



2021 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature Bills to Watch

HB 16 SUPPORT	REP MCCORMICK	Removes the requirement that a person possess a permit issued by the state of LA in order to carry a concealed handgun in LA. See also HB 596 by Rep. Fontenot and SB 118 by Sen. Jay Morris.
	STATUS:	Pending House Administration of Criminal Justice
HB 20 SUPPORT	REP MIGUEZ	Prohibits the use of private funds to pay election-related expenses
	STATUS:	Pending House and Governmental Affairs
HB 37 SUPPORT	REP BACALA	Post adoption supervision in both agency and private adoptions
	STATUS:	Passed the House
HB 61 SUPPORT	REP HODGES	Requires taxpayers who claim the earned income tax credit to affirm that a qualifying child for which the credit is claimed was physically present in the U.S. for at least half the tax year.
	STATUS:	Pending House Ways and Means
HB 222 SUPPORT	REP STEFANSKI	Prohibits computer solicitation of a minor
	STATUS:	Pending House Administration of Criminal Justice
HB 255 SUPPORT	REP C OWEN	Limits the ability of a legal caretaker to force abortion for a person in his/her care.
	STATUS:	Pending House Civil Law and Procedure
HB 273 SUPPORT	REP BEAULLIEU	Constitutional amendment to limit the amount of growth in state expenditures
	STATUS:	Pending House Appropriations
HB 280 SUPPORT	REP EDMONDS	Revises eligibility criteria for school participation in the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program and removes the program enrollment cap (20%) applicable to certain schools.
	STATUS:	Pending House Education
HB 349 SUPPORT	REP EDMONSTON	Prohibits the office of motor vehicles from including vaccination verification or immunity status on a driver's license or state identification card and from using such records for the issuance, renewal, or revocation of a driver's license or state identification card. See also HB 103, HB 498, and SB 198.
	STATUS:	Pending House Transportation, Highways, and Public Works
HB 352 SUPPORT	REP HODGES	Requires further instruction on the nation's founding principles in required American history and civics courses in public schools.
	STATUS:	Pending House Education
HB 357 SUPPORT	REP CREWS	Increases the amount of information regarding minors required for abortion reporting.
	STATUS:	Pending House Health and Welfare

HB 416 SUPPORT	REP HODGES	Requires instruction regarding World War II and the Holocaust for middle and high school students and training for teachers relative to such instruction. STATUS: Pending House Education
HB 423 SUPPORT	REP EMERSON	Expanded information required in abortion reporting for statistical purposes. STATUS: Pending House Health and Welfare
HB 426 SUPPORT	REP AMEDEE	Provides relative to visitation of nursing home residents and assisted living facility residents by persons designated as essential caregivers or compassionate care visitors. STATUS: Pending House Health and Welfare
HB 494 SUPPORT	REP MINCEY	Greater freedom for parents in moving child to a different school even if that school is out of their school district. Requires a written agreement between affected public school governing authorities and a parent for a student to attend the public school of his choice. STATUS: Pending House Education
HB 542 SUPPORT	REP AMEDEE	Prohibits a team designated for females, girls, or women from being open to students who are biologically male. STATUS: Pending House Education
HB 564 SUPPORT	REP GAROFALO	Prohibits training provided to students or employees in grades K-12 which teaches, advocates, acts upon, or promotes divisive concepts relative to race and sex in any schools receiving state funding. STATUS: Pending House Education
HB 575 SUPPORT	REP FIRMENT	Prohibits drugs or surgery for minors whose biological sex is perceived to be inconsistent with minor's desired sex. See also SB 104 by Sen. Fesi. STATUS: Pending House Health and Welfare
HB 578 SUPPORT	REP AMEDEE	Requires abortionist to disclose to patient that abortion drug is reversible. STATUS: Pending House Health and Welfare
HB 579 SUPPORT	REP AMEDEE	Provides for rights of individuals to bodily autonomy and to make healthcare decisions, prohibits the state and its political subdivisions from interfering with such rights, and authorizes enforcement actions to protect those rights. STATUS: Pending House Health and Welfare
HCR 5 SUPPORT	REP MCCORMICK	Religious freedom during declared emergencies such as COVID 19. STATUS: Pending House Administration of Criminal Justice
SB 156 SUPPORT	SEN MIZELL	Prohibits a team designated for females, girls, or women from being open to students who are not biologically female. STATUS: Pending Senate Education
SB 170 SUPPORT	SEN JOHNS	Centralizes state's human trafficking efforts in the office of the Governor. STATUS: Pending Senate floor action
SUPPORT	MULTIPLE	Election Reform: SB235, SB 221, HB 167, HB 138, SB 219, SB 224, SBB63, HB 388, SB 64, HB 141, HB 20, SB 220 All are part of a package of bills designed to improve the integrity of elections in our state. STATUS: Pending in Committee

HB 67 OPPOSE	REP LANDRY STATUS:	Decriminalization of prostitution and commercial sex. Pending House Administration of Criminal Justice
HB 137 OPPOSE	REP DUPLESSIS STATUS:	Reduces the number of employees required as part of contract with land based casino. Pending House Administration of Criminal Justice
HB 243 OPPOSE	REP NEWELL STATUS:	Decriminalization of marijuana for recreational use Pending House Administration of Criminal Justice
HB 282 OPPOSE	REP FREEMAN STATUS:	Prohibits housing discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. Pending House Commerce
HB 319 OPPOSE	REP COX STATUS:	Local option on expanding video poker gambling into Natchitoches parish. Pending House introduction
HB 353 OPPOSE	REP LANDRY STATUS:	Expands background checks to private transfers of firearms. Pending House Administration of Criminal Justice
HB 391 OPPOSE	REP MAGEE STATUS:	Medical marijuana in raw form - smoking medical marijuana Pending House Health and Welfare
HB 401 OPPOSE	REP GREEN STATUS:	Allows purchasing lottery tickets over the internet. Pending House Administration of Criminal Justice
HB 435 OPPOSE	REP ROMERO STATUS:	Deregulation of video poker - Allows multiple decks of cards per hand with multiple hands permitted per game. Pending House Administration of Criminal Justice
HB 497 OPPOSE	REP DUBUISSON STATUS:	Places riverboat casino on the ballot for St. Tammany residents. Pending House Administration of Criminal Justice
HB 524 OPPOSE	REP NELSON STATUS:	Provides for a ballot proposition on the decriminalization of marijuana for recreational use. See also HB 637, HB 652 on decriminalization of marijuana. Pending House Administration of Criminal Justice
SB 10 OPPOSE	SEN FIELDS STATUS:	Lowers compulsory education from 7 to 5 years of age. Pending Senate Education
SB 151 OPPOSE	SEN BARROW STATUS:	Foster Youth's Bill of Rights requires affirmation of sexual orientation and gender preferences (including preferred pronouns) in the foster care system. Pending Senate Health and Welfare
SB 155 OPPOSE	SEN BOUIE STATUS:	Social Work Practice Act: No license, certificate, or registration shall be denied any applicant based upon the applicant's sexual orientation, gender expression. Pending Senate Health and Welfare
SB 202 OPPOSE	SEN CORTEZ STATUS:	Regulation of sports betting previously approved on a parish by parish basis by the voters. Would allow sports betting on mobile devices, in bars and restaurants around the state as well as in other gambling venues. See also SB 195 and HB 628. Pending Senate Judiciary B

[SB 213](#) SEN HEWITT Places riverboat casino on the ballot for St. Tammany residents.

OPPOSE STATUS: Pending Senate Judiciary B

[HB 599](#) REP HODGES Deals with poll watchers and commissioners; the security of ballot collection boxes; integrity of voting machines

MONITOR STATUS: Pending House and Governmental Affairs

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