

House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice

Minutes of Meeting
2025 Regular Session
May 7, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Debbie Villio, chair of the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. in Room 6, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Debbie Villio, chair
Representative Roy Daryl Adams
Representative Tony Bacala
Representative Chad Michael Boyer
Representative Vincent E. Cox, III
Representative Bryan Fontenot
Representative Dodie Horton
Representative Alonzo L. Knox
Representative Vanessa Caston LaFleur, vice chair
Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore
Representative Joy Walters
Representative Jeffrey Fons "Jeff" Wiley

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Zachary Gonzalez, attorney
Dave Storment, attorney
Andrea Jerezano, committee administrative assistant
Ross Richard, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Michael McCain, clerk
Harry Mulcahy, clerk
Janet Anthony, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Senate Bill No. 9 by Senator Bass

Senator Bass presented Senate Bill No. 9, which adds federal and state military installations and facilities to the locations over which the use of an unmanned aircraft system is prohibited.

Representative Horton offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 9 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 9 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Bacala, Boyer, Cox, Horton, Knox, Moore, and Wiley 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.

Senate Bill No. 53 by Senator Bass

Senator Bass presented Senate Bill No. 53, which provides relative to warrants for interception of communications.

Lt. Glenn Younger, Louisiana State Police, 4185 Viking Drive, Bossier City, LA 71111, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 53.

Representative Bacala offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 53 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 53 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Bacala, Boyer, Cox, Horton, Knox, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 182 by Representative Bagley

Representative Bagley presented House Bill No. 182, which provides relative to penalties for the crime of operating a vehicle while impaired.

Shelby Cage, 557 East 69th Street, Shreveport, LA 71106, spoke in support of House Bill No. 182.

Randal Rodgers, 173 Lee Lane, Stonewall, LA 71078, spoke in support of House Bill No. 182.

Nicole Mayfield, DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office and 42nd JDC, 142 Lighthouse Way, Stonewall, LA 71078, spoke in support of House Bill No. 182.

Martha Murda, 505 Marshall Road, Logansport, LA 71049, spoke in support of House Bill No. 182.

Daniel Ginnetty, Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, 310 North Cherry Street, Hammond, LA 70401, spoke in support of House Bill No. 182.

Lisa Freeman, Louisiana Highway Safety Commission, 7919 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 182.

Mary-Patricia Wray, SAFE/MADD, 711 North 6th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 182.

Norma B. DuBois, Jefferson Parish District Attorney's Office, 200 Derbigny Street, Gretna, LA 70053, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 182.

Sunny Wall, MADD Louisiana, executive director, no address provided, Baton Rouge, LA 70017, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 182.

Zachary T. Daniels, executive director, Louisiana District Attorneys Association, 2525 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 182.

Paula Zachary, MADD, 29955 West Street, Apt. B7, Albany, LA 70711, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 182.

At the request of the author, Representative Bacala offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 182. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 182 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Bacala, Boyer, Cox, Horton, Knox, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 103 by Representative Gadberry

Representative Gadberry presented House Bill No. 103, which creates the crime of indecent visual depiction of a minor.

Brittni Audirsch, 1242 Highway 837, Downsview, LA 71234, spoke in support of House Bill No. 103.

At the request of the author, Representative Villio offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 103. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 103 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boyer, Cox, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

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

House Bill No. 261 by Representative Galle

Representative Galle presented House Bill No. 261, which provides relative to unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft system.

Representative Villio offered amendments to make technical changes, to add the crime of unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft system at a parade, and to provide for elements, definitions, penalties, and exceptions to the crime. Representative Villio offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Boyer, Cox, Knox, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Brian Landry, Louisiana Chemical Association, 301 Main Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, spoke in support of House Bill No. 261.

R. George Rey, Louisiana Advance Aviation Drone Advisory Committee, 3712 Lake Aspen Drive West, Gretna, LA 70056, spoke in support of House Bill No. 261.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report House Bill No. 261 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 261 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Bacala, Boyer, Cox, Horton, Knox, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 93 by Representative Henry

Representative Henry presented House Bill No. 93, which provides relative to the authority of the Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District to levy certain taxes.

Representative Wiley offered a motion to report House Bill No. 93 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 93 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Bacala, Boyer, Cox, Horton, Knox, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support and 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 268 by Representative LaFleur

Representative LaFleur presented House Bill No. 268, which amends terminology regarding pornography involving juveniles.

Morgan Lemandre, STAR, 5615 Corporate Boulevard, Suite 200, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, spoke in support of House Bill No. 268.

Audrey Wascome, 9503 Cabernet Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, spoke in support of House Bill No. 268.

Representative LaFleur offered an amendment to designate proposed law as "The Audrey Wascome Act". Representative LaFleur offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendment. Without objection, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Bacala, Boyer, Cox, Horton, Knox, LaFleur, and Moore voted yea.

Susan East Nelson, Louisiana Partnership for Children and Families, 7515 Jefferson Highway #52, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke in support of House Bill No. 268.

Representative LaFleur offered a motion to report House Bill No. 268 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 268 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Bacala, Boyer, Cox, Horton, Knox, LaFleur, and Moore voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 41 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 163 by Representative Dickerson

Representative Dickerson presented House Bill No. 163, which provides relative to victims of certain sex-related crimes.

On behalf of the author, Representative Villio offered amendments to:

- (1) Make technical changes.
- (2) Specify that the mandatory assessment of \$2,000 applies to a person who is convicted of or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to the present law offense of pandering that involves the prostitution of persons under the age of eighteen years or fourteen years, rather than pandering in general.
- (3) Clarify that the \$2,000 that is assessed for certain sex offenses shall not alter the dispositions of fines and forfeitures ordered by the court under present law (R.S. 15:571.11).

- (4) Restore provisions of present law relative to the distribution of fines related to convictions for solicitation of prostitutes and purchase of commercial sexual activity.

Representative Villio offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Bacala, Cox, Horton, Knox, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Monica Taylor, Governor's Office for Human Trafficking Prevention, no address provided, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 163.

Representative LaFleur offered a motion to report House Bill No. 163 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 163 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Bacala, Boyer, Cox, Horton, Knox, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley 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.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 163.

House Bill No. 15 by Representative Mack

Representative Mack presented House Bill No. 15, which adds certain substances to the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law.

Rebecca Chiasson, Louisiana State Police Crime Lab, 376 East Airport Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 15.

Representative Bacala offered a motion to report House Bill No. 15 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 15 was reported favorably by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Bacala, Boyer, Cox, Horton, Knox, Moore, and Wiley 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. 151 by Representative Cox

Representative Cox presented House Bill No. 151, which provides with respect to the issuance of non-gaming supplier permits.

Representative Cox offered amendments to specify that gaming operators are subject to the jurisdiction of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board and to add that a gaming operator who is found

unsuitable may be required to reimburse the board and division for reasonable costs up to \$250. Representative Cox offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 8 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Bacala, Boyer, Cox, Horton, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

Wade Duty, Louisiana Casino Association, P.O. Box 3801, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, spoke in support of House Bill No. 151.

Representative Cox offered a motion to report House Bill No. 151 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 151 was reported with amendments by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Bacala, Boyer, Cox, Horton, Knox, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley 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 Bill No. 76 by Representative Moore

Representative Moore presented House Bill No. 76, which creates the crimes of felony and misdemeanor intentional exposure to a sexually transmitted disease.

Jennifer Nichole Ramos Tokarski, 822 Governor Nicholls, New Orleans, LA 70116, spoke in support of House Bill No. 76.

Chante Powell, 727 Pacific Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70114, spoke in support of House Bill No. 76.

Representative Moore offered amendments to:

- (1) Make technical changes.
- (2) Clarify that proposed law applies to incurable sexually transmitted diseases.
- (3) Clarify that the state of mind for this crime is when the conduct is committed knowingly and intentionally.
- (4) Add, as an element of proposed law, exposure of an STD through any means or contact if the infected person knew he had an incurable sexually transmitted disease at the time of the exposure and the victim had not given consent.
- (5) Clarify that certain penalties of proposed law apply when the victim, rather than the offender, has been diagnosed with an intellectual disability.

- (6) Remove the burden of proof for asserting an affirmative defense relative to the knowledge of the person exposed to the sexually transmitted disease.
- (7) Remove proposed law provisions relative to lifetime supervision of the offender upon release from imprisonment.
- (8) Designate the felony violation of proposed law as a sex offense.

Representative Moore offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Bacala, Boyer, Cox, Horton, Knox, LaFleur, Moore, and Wiley voted yea.

N. Dietz, Louisiana Coalition on Criminalization and Health, 1553 North Dorgenois Street, New Orleans, LA 70119, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 76.

Representative LaFleur is in the chair.

Jenny Holl, Women with A Vision, 2900 Banks Street, Apt. A, New Orleans, LA 70119, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 76.

Jack Hoda, Crescent Care, 1631 Elysian Fields Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70116, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 76.

Sonya Milliman, LCCH, 2818 Hundred Oaks Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 76.

Julie Schwam Harris, 1208 Pine Street, New Orleans, LA 70118, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 76.

Robert Smith, LCCH, 2531 Creswell Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71104, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 76.

Katie Darling, 120 Eagle Road, Covington, LA 70435, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 76.

Jazmine Carroll, 5203 Foxglove Drive, Bossier City, LA 71112, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 76.

William Leighton, DSCC 8, 140 Jessie Jones Drive, Benton, LA 71006, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 76.

Dr. Angelle Bradford Rosenberg, 1822 Urquhart Street, New Orleans, LA 70116, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 76.

Representative Villio in the chair.

Barry Solantis, Wise Guys, no address provided, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 76.

Daniel Ginnetty, Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, 310 North Cherry Street, Hammond, LA 70401, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 76.

Joshua Williams, LCCH, 724 North 22nd Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 76.

DeKeitra Griffin, Louisiana Coalition on Criminalization and Health, 6810 Jefferson Highway, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 76.

Representative Moore offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 76. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 76 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Villio, Adams, Bacala, Boyer, Cox, Fontenot, Horton, Knox, LaFleur, Moore, Walters, and Wiley voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 11 in support, 49 in opposition, and 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Prepared statements were received via email for House Bill No. 76.

Further action was taken by the committee on House Bill No. 76 at a meeting held on May 28, 2025. Please check for the subsequent action to complete the record of discussion and motions on House Bill No. 76.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Debbie Villio
House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice