

## House Committee on Health and Welfare

Minutes of Meeting  
2023 Regular Session  
May 2, 2023

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley, chairman of the House Committee on Health and Welfare, called the meeting to order at 9:03 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 Kenny R. Cox  
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 Patricia "Pat" Moore  
Representative Robert "Bob" Owen  
Representative Thomas A. Pressly  
Representative Laurie Schlegel  
Representative Larry Selders  
Representative Joseph A. Stagni  
Representative Christopher Turner, vice chairman

#### MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

#### STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Taylor Chrisman, attorney  
Meah Johnson, attorney  
Kristy Neubrandner, committee administrative assistant

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Jaimie Mathews, committee administrative assistant  
Nevonda Reed, division director  
Stephen Louis, sergeant at arms  
Danny Leming, assistant chief sergeant at arms  
Clarence Russ, chief sergeant at arms  
Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****House Bill No. 463 by Representative Firment**

Representative Firment presented House Bill No. 463, which prohibits certain procedures to alter the sex of a minor child.

Representative Bagley offered amendments in the form of a substitute bill. Representative Bagley offered a motion to adopt the substitute bill. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Travis Johnson, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Pressly, Schlegel, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Matt Sharp, Alliance Defending Freedom, 1000 Hurricane Shoals Road Northeast, Suite D-1100, Lawrenceville, GA 30043, (770) 339-0774, spoke in support of House Bill No. 463.

Mo Faugot, 11 Oak Place, New Iberia, LA (337) 519-1498, spoke in support of House Bill No. 463.

Brandy Pou, UnMask Our Kids Louisiana, 10987 Cattail Point, Shreveport, LA 71106, (318) 401-0713, spoke in support of House Bill No. 463.

Vicki Clouter, 2903 Quiet Oak Place, Schriever, LA 70395, (985) 804-0182, spoke in support of House Bill No. 463.

Chloe Cole, 13909 Lexington Park Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, no phone number nor email provided, spoke in support of House Bill No. 463.

Prisha Mosley, 521 Fuller Avenue, Apartment 202a, Big Rapids, MI 49307, prishamosley@gmail.com, spoke in support of House Bill No. 463.

Angela Hill, 54 Watts Road, Picayune, MS 39466, (601) 916-3952, spoke in support of House Bill No. 463.

Steven Felix, 33450 Weiss Road, Walker, LA 70785, (504) 588-9478, spoke in support of House Bill No. 463.

Evelyn Griffin, 10310 The Grove Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70836, (225) 892-6003, spoke in support of House Bill No. 463.

Brett C. Rodriguez, 1385 Highway 494, Natchitoches, LA 71457, (318) 581-3104, spoke in support of House Bill No. 463.

Woody Jenkins, 910 North Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 921-1433, spoke in support of House Bill No. 463.

Kathleen Willis, 42386 Forest View Place, Ponchatoula, LA 70454, (985) 705-0026, spoke in support of House Bill No. 463.

Will Hall, Louisiana Baptist Office of Public Policy, 1750 MacArthur Drive, Alexandria, LA 71303, (318) 449-4348, spoke in support of House Bill No. 463.

Dale Clary, Convention of States Action, 18688 Manchac Highlands, Prairieville, LA 70769, (225) 572-3289, spoke in support of House Bill No. 463.

Donna Lambert, 16977 Benton Ferry Avenue, Greenwell Springs, LA 70739, (985) 705-8799, spoke in support of House Bill No. 463.

Amanda Eberts, Turning Point USA, 216 Avant Garde Circle, Kenner, LA 70065, (504) 252-5557, spoke in support of House Bill No. 463.

Paige Lowry, Moms for Liberty, 4488 North Flannery Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70814, no phone number nor email provided, spoke in support of House Bill No. 463.

Farran Garrison, 4230 Highway 3276, Stonewall, LA 71078, (318) 455-5107, spoke in support of House Bill No. 463.

Ashleigh Darmelee, 9185 Oak Plaza Drive, Denham Springs, LA 70726, (225) 362-9868, spoke in support of House Bill No. 463.

Tandy Lynn Hebert, 860 Sanchez Road, Thibodaux, LA 70301, (985) 772-2504, spoke in support of House Bill No. 463.

Chris Alexander, Louisiana Citizen Advocacy Group, 1380 Steele Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 333-6434, spoke in support of House Bill No. 463.

Raheem J. Williams, Do No Harm, 6305 Veterans Boulevard, Metairie, LA 70003, (904) 343-1597, spoke in support of House Bill No. 463.

Fiorella Trapani, Health Freedom Louisiana (HFL), 4412 Lefkoe Street, Metairie, LA 70006, (504) 957-7523, spoke in support of House Bill No. 463.

Jill Hines, HFL, 1307 Mesa Avenue, Ruston, LA 71270, (904) 318-6018, spoke in support of House Bill No. 463 and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Pearl Ricks, Reproductive Justice Action Collective, 2030 Oretha Castle Haley Boulevard, New Orleans, LA 70113, (504) 909-6472, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

Carmen Cofano, 2814 Coliseum Street, New Orleans, LA 70115, (425) 647-3850, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

Ryan H. Pasternak, Louisiana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, 3042 Ursulines Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70119, (504) 919-9640, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

Melissa Flournoy, 2228 Cherokee Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

Robin Iverster, 8222 South Claiborne Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118, (504) 816-1305, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

Logan Mumphrey, 8525 Hickory Street, Apartment 4, New Orleans, LA 70118, (225) 362-7723, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

*Representative Turner in the chair.*

Lucas P. Doucet, 208 Montrose Avenue, Lafayette, LA 70503, (337) 296-4481, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

SarahJane Guidry, Forum for Equality, 4915 South Claiborne Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70122, (504) 304-6006, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463 and provided two handouts, Exhibits B and C, which are included in the committee records.

Remi Tallo, 2515 Vance Avenue, Alexandria, LA 71301, (318) 614-0847, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

James Runnels, 1250 Audubon Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 810-1578, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

Julie Sutton Doucet, 208 Montrose Avenue, Lafayette, LA 70503, (337) 296-4611, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

Peyton Rose Michelle, Louisiana Trans Advocates, 1099 Ruth Drive, St. Martinville, LA 70582, (337) 356-9312, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

Annette Basile, 3805 Wanda Lynn Drive, Metairie, LA 70002, (504) 400-2649, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463 and presented a poster, Exhibit D, which is included in the committee records.

Jessica Eberhard, 1320 Stephens Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (225) 733-3263, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

Rebecca Bohm, 411 Westwood Drive, Mandeville, LA 70471, (985) 502-7695, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

Jennifer Creedon, 820 Mazant Street, New Orleans, LA 70117, (504) 715-6730, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

Ashlyn Anderson, 1525 Exposition Boulevard, New Orleans, LA 70118, (225) 253-6683, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

Alina Santillan, 2515 Melrose Avenue, Bossier City, LA 71111, (228) 861-1267, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

*Chairman Bagley in the chair.*

Clifton Mixon, 1315 Jefferson Highway, Jefferson, LA 70121, (504) 390-2900, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

*Representative Turner in the chair.*

Kennedy LeJeune, 5148 Floynell Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 400-2513, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

Kacie Scott, 106 Maurice Street, Lafayette, LA 70506, (337) 366-1892, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

Logan Wolf, Forum for Equality, 373 Waverly Road, Thibodaux, LA 70301, (985) 519-1236, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

Cathleen Hyde, 22584 Timber Ridge Drive, Denham Springs, LA 70726, (601) 917-9122, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

Leyla Perkins, 233 Philly Court, Covington, LA 70435, (985) 773-8601, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

Manny Ocasio, 418 Eliza Street, New Orleans, LA 70114, (385) 494-4974, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

"Holly" Michael Mayeux, 3100 Tulane Avenue, Apartment 462, New Orleans, LA 70119, (318) 581-5197, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

*Chairman Bagley in the chair.*

Sara Jenkins, 5700 Saint Anthony Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70122, (541) 324-2739, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

Myo Thwin Myint, 6744 Canal Boulevard, New Orleans, LA 70124, (804) 852-6226, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

Whitney Gibson, 1018 North Rendon Street, New Orleans, LA 70119, (504) 256-2296, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

Ally Noyes, 2222 Columbus Street, New Orleans, LA 70119, (414) 690-6908, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

Noelle Allison, 729 Carriage Way, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, (765) 729-4542, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

Kai Werder, 2606 Third Street, New Orleans, LA 70113, (716) 579-6532, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

Natalie Rupp, Foundation for Louisiana, 9214 Congress Street, New Orleans, LA 70117, nblackrupp@gmail.com, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

Olivia Gowen, 4235 Saint Ann Street, New Orleans, LA 70119, olivia.m.gowen@gmail.com, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

Morgan Moone, Reproductive Justice Action Collective, 2419 Josephine Street, New Orleans, LA 70113, (513) 374-6319, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

Gabe Christian-Sola, 720 Lamanche Street, New Orleans, LA 70117, (787) 340-9690, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

Maxwell Cohen, 3302 Castiglione Street, New Orleans, LA 70119, (973) 907-3126, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

Dahlia Quinn, 3628 Dumaine Street, Apartment F, New Orleans, LA (310) 357-9252, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

Tucker Barker, 720 Lamanche Street, New Orleans, LA 70117, (504) 444-4859, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

Jennifer Phan, 10536 North Oak Hills Parkway, Apartment D, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (817) 412-9395, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

Luke Hill, Indivisible Louisiana Capitol Region, 7378 Lasalle Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (318) 820-2544, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

Kyle DeVries, 1036 Independence Street, New Orleans, LA 70117, (415) 846-3905, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

David Eden Abraham, 2194 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70119, (504) 261-4694, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

Rhi Reed, 2917 Bruxelles Street, New Orleans, LA 70119, no phone number nor email address provided.

Jasper Privat, 2527 Aubry Street, New Orleans, LA 70119, (337) 349-0640, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

Steph Lee, 2454 North Villere Street, New Orleans, LA 70117, (714) 801-3405, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

Wren Fondren, 3430 Calhoun Street, New Orleans, LA 70125, (713) 208-0394, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

Ashley Schilling, 349 Sioux Drive, Abita Springs, LA 70420, (985) 807-7069, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

Corinne Green, Equality Federation, 511 South Cortez, New Orleans, LA 70119, (504) 434-0619, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

N. Dietz, 1553 North Dorgenois Street, New Orleans, LA 70119, (510) 682-2187, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

Mar Ehrlich, 2513 Annunciation Street, New Orleans, LA 70130, (617) 240-2763, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 463.

Representative Hughes offered amendments to the substitute bill to:

- (1) Allow healthcare providers to prescribe or administer certain drugs used to block the androgen receptor or delay normal puberty if the minor has undergone a minimum of two years professional counseling from a mental health professional licensed in this state, and received expressed and written consent from his parent or legal guardian.
- (2) Allow healthcare providers to prescribe or administer certain hormones in amounts greater than would normally be produced endogenously in a healthy individual of the same age and sex if the minor has undergone a minimum of two years professional counseling from a mental health professional licensed in this state, and received expressed and written consent from his parent or legal guardian.
- (3) Allow healthcare providers to perform surgical procedures relative to the reassignment of a person's gender once the person has reached the age of eighteen.
- (4) Make technical corrections.

Representative Hughes offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments, to which Representative Crews objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 6 yeas and 11 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Hughes, Dustin Miller, Selders, and Stagni voted yea. Representatives Robby Carter, Cox, Crews, Echols, Travis Johnson, McMahan, Moore, Robert Owen, Pressly, Schlegel, and Turner voted nay.

Representative Crews offered a motion to report House Bill No. 463 by substitute, to which Representative Hughes objected. Representative Hughes offered a substitute motion to involuntarily defer action on House Bill No. 463, to which Representative Crews objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 3 yeas and 14 nays. Representatives Hughes, Selders, and Stagni voted yea. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Robby Carter, Cox, Crews, Echols, Travis Johnson, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Robert Owen, Pressly, Schlegel, and Turner voted nay.

The original motion to report House Bill No. 463 by substitute was considered, to which Representative Hughes objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 463 was reported by substitute by a vote of 14 yeas and 3 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Robby Carter, Cox, Crews, Echols, Travis Johnson, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Robert Owen, Pressly, Schlegel, and Turner voted yea. Representatives Hughes, Selders, and Stagni voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 67 in support and 56 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: 142 in support and 53 in opposition. The committee also received 40 "robo" emails in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 599 by Representative Dustin Miller**

Representative Dustin Miller presented House Bill No. 599, which authorizes certain healthcare practitioners to complete documentation related to illness and end of life treatment.

Representative Pressly offered amendments in the form of a substitute bill. Representative Pressly offered a motion to adopt the substitute bill. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Robby Carter, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Robert Owen, Pressly, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Representative Pressly offered a motion to report House Bill No. 599 by substitute. Without objection, House Bill No. 599 was reported by substitute by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Robby Carter, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Robert Owen, Pressly, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 7 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

The committee recessed at 2:16 p.m. The committee reconvened at 4:56 p.m.

### **House Resolution No. 71 by Representative Schlegel**

Representative Schlegel presented House Resolution No. 71, which creates a subcommittee to study mental health issues in this state.

Representative Bagley offered technical amendments. Representative Bagley offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Robert Owen, Pressly, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Representative Schlegel offered a motion to report House Resolution No. 71 with amendments. Without objection, House Resolution No. 71 was reported with amendments by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Robert Owen, Pressly, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 18 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: 1 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

### **House Bill No. 427 by Representative Crews**

Representative Crews presented House Bill No. 427, which provides relative to disclosure by healthcare facilities to patients of prices for certain items and services.

Representative Crews offered amendments. Representative Crews offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Adams, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Robert Owen, Pressly, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Greg Waddell, Louisiana Hospital Association, 9521 Brookline Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (225) 333-0800, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 427.

Representative Crews offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 427. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 427 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Robert Owen, Pressly, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support and 6 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

***Further action was taken by the committee on House Bill No. 427 on May 10 and May 16, 2023. Please check for the subsequent action to complete the record of discussion and motions on House Bill No. 427.***

### **House Bill No. 457 by Representative Crews**

Representative Crews presented House Bill No. 457, which provides for a Commemorative Certificate of Nonviable Birth.

Representative Crews offered technical amendments. Representative Crews offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Robert Owen, Pressly, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Representative Crews offered amendments to change any reference to "nonviable birth" to "miscarried child". Representative Crews offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Robert Owen, Pressly, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Representative Crews offered amendments to:

- (1) Remove the requirement that a pregnancy must be verified by a healthcare practitioner in order for the parents to receive a commemorative certificate of miscarried child.
- (2) Make it optional for a healthcare practitioner to advise a patient who experiences a miscarriage that they may receive a commemorative certificate.
- (3) Remove the option for a patient that experienced a miscarriage to receive a letter from a healthcare practitioner or a designee of the patient verifying the miscarriage.
- (4) Remove the requirement that the letter associated with the above amendment be submitted to the vital records registry in order to receive the commemorative certificate.

Representative Crews offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Robert Owen, Pressly, Schlegel, Selders, Stagni, and Turner voted yea.

Brandi Melissa, P.O. Box 1171, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, (225) 223-1277, spoke in support of House Bill No. 457.

Representative Crews offered a motion to report House Bill No. 457 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 457 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Robert Owen, Pressly, Schlegel, Selders, and Stagni voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 19 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: 12 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 Hughes offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bagley, Cox, Crews, Echols, Hughes, Travis Johnson, Larvadain, McMahan, Dustin Miller, Moore, Robert Owen, Pressly, Schlegel, Selders, and Stagni voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date adopted: