

PRIORITY BILLS

Bill #	Author	Subject	Status
<i>INSTRUMENTS THAT MADE IT (ENROLLED AND/OR SIGNED INTO LAW)</i>			
HB20	Price	Provides exemptions from the requirements for school instructional time under certain circumstances. <i>Provisions to allow 3 and 4 year olds to attend unlicensed camps were removed in Conference Committee.</i>	Sent to Governor
HB79	Foil	Prohibits corporal punishment for students with exceptionalities (all those with IEPs except those labeled Gifted and Talented)	Sent to Governor
HR183	Smith	Requests governing authorities of public schools and all nonpublic schools that accept vouchers to adopt policies with regard to student fees.	Sent to Secretary of State
HB557	Seabaugh	Provided for background checks relative to early learning centers, school employees, registered family child care providers, and in-home providers in accordance with Federal requirements that the state make such provisions. Failure to pass this legislation could result in a loss of millions in Child Development Fund money for the state of Louisiana.	Still pending signature by President of Senate; but expected to make it to the Governor
HB584	Leger	Creates a special fund for the purpose of funding early childhood development in Louisiana.	Sent to Governor
HB678	Horton	Revises present law to provide that if a physician has cause to believe that a newborn was exposed in utero to an unlawfully used controlled dangerous substance, the physician shall order a toxicology test upon the newborn, without the consent of the infant's newborn's parents or guardian, to determine whether there is evidence of prenatal neglect. Revises the definition of "prenatal neglect" to mean exposure to chronic or severe use of alcohol or the unlawful use of any controlled dangerous substance as defined in present law, or in a manner not lawfully prescribed, which results in symptoms of withdrawal in the newborn or the presence of a controlled substance or a metabolic thereof in the newborn's body.	Sent to Governor

Bill #	Author	Subject	Status
SB66	Barrow	Provides relative to the Children’s Cabinet and the Child Poverty Prevention Council of Louisiana. Transfers the Children’s Trust Fund from DCFS to the Office of the Governor and adjusts some of the membership of the Children’s Cabinet Advisory Board.	Sent to Governor
SB187	Hewitt	Provides for the establishment of a pilot evidence-based budget proposal process for mental health programs administered by LDH.	Sent to Governor
SB255	Morrell	Provides relative to health-related policies established by certain early learning centers. Does not expressly exclude children who have not been vaccinated, but says that parents must abide by whatever policies are in the parent handbook, so long as the parents are given such a handbook.	Sent to Governor
<i>INSTRUMENTS THAT DID NOT MAKE IT</i>			
HB103	Leger	Provided for an increase in the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).	Never had a hearing in its first committee.
HB175	Jones	Provided for an increase in the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).	Never had a hearing in its first committee.
HB208	S. Carter	An effort to improve the quality of food and drinks sold at high schools and limit the hours in which sodas and candy could be sold.	Involuntarily deferred in House Education
HB303	Hensgens	Provided for tax credits for certain educational expenses. Would have allowed educators a tax credit for their personal expenditures for the classroom.	Never had a hearing in its first committee.
HB497	Norton	Would have prohibited corporal punishment in public elementary and secondary schools.	Died on the House Floor
SB85	Colomb	Would have allowed the Dept. of Education to survey students about risk behaviors in the annual survey.	Died on the Senate Floor
SB91	Peterson	Prohibited the use of corporal punishment for certain students with exceptionalities.	Never heard in committee, but House version HB79 made it through the process.
SB133	Morrell	Would have made provisions for immunizations prior to enrollment in an early learning center. Became the much more watered down SB255.	Adopted as SB255 on Senate Floor
<i>INSTRUMENTS THAT DID NOT MAKE IT, BUT THAT’S PROBABLY NOT A BAD THING.</i>			
HB500	Seabaugh	Would have opened the school readiness tax credit such that the credits could have been placed at risk.	Never considered in House Ways & Means

Bill #	Author	Subject	Status
HB539	Amedee	Would have removed certain immunization requirements for students in home study programs	Never considered by House Education
HB676	Hodges	Would have prohibited so-called sanctuary cities.	Involuntarily deferred in Senate Judiciary
SB136	Ward	Would have eliminated certain corporate income tax credits, including the SRTC and the CCTC.	Never considered by Senate Revenue & Fisc
SB161	Ward	Would have eliminated the refundability of the SRTC and CCTC.	Never considered by Senate Revenue & Fisc
SB186	Ward	Would have provided for a Flat Tax for personal income tax calculation	Never considered by Senate Revenue & Fisc

CHILD WELFARE

Bill #	Author	Subject	Status
<i>INSTRUMENTS THAT MADE IT (ENROLLED AND/OR SIGNED INTO LAW)</i>			
HCR10	Dwight	Requests the Law Institute to study laws governing paternity and birth certificates.	Sent to Secretary of State
HCR17	Hoffmann	Requests a study and recommendation concerning reporting of child abuse and neglect in military families.	Sent to Secretary of State
HCR26	Moreno	Directs the Louisiana State Police Crime Lab and the Louisiana attorney general to study and make recommendations for the implementation of a tracking system relative to the status of sexual assault kits.	Sent to Secretary of State
HCR56	Abraham	Directs the Dept. of Children and Family Services to study and develop a procedure by which parents who are awaiting a criminal trial or sentencing can develop a plan of care for their child.	Sent to Secretary of State
HCR58	Hilferty	Requests an evaluation and report concerning prospective implementation of a "baby box" program as a means of reducing infant mortality	Sent to Secretary of State

Bill #	Author	Subject	Status
HB27	Connick	Amends the definition of “household member” for the purposes of assistance and protection from domestic abuse. "Household member" now means any person presently or formerly living in the same residence with the offender and who is involved or has been involved in a sexual or intimate relationship with the offender or any child presently or formerly living in the same residence with the offender, or any child of the offender regardless of where the child resides.	Sent to Governor
HB79	Foil	Prohibits corporal punishment for students with exceptionalities (all those with IEPs except those labeled Gifted and Talented)	Sent to Governor
HB94	“Jimmy” Harris	Authorizes all district courts to establish reentry courts.	Sent to Governor
HB110	Billiot	Provides relative to the procedures for designating certain crimes in the court minutes as crimes of violence. Provides that in the absence of the written recommendation by the district attorney to the court, the crime in question will be designated in the court minutes as a crime of violence as a matter of law.	Sent to Governor
HB154	Carpenter	Authorizes the disclosure of autopsy-related information to DCFS at no charge.	Sent to Governor
HB192	Moreno	Provides for additional limitations on the prescribing of opioids.	Sent to Governor
HB223	Moreno	Provides relative to abuse among dating partners. Creates the crime of aggravated assault upon a dating partner and provides criminal penalties for the offense.	Sent to Governor
HB238	Billiot	Authorizes a request to suspend a license for nonpayment of child support to be made electronically.	Sent to Governor
HB241	Brown	Expands the requirements within driver education and prelicensing training course to teach students what to do when stopped by police.	Sent to Governor
HB249	Magee	Provides relative to the payment of fines, fees, costs, restitution, and other monetary obligations related to an offender’s conviction. Allows for more compassionate application of laws regarding fees, fines, etc., to prevent people from going to jail for not paying fines.	Sent to Governor
HB250	Pylant	Authorizes local needle exchange programs.	Signed by the Governor, Act 40

Bill #	Author	Subject	Status
HB280	Marino	Allows the name of a legal parent to remain on a child's birth certificate even when the legal parent dies before a step-parent files the petition for adoption of the child when the legal parent and adoptive step-parent are married.	Sent to Governor
HB309	Moreno	Provides relative to the rights of victims of criminal offenses. Includes provisions for child victims of human trafficking.	Sent to Governor
HB317	Bagley	Provides for the acceptance of a child surrendered for adoption by DCFS.	Signed by the Governor, Act 59
HB343	Franklin	Provides relative to the termination of parental rights. Amends Children's Code Articles regarding termination of parental rights to make technical corrections, and provides relative to grounds for termination when the child is conceived as a result of a sex offense.	Sent to Governor
HB452	Abramson	Makes requirement for in-service training relative to suicide prevention applicable to nonpublic and charter school teachers and other employees.	Sent to Governor
HB455	Abramson	Provides relative to sex offender registration and notification. Changes to define "conviction" as including a plea of guilty, deferred adjudication, or adjudication withheld for the perpetration or attempted perpetration of or conspiracy to commit a "sex offense" or "criminal offense against a victim who is a minor" as defined by present law. Further clarifies that a dismissal entered after a period of probation, suspension, or deferral of sentence shall be considered a "conviction" for purposes of present law.	Sent to Governor
HB486	Johnson	Provides relative to the state central registry for child abuse and neglect.	Sent to Governor
HB493	Magee	Establishes a reinspection fee for facilities and establishments with sanitary code violations (includes child care centers).	Signed by the Governor, Act 66
HB499	Schroder	Provides relative to the crime of stalking. Change now requires the issuance of a protective order, with the same terms as provided by present law, when a defendant is placed on probation for the crime of stalking.	Sent to Governor

Bill #	Author	Subject	Status
HB506	Jefferson	Provides relative to juvenile records and proceedings. Provides that when the court authorizes the release of juvenile records, the release of such information is limited to the specific purpose for which the court authorizes release and to those individuals who represent the child only when they are providing services to the child and only during the pendency of the matter about which the records are disclosed. Removes truancy and assessment centers and other child serving agencies or programs from the list of individuals who are authorized to receive juvenile records	Sent to Governor
HB509	Schroder	Provides relative to temporary restraining orders (TROs). Extends protections under TROs to family members of the victim domestic abuse, dating partner violence or other related crimes.	Sent to Governor
HB557	Seabaugh	Provided for background checks relative to early learning centers, school employees, registered family child care providers, and in-home providers in accordance with Federal requirements that the state make such provisions. Failure to pass this legislation could result in a loss of millions in Child Development Fund money for the state of Louisiana.	Still pending signature by President of Senate; but expected to make it to the Governor
HB615	Terry Landry	Provides relative to the release date of an inmate required to complete certain programs prior to release on parole.	Signed by the Governor, Act 70
HB678	Horton	Revises present law to provide that if a physician has cause to believe that a newborn was exposed in utero to an unlawfully used controlled dangerous substance, the physician shall order a toxicology test upon the newborn, without the consent of the infant's newborn's parents or guardian, to determine whether there is evidence of prenatal neglect. Revises the definition of "prenatal neglect" to mean exposure to chronic or severe use of alcohol or the unlawful use of any controlled dangerous substance as defined in present law, or in a manner not lawfully prescribed, which results in symptoms of withdrawal in the newborn or the presence of a controlled substance or a metabolic thereof in the newborn's body.	Sent to Governor
HB680	Marino	Allows the payment of child support to be suspended while a parent is incarcerated so long as there aren't other means of paying child support.	Sent to Governor
HB681	Moreno	Eliminates the restrictions on eligibility for certain public assistance for persons with prior drug convictions.	Sent to Governor

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SB41	Johns	Provides for the forfeiture of currency related to the commission of certain sex offenses involving prostitution with persons under the age of 21.	Sent to Governor
SB42	Johns	Creates the Louisiana Human Trafficking Prevention Commission and Advisory Board	Sent to Governor
SB54	Mizell	Provides relative to exploited children. Provides for shelters for victims of child human trafficking and allows victims to stay in those facilities until the age of 21.	Sent to Governor
SB66	Barrow	Provides relative to the Children’s Cabinet and the Child Poverty Prevention Council of Louisiana. Transfers the Children’s Trust Fund from DCFS to the Office of the Governor and adjusts some of the membership of the Children’s Cabinet Advisory Board.	Sent to Governor
SB106	Bishop	Requires public postsecondary institutions to address the prevention of unplanned pregnancies among unmarried college students as part of freshman orientation.	Sent to Governor
SB111	Mizell	Requires proof of identification from parents of an unemancipated minor child to obtain an abortion based upon parental consent and requires court-ordered counseling if it is suspected that the minor is a victim of criminal sexual exploitation.	Sent to Governor
SB128	Milkovich	Prohibits cutting, resection, excision, harvesting, or removal of a body part, organ, or tissue of an aborted unborn child for sale, commerce, transport, research, or profit.	Sent to Governor
SB216	Tarver	Provides for physician assistants executing emergency certificates related to alleged mental illness or substance abuse.	Sent to Governor
<i>INSTRUMENTS THAT DID NOT MAKE IT</i>			
HCR13	Moreno	Would have directed the La. State Police Crime Lab to study and make recommendations regarding the use of “familial DNA” in Louisiana	Voluntarily deferred in Committee
HB67	Norton	Would have created the crime of unlawfully supplying a child with any fully automatic gun.	Died in the House.
HB105	Magee	Would have provided for the crime of improper supervision of a minor with respect to off-road vehicles and golf carts.	Died on House Floor
HB123	White	Would have redefined physical and sexual abuse as grounds for divorce.	Died on the House Floor

Bill #	Author	Subject	Status
HB172	Horton	Would have required the retailers of internet capable phone devices to install digital blocking capability prior to sale or lease to a consumer as part of the Human Trafficking and Child Exploitation Prevention Act.	Never had a hearing in its first committee.
HB456	Abramson	Would have allowed for a limited constitutional convention to take up consolidated revenue issues	Died on the House Floor
HB497	Norton	Would have prohibited corporal punishment in public elementary and secondary schools.	Died on the House Floor
SB85	Colomb	Would have allowed the Dept. of Education to survey students about risk behaviors in the annual survey.	Died on the Senate Floor
SB91	Peterson	Prohibited the use of corporal punishment for certain students with exceptionalities.	Never heard in committee, but House version HB79 made it through the process.
SB92	Tarver	Would have provided relative to civil actions and remedies in matters involving domestic abuse.	Died on Senate Floor
SB122	Ward	Would have provided relative to cruelty to juveniles committed by employees of child day care centers.	Never had a hearing in its first committee.
SB158	Milkovich	Would have required criminal reporting of bullying.	Died waiting in House Education.
SB196	Cortez	Provided relative to the unlawful presence or contact with a sex offender.	Withdrawn from the Senate
SB197	Bishop	Provided for harsher penalties for persons who knowingly allow the sale of illegal drugs and prostitution on their property.	Voluntarily deferred in Senate Committee
<i>INSTRUMENTS THAT DID NOT MAKE IT, BUT THAT'S PROBABLY NOT A BAD THING</i>			
HB68	Ivey	Would have exempted certain Louisiana residents from the crime of illegal carrying of weapons when the firearm is legally obtained, manufactured, and possessed.	Involuntarily deferred in House Criminal Justice

CHILD PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

Bill #	Author	Subject	Status
<i>INSTRUMENTS THAT MADE IT (ENROLLED AND/OR SIGNED INTO LAW)</i>			
HCR8	Barras	Provides for a hospital stabilization formula.	Sent to Secretary of State
HCR11	Edmonds	Memorializes Congress to authorize the investigation and prosecution of Medicaid recipient fraud by state Medicaid fraud control units.	Sent to Secretary of State
HB4	Miguez	Allows retired school nurses to be reemployed in schools.	Sent to Governor
HB31	Hoffmann	Allows retired school psychologists to be reemployed in schools.	Sent to Governor
HB159	Miller	Requires certain mental health providers to be licensed under the Behavioral Health Services Provider Licensing Law.	Signed by the Governor, Act 133
HB165	Anders	Provides for identification of dental benefit plan coverage. Requires that the identity of the health benefit plan insurer and sponsor be displayed prominently on the face of the identification card or documentation.	Signed by the Governor; Act 134
HB179	Stokes	Provides relative to devices authorized under the Right To Try Act. Removes provisions in present law that require Phase One FDA Clinical testing to a lower standard increasing access to certain devices for the terminally ill.	Sent to Governor
HB192	Moreno	Provides for additional limitations on the prescribing of opioids.	Sent to Governor
HB210	Coussan	Provided for the licensure of retired volunteer dentists who would donate their services to children in need of dental care.	Signed by the Speaker, awaiting signature by President of the Senate
HB223	Moreno	Provides relative to abuse among dating partners. Creates the crime of aggravated assault upon a dating partner and provides criminal penalties for the offense.	Sent to Governor
HB250	Pylant	Authorizes local needle exchange programs.	Signed by the Governor, Act 40
HB306	Johnson	Provides relative to pharmacy reimbursement by managed care organizations. Prohibits a managed care organization (MCO) from paying a local pharmacy a per-prescription reimbursement at a rate less than the legacy Medicaid rate.	Sent to Governor
HB337	Stokes	Provides for an individual income tax credit for improvements made to the residences of individuals with certain disabilities.	Sent to Governor
HB341	Miller	Amends law relative to behavioral health and mental health to provide for current practice and appropriate terminology.	Sent to Governor

Bill #	Author	Subject	Status
HB395	Miller	Amends the procedure for involuntary mental health treatment by mandating that LDH have notice and be allowed to participate in the proceedings when they are not the petitioner (party bringing the action to commit)	Sent to Governor
HB402	Havard	Provided for the licensure and regulation of community-based care facilities.	Signed by the Speaker, awaiting signature by President of the Senate
HB412	LeBas	Authorizes the possession and application of sunscreen at public schools.	Sent to Governor
HB452	Abramson	Makes requirement for in-service training relative to suicide prevention applicable to nonpublic and charter school teachers and other employees.	Sent to Governor
HB486	Johnson	Provides relative to the state central registry for child abuse and neglect.	Sent to Governor
HB499	Schroder	Provides relative to the crime of stalking. Change now requires the issuance of a protective order, with the same terms as provided by present law, when a defendant is placed on probation for the crime of stalking.	Sent to Governor
HB509	Schroder	Provides relative to temporary restraining orders (TROs). Extends protections under TROs to family members of the victim domestic abuse, dating partner violence or other related crimes.	Sent to Governor
HB531	Hoffmann	Prohibits the use of tobacco products on school property. <i>Watered-down version includes authorizing persons who are not students or school employees to "smoke" or consume tobacco products on school property that is not inside a school building, because Uncle Randy should be allowed to chew/smoke when he comes to the kids' ballgames.</i>	Sent to Governor
HB533	Hunter	Provides relative to drinking water standards. Requires the La. Department of Health (LDH) to lead a collaborative effort to evaluate the issues and conditions of drinking water treatment and distribution in communities throughout Louisiana.	Sent to Governor
HB568	Nancy Landry	Provides relative to the collection and sharing of certain student information.	Sent to Governor
HB584	Leger	Creates a special fund for the purpose of funding early childhood development in Louisiana.	Sent to Governor

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HB678	Horton	Revises present law to provide that if a physician has cause to believe that a newborn was exposed in utero to an unlawfully used controlled dangerous substance, the physician shall order a toxicology test upon the newborn, without the consent of the infant's newborn's parents or guardian, to determine whether there is evidence of prenatal neglect. Revises the definition of "prenatal neglect" to mean exposure to chronic or severe use of alcohol or the unlawful use of any controlled dangerous substance as defined in present law, or in a manner not lawfully prescribed, which results in symptoms of withdrawal in the newborn or the presence of a controlled substance or a metabolic thereof in the newborn's body.	Sent to Governor
HB681	Moreno	Eliminates the restrictions on eligibility for certain public assistance for persons with prior drug convictions.	Sent to Governor
HB689	Marcelle	Would have required semiannual ground water reporting and parliamentary procedures for certain ground water conservation districts and regional bodies.	Signed by the Speaker, awaiting signature by President of the Senate
SCR21	Mizell	Requests those governing medical care to take all necessary steps to eliminate pain as the fifth vital sign and increase prescriber education and awareness on assessing, identifying, and treating the symptom of pain.	Sent to Secretary of State
SB14	Luneau	Amends the definition of auto-injector to allow for the purchase of non-EpiPens.	Sent to Governor
SB35	Colomb	Provides exemptions from arrest and prosecution to persons lawfully in possession of medical marijuana.	Sent to Governor
SB38	Morrell	Changes mental health counselor law to allow those licensed under the mental health counselor law to treat those with serious mental illness without collaboration with licensed medical or psychiatric nurse practitioner, however it does require them to make referrals for certain tests if necessary.	Sent to Governor
SB58	Mills	Provides relative to the statewide human services districts and authorities. Expands provisions for creating them and working within them.	Signed by the Governor, Act 73
SB66	Barrow	Provides relative to the Children's Cabinet and the Child Poverty Prevention Council of Louisiana. Transfers the Children's Trust Fund from DCFS to the Office of the Governor and adjusts some of the membership of the Children's Cabinet Advisory Board.	Sent to Governor

Bill #	Author	Subject	Status
SB106	Bishop	Requires public postsecondary institutions to address the prevention of unplanned pregnancies among unmarried college students as part of freshman orientation.	Sent to Governor
SB111	Mizell	Requires proof of identification from parents of an unemancipated minor child to obtain an abortion based upon parental consent and requires court-ordered counseling if it is suspected that the minor is a victim of criminal sexual exploitation.	Sent to Governor
SB116	Mills	Provides for the Work Out Now: WON Louisiana Legislative Commission to reduce obesity in Louisiana.	Sent to Governor
SB216	Tarver	Provides for physician assistants executing emergency certificates related to alleged mental illness or substance abuse.	Sent to Governor
SB255	Morrell	Provides relative to health-related policies established by certain early learning centers. Does not expressly exclude children who have not been vaccinated, but says that parents must abide by whatever policies are in the parent handbook, so long as the parents are given such a handbook.	Sent to Governor
<i>INSTRUMENTS THAT DID NOT MAKE IT</i>			
HB152	Bacala	Would have provided for the implementation and funding of a Medicaid managed long-term services and supports system.	Involuntarily deferred in House Health & Welfare
HB172	Horton	Would have required the retailers of internet capable phone devices to install digital blocking capability prior to sale or lease to a consumer as part of the Human Trafficking and Child Exploitation Prevention Act.	Never had a hearing in its first committee.
HB208	S. Carter	An effort to improve the quality of food and drinks sold at high schools and limit what hours sodas and candy could be sold.	Involuntarily deferred in House Education
HB245	Hoffmann	Would have authorized home- and community-based service providers to recoup the cost of preemployment background checks.	Voluntarily deferred in Senate Health & Welfare
HB281	Norton	Would have required LDH to implement a Medicaid home health option for persons with serious mental illness.	Voluntarily deferred in Senate Finance.
HB314	Thomas	Would have required LSU hospitals and public-private partnership hospitals to accept certain patients transferred by other hospitals.	Voluntarily deferred in House Health & Welfare
HB405	Hoffman	Would have provided relative to the Medicaid long-term care services system.	Voluntarily deferred in Senate Finance.
HB456	Abramson	Would have allowed for a limited constitutional convention to take up consolidated revenue issues	Died on the House Floor

Bill #	Author	Subject	Status
HB497	Norton	Would have prohibited corporal punishment in public elementary and secondary schools.	Died on the House Floor
SB85	Colomb	Would have allowed the Dept. of Education to survey students about risk behaviors in the annual survey.	Died on the Senate Floor
SB122	Ward	Would have provided relative to cruelty to juveniles committed by employees of child day care centers.	Never had a hearing in its first committee.
SB133	Morrell	Would have made provisions for immunizations prior to enrollment in an early learning center. Became the much more watered down SB255.	Adopted as SB255 on Senate Floor
SB158	Milkovich	Would have required criminal reporting of bullying.	Died waiting in House Education.
SB167	Barrow	Would have required violators of air permits to provide free public health screenings.	Voluntarily deferred in Senate Environmental
SB171	Barrow	Would have provided tax credits for physicians who provided uncompensated care to indigent patients.	Voluntarily deferred in Senate Revenue
<i>INSTRUMENTS THAT DID NOT MAKE IT, BUT THAT'S PROBABLY NOT A BAD THING.</i>			
HB68	Ivey	Would have exempted certain Louisiana residents from the crime of illegal carrying of weapons when the firearm is legally obtained, manufactured, and possessed.	Involuntarily deferred in House Criminal Justice
HB539	Amedee	Would have removed certain immunization requirements for students in home study programs	Never considered by House Education
SB188	Hewitt	Would have created a work requirement for Medicaid. Turned into a study resolution (SR163)	Seeing heavy opposition, turned into SR163

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Bill #	Author	Subject	Status
<i>INSTRUMENTS THAT MADE IT (ENROLLED AND/OR SIGNED INTO LAW)</i>			
HR183	Smith	Requests governing authorities of public schools and all nonpublic schools that accept vouchers to adopt policies with regard to student fees.	Sent to Secretary of State
HB111	Bishop	Requires instruction in litter prevention and awareness for all public school students in certain grades.	Signed by the Governor, Act 72
HB241	Brown	Expands the requirements within driver education and prelicensing training course to teach students what to do when stopped by police.	Sent to Governor
HB253	Smith	Revises terminology referring to deaf and hard of hearing. <i>This legislation also brought to light the need for close captioning on legislative broadcasts.</i>	Sent to Governor
HB338	Pope	Provides relative to the Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.	Sent to Governor
HB486	Johnson	Provides relative to the state central registry for child abuse and neglect.	Sent to Governor
HB557	Seabaugh	Provided for background checks relative to early learning centers, school employees, registered family child care providers, and in-home providers in accordance with Federal requirements that the state make such provisions. Failure to pass this legislation could result in a loss of millions in Child Development Fund money for the state of Louisiana.	Still pending signature by President of Senate; but expected to make it to the Governor
HB568	Nancy Landry	Provides relative to the collection and sharing of certain student information.	Sent to Governor
HB584	Leger	Creates a special fund for the purpose of funding early childhood development in Louisiana.	Sent to Governor
SB172	Morrell	Terminated certain tax credits, but protected Child Readiness Tax Credits.	Still pending signature by President of Senate; but expected to make it to the Governor
SB255	Morrell	Provides relative to health-related policies established by certain early learning centers. Does not expressly exclude children who have not been vaccinated, but says that parents must abide by whatever policies are in the parent handbook, so long as the parents are given such a handbook.	Sent to Governor

Bill #	Author	Subject	Status
<i>INSTRUMENTS THAT DID NOT MAKE IT</i>			
HB173	Jackson	Provided for continued effectiveness of reductions of certain tax rebates (would have impacted child development/care rebates)	Never had a hearing in its first committee.
HB456	Abramson	Would have allowed for a limited constitutional convention to take up consolidated revenue issues	Died on the House Floor
HB541	S. Carter	Would have taken the “savings” from those who graduated early from high school and rededicated the funds to TOPS and early childhood.	Made it to Senate Finance where it was voluntarily deferred.
SB122	Ward	Would have provided relative to cruelty to juveniles committed by employees of child day care centers.	Never had a hearing in its first committee.
SB133	Morrell	Would have made provisions for immunizations prior to enrollment in an early learning center. Became the much more watered down SB255.	Adopted as SB255 on Senate Floor
<i>INSTRUMENTS THAT DID NOT MAKE IT, BUT THAT'S PROBABLY NOT A BAD THING</i>			
SB136	Ward	Would have eliminated certain corporate income tax credits, including the SRTC and the CCTC.	Never considered by Senate Revenue & Fisc
SB161	Ward	Would have eliminated the refundability of the SRTC and CCTC.	Never considered by Senate Revenue & Fisc
SB186	Ward	Would have provided for a Flat Tax for personal income tax calculation	Never considered by Senate Revenue & Fisc

JUVENILE JUSTICE

Bill #	Author	Subject	Status
<i>INSTRUMENTS THAT MADE IT (ENROLLED AND/OR SIGNED INTO LAW)</i>			
HB19	Magee	Allows for the imposition of community service as a possible penalty for a violation of any parish ordinance.	Sent to Governor
HB44	Jenkins	Provides relative to district court’s and juvenile court’s jurisdiction over adults in criminal proceedings.	Sent to Governor

Bill #	Author	Subject	Status
HB161	Seabaugh	Provides certain exceptions to the prohibition against wearing hoods, masks, and other facial disguises in public places. Extends exceptions to the law to include those riding motorcycles and those wearing a helmet or a mask for medical reasons.	Sent to Governor
HB241	Brown	Expands the requirements within driver education and prelicensing training course to teach students what to do when stopped by police.	Sent to Governor
HB506	Jefferson	Provides relative to juvenile records and proceedings. Provides that when the court authorizes the release of juvenile records, the release of such information is limited to the specific purpose for which the court authorizes release and to those individuals who represent the child only when they are providing services to the child and only during the pendency of the matter about which the records are disclosed. Removes truancy and assessment centers and other child serving agencies or programs from the list of individuals who are authorized to receive juvenile records	Sent to Governor
SB16	Claitor	Removes the ability to sentence juveniles to life without parole. Would have brought Louisiana in line with recent Supreme Court decisions.	Still pending signature by President of Senate; but expected to make it to the Governor
SB28	Morrish	Provides relative to facilities providing housing to individual referred by judicial agencies. After questions came into light about the ACA, this law removes the requirement that all facilities must be accredited by the American Correctional Association within 24 months of opening and maintain accreditation at all times and otherwise retains present law.	Sent to Governor
SB221	Alario	Provides relative to the cleansing period for certain crimes applicable to habitual offender penalty enhancements.	Sent to Governor
<i>INSTRUMENTS THAT DID NOT MAKE IT</i>			
HB45	Mack	Would have prohibited sentencing juvenile offenders to life without parole.	Senate version advanced but House never heard in Committee, Senate version advanced.
HB74	Marcelle	Provided relative to the disposition of children after adjudication of certain felony-grade delinquent acts.	Died on the House Floor

Bill #	Author	Subject	Status
HB141	Miller	Provided for the release of juvenile records to schools where the child is enrolled.	Voluntarily deferred in House Committee
HB456	Abramson	Would have allowed for a limited constitutional convention to take up consolidated revenue issues	Died on the House Floor
HB514	Armes	Provided for the confidentiality and expungement of juvenile records	Never had a hearing in its first committee.
<i>INSTRUMENTS THAT DID NOT MAKE IT, BUT THAT'S PROBABLY NOT A BAD THING</i>			
SB156	Lambert	Current rules provide relative to educational requirements at juvenile detention facilities, including that the provider is to have written policies, procedures, and practices to ensure that each youth has access to the most appropriate educational services consistent with the youth's abilities and needs, taking into account his age, and level of functioning, and that the youth is to receive a free and appropriate public education. This bill would have provided that these rules do not apply to juvenile stays of 30 days or less.	Never considered in Senate Jud B.

FAMILY ECONOMIC STABILITY

Bill #	Author	Subject	Status
<i>INSTRUMENTS THAT MADE IT (ENROLLED AND/OR SIGNED INTO LAW)</i>			
HB19	Magee	Allows for the imposition of community service as a possible penalty for a violation of any parish ordinance.	Sent to Governor
HB94	"Jimmy" Harris	Authorizes all district courts to establish reentry courts.	Sent to Governor
HB161	Seabaugh	Provides certain exceptions to the prohibition against wearing hoods, masks, and other facial disguises in public places. Extends exceptions to the law to include those riding motorcycles and those wearing a helmet or a mask for medical reasons.	Sent to Governor
HB168	Carpenter	Requires reporting of certain information concerning persons with a felony conviction who are released from the custody or supervision of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections.	Sent to Governor

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HB174	Jackson	Would have eliminated the individual income tax credit for taxes paid to other states.	Never had a hearing in its first committee.
HB179	Stokes	Provides relative to devices authorized under the Right To Try Act. Removes provisions in present law that require Phase One FDA Clinical testing to a lower standard increasing access to certain devices for the terminally ill.	Sent to Governor
HB238	Billiot	Authorizes a request to suspend a license for nonpayment of child support to be made electronically.	Sent to Governor
HB249	Magee	Provides relative to the payment of fines, fees, costs, restitution, and other monetary obligations related to an offender's conviction. Allows for more compassionate application of laws regarding fees, fines, etc., to prevent people from going to jail for not paying fines.	Sent to Governor
HB250	Pylant	Authorizes local needle exchange programs.	Signed by the Governor, Act 40
HB337	Stokes	Provides for an individual income tax credit for improvements made to the residences of individuals with certain disabilities.	Sent to Governor
HB615	Terry Landry	Provides relative to the release date of an inmate required to complete certain programs prior to release on parole.	Signed by the Governor, Act 70
HB680	Marino	Allows the payment of child support to be suspended while a parent is incarcerated so long as there aren't other means of paying child support.	Sent to Governor
HB681	Moreno	Eliminates the restrictions on eligibility for certain public assistance for persons with prior drug convictions.	Sent to Governor
HB688	Pierre	Prohibits a public postsecondary education institution from inquiring about a prospective student's criminal history, except for history pertaining to specified offenses, prior to his acceptance for admission.	Sent to Governor
SB28	Morrish	Provides relative to facilities providing housing to individual referred by judicial agencies. After questions came into light about the ACA, this law removes the requirement that all facilities must be accredited by the American Correctional Association within 24 months of opening and maintain accreditation at all times and otherwise retains present law.	Sent to Governor
SB102	Johns	Creates and provides for the Louisiana Educational Workforce Training Fund to provide opportunities for educational training within LCTCS.	Sent to Governor
SB221	Alario	Provides relative to the cleansing period for certain crimes applicable to habitual offender penalty enhancements.	Sent to Governor

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<i>INSTRUMENTS THAT DID NOT MAKE IT</i>			
HB112	Bouie	Would have required any contractor who entered into a contract with a public entity to comply with the Louisiana Equal Pay for Women Act.	Voluntarily deferred in House Labor
HB123	White	Would have redefined physical and sexual abuse as grounds for divorce.	Died on the House Floor
HB152	Bacala	Would have provided for the implementation and funding of a Medicaid managed long-term services and supports system.	Involuntarily deferred in House Health & Welfare
HB222	Moreno	Would have prohibited employer retaliation against an employee who discussed wage information (Equal Pay provision)	Voluntarily deferred in House Labor
HB228	Smith	Would have provided for the allocation of incarcerated persons for the purposes of redistricting	Involuntarily deferred in House Gov. Affairs
HB281	Norton	Would have required LDH to implement a Medicaid home health option for persons with serious mental illness.	Voluntarily deferred in Senate Finance.
HB282	Norton	Would have provided Equal Pay for Women	Never considered by House Labor
HB314	Thomas	Would have required LSU hospitals and public-private partnership hospitals to accept certain patients transferred by other hospitals.	Voluntarily deferred in House Health & Welfare
HB384	Broadwater	Would have provided for pay equity.	Never considered by House Labor
HB405	Hoffman	Would have provided relative to the Medicaid long-term care services system.	Voluntarily deferred in Senate Finance.
HB456	Abramson	Would have allowed for a limited constitutional convention to take up consolidated revenue issues	Died on the House Floor
HB507	Price	Would have changed the provisions for payment of wages owed to an employee after separation.	Involuntarily deferred in House Labor
HB612	Glover	Would have provided compensation for wrongful conviction and imprisonment	Never had a hearing in its first committee.
SB2	Morrell	Would have provided for the Louisiana Equal Pay Act.	Died on the Senate Floor
SB141	Walsworth	Would have reauthorized the Incumbent Worker Training Program which helps retrain people who are laid-off from large-scale business closings or changes in sector development.	Voluntarily deferred in Senate Labor.
SB153	Carter	Provided for a state minimum wage above the federal minimum.	Voluntarily deferred in Senate Finance.

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SB171	Barrow	Would have provided tax credits for physicians who provided uncompensated care to indigent patients.	Voluntarily deferred in Senate Revenue
SB175	Morrell	Would have provided for a tax deduction for casualty losses arising from a major disaster.	Died on the Senate Floor
<i>INSTRUMENTS THAT DID NOT MAKE IT, BUT THAT'S PROBABLY NOT A BAD THING</i>			
HB6	Hollis	Would have exempted Louisiana residents from the assessment of penalties for noncompliance with the Affordable Care Act	Voluntarily deferred in Senate Insurance
HB48	Armes	Would have increased penalties for resisting arrest.	Never considered by House Criminal Justice
HB500	Seabaugh	Would have severely limited the child care tax credit	Never considered in House Ways & Means
SB188	Hewitt	Would have created a work requirement for Medicaid. Turned into a study resolution (SR163)	Seeing heavy opposition, turned into SR163

MISCELLANEOUS/FAR REACHING

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<i>INSTRUMENTS THAT MADE IT (ENROLLED AND/OR SIGNED INTO LAW)</i>			
HB268	"Jimmy" Harris	Requires that agencies with access to tax records, criminal history or REAL ID information ensure that their employees who handle such records have background checks.	Sent to Governor
HB454	Abramson	Extends the sunset to July 1, 2021, and reduces the amount of the Angel Investor Tax Credit as well as decreasing the time period.	Sent to Governor
HB459	Bacala	Creates a Medicaid fraud detection and prevention taskforce.	Sent to Governor
HB489	Leger	Reinvests money from savings realized via criminal justice reform.	Sent to Governor
HB490	Leger	Creates an Advisory Council on Heroin and Opioid Prevention Education (HOPE)	Sent to Governor
HB492	Magee	Provides for an independent claims review process within Medicaid	Sent to Governor
HB517	G. Carter	Requires the state superintendent to report specified information annually pertaining to each public school, including charter schools.	Sent to Governor

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HB590	Hilferty	Provides for a review of and recommendation on certain dedicated funds.	Sent to Governor
HB620	Henry	Appropriates the expenses of the judiciary for FY2018. <i>Important amendment: Provide for a change in means of financing to decrease State General Fund (Direct) and increase Interagency Transfers from the Dept. of Children and Family Services by \$9,392,850 for drug court maintenance and enhancement and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA).</i>	Sent to Governor
SB37	Martiny	Provides for changes to the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, including the removal of a one-year limit on the time that a disciplinary hearing must be held from the board knows of the action.	Sent to Governor
SB55	Mills	Increases registry requirements for prescribers of controlled dangerous substances.	Sent to Governor
SB59	Mills	Requires the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy to develop a website to contain prescription drug information to be made available to prescribers on the board's website, including drug pricing information. Implementation is contingent upon the Pharmacy Board receiving a grant to develop the Website.	Sent to Governor
SB81	Bishop	Changes the provisions for curatorship, including providing that it is not necessary to appoint a curator ad hoc for an unidentified father, including when no party to the proceedings or the mother, if not a party, is unable to identify the putative father.	Sent to Governor
SB96	Johns	Adds medical examiners, coroners, licensed substance abuse or addiction counselors, and specialty courts and probation and parole officers to those who may access prescription monitoring program information in certain circumstances.	Sent to Governor
<i>INSTRUMENTS THAT DID NOT MAKE IT</i>			
HB207	G. Carter	Would have allowed health care providers on the faculty or staff of public higher education institutions to also hold elected office in the government of the United States.	Never had a hearing in its first committee.
HB414	Leger	Would have revised the licensing fees for facilities and providers licensed by LDH.	Died on House Floor
HB565	Jay Morris	Would have removed voting by affidavit in Louisiana.	Never had a hearing in its first committee.

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HB567	N. Landry	Provides relative to school choice.	Voluntarily deferred in House Education.
HB570	Richard	Would have provided for a 15% reduction in all state professional, personal, and consulting service contracts and for the savings to be put into the TOPS Fund.	Never had a hearing in its first committee.
HB574	Garofalo	Would have recreated the Joint Legislative Committee on Reorganization of the Executive Branch	Never had a hearing in its first committee.
HB690	Hunter	Would have required the adoption of administrative rules relative to continuity of patient care for certain publicly funded healthcare facilities and providers.	Died on the House Floor
SB13	Morrish	Would have increased availability of vouchers for Kindergarten students.	Voluntarily deferred in committee.
SB75	Mills	Would have made administrative changes to LDH with regard to licensing boards and compensation of outside counsel.	Voluntarily deferred in committee.
SB88	Long	Would have provided for a rural health clinic look-alike.	Never heard in second committee.
SB155	Carter	Would have enacted the Louisiana Employment Non-Discrimination Act to prohibit discrimination against employees based on their sexual orientation or gender identification.	Made it out of Senate Committee, but died on the Senate Floor.
<i>INSTRUMENTS THAT DID NOT MAKE IT, BUT THAT'S PROBABLY NOT A BAD THING</i>			
HB397	Edmonds	Wanted to create a fund to detect and prosecute Medicaid recipient fraud.	Seeing the objection in Committee, was converted to a study resolution

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