative Bagley offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Robby Carter, Crews, Echols, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Pressly, Schlegel, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Representative Schlegel offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 158 with amendments. Without objection, House Resolution No. 158 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Robby Carter, Crews, Echols, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Pressly, Schlegel, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

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

#### **Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 28 by Senator Foil**

On behalf of Senator Foil, Representative Turner presented Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 28, which requests the Louisiana Department of Health and Louisiana commercial health insurance payors to increase reimbursement rates for autism therapy services.

Beverly Haydel, Louisiana Coalition for Access to Autism Services, 2977 Fritchie Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (617) 335-9941, spoke in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 28.

Representative Turner offered a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 28 favorably. Without objection, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 28 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Robby Carter, Crews, Echols, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Pressly, Schlegel, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Statements submitted in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 1 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Pressly offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Robby Carter, Crews, Echols, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Pressly, Schlegel, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date adopted: