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Legislative Update

Week 6

Senate Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Committee

- **HB 175** by Ted James (**Favorably**) → Authorizes a rebate for donations to the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) for a postsecondary education scholarship or grant. Read full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1076488>
- **HB 368** by Julie Stokes (**Vol. Deferred**) → Authorizes the La. Tax Commission to establish a statewide homestead exemption audit program, and for such purpose to hire contractors to be paid from fees imposed by the commission on taxes, penalties, and interest due through activities of the program. Read full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1079749>

House Transportation Committee

- **HB 816** by Sam Jones (**Favorably**) → Changes the title designation of officers on the Port of South Louisiana Commission. Provides an option for exemption to the Public Records Law for records pertaining to an active negotiation, if confidentiality is requested by a person negotiating with the port and subsequently approved by the executive director of the Port of South La. Commission.
- **HB 870** by Ray Garofalo (**As Amended**) → Reduces the membership of the La. International Deep Water Gulf Transfer Terminal board of commissioners. Read full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1086854>
- **SB 279** by Dan Morrish (**As Amended**) → Provides for the Lake Charles Harbor and Terminal District to continue as the non-federal sponsor for the project as provided in R.S. 34:218 until such time as an ad valorem tax is passed by a majority of the qualified electors in each parish within the district and receipt of tax monies by the district. Read full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1081603>

House Civil Law Committee passes SB 92 by Rick Ward favorably. The bill provides that the secretary of state can administer the notary examination more than twice a year, and that all examination dates will be determined by the secretary of state. Read full bill here

<http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1074436>

HB 379 Vol. Deferred in House Appropriations. The bill by Cameron Henry provides for the transfer, deposits, and use, as specified, of certain treasury funds. Read the full bill here

<http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1071536>

Senate Judiciary A, B and C

- **SB 185** by Wesley Bishop (**Vol. Deferred**) → Permits certain parishes and any local governing authority or official thereof to enact and enforce ordinances and regulations concerning firearms, ammunition, or components of firearms or ammunition. Read full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1070081>
- **SB 314** by Sharon Hewitt (**Vol. Deferred**) → Allows native wineries to sell at wholesale. Read full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1072601>
- **SB 503** by Rick Ward (**As Amended**) → Provides relative to medical malpractice and certain limitations of liability and procedures. Read full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1087721>

Senate Finance

- **SB 43** by Conrad Appel (**Vol. Deferred**) → Constitutional Amendment to abolish the Board of Regents and the postsecondary management boards and transfer their powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities to a newly created Board of Trustees for Postsecondary Education. Read full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1079566>
- **SB 252** by Troy Carter (**Vol. Deferred**) → Constitutional amendment to provide, with certain exemptions, for a state minimum wage effective August 1, 2019. Read full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1075734>
- **SB 266** by Danny Martiny (**Vol. Deferred**) → Provides for a statewide referendum election on sports wagering as an authorized form of gaming. Read full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1082217>
- **SB 452** by Dan Morrish (**Vol. Deferred**) → Changes certain TOPS initial eligibility requirements and provides relative to the sharing of certain student data.

Senate Agriculture passes HB 624 by Clay Schexnayder favorably as amended. The bill provides relative to alternate members of the Commission of Weights and Measures and

measurements for oysters. Read full bill here

<http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1080740>

House Natural Resources and Environment

- **SB 385** by Norby Chabert (**As Amended**) → Corrects statutory references remaining from the transfer of the state land office to the division of administration. Read the full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1079970>
- **SB 427** by Norby Chabert (**As Amended**) → Transfers the responsibilities of the Atchafalaya Basin Research and Promotion Board and the Atchafalaya Basin Program from within the Department of Natural Resources to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority. Read the full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1085657>
- **SB 432** by Norby Chabert (**As Amended**) → Requires the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board to develop a coastal master plan, at a minimum every six years. Read the full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1085643>
- **SB 438** by Norby Chabert (**Favorably**) → Provides for the sale of timber by the state land office. Read the full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1075400>
- **SB 439** by Norby Chabert (**Favorably**) → Requires the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board to meet at a location with internet audio and video streaming capability when votes are scheduled to occur. Read full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1081640>

House Insurance Committee passes SB 283 favorably as amended. The bill by Fred Mills Jr. provides relative to pharmacy benefit managers. Read the full bill here

<http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1083222>

- Amendments: <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1087424>

House Health and Welfare reports SB 24 favorably as amended. The bill by Fred Mills Jr Provides relative to social work practice. Read full bill here

<http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1076525>

- Amendments: <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1087494>

SB 312 Passes As Amended In House and Governmental Affairs Committee. The bill by Eric LaFleur Revises procedure regarding meetings to propose or renew taxes and to call an election. Read full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1083425>

- Amendments: <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1087401>

House Education

- **HB 399** by Gary Carter (**Vol. Deferred**) → In the event of insufficient funding, provides for reducing or eliminating Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) awards based on a student's academic and financial criteria and eliminates payment of Performance and Honors Award stipends to students. Read the full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1071561>
- **SB 380** by Wesley Bishop (**Vol. Deferred**) → Creates the TOPS second chance award. Read the full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1084501>

House Administration of Criminal Justice

- **HB 274** by Edmond Jordan (**Vol. Deferred**) → Decriminalizes the possession and distribution of marijuana contingent upon development of a statutory regulatory system and establishment of a sales tax. Read the full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1070016>
- **HB 602** by Blake Miguez (**Vol. Deferred**) → Provides relative to the carrying of a concealed handgun into any school, school campus, or school bus. Read the full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1072997>

Senate and Governmental Affairs

- **SB 31** by Conrad Appel (**As Amended**) → Constitutional amendment to provide for disqualification from holding an elective office. Read the full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1088020>
 - Amendments: <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1087947>
- **SB 447** by Regina Barrow (**Vol. Deferred**) → Requires each public employee and elected official to receive at least one hour of sexual harassment training annually. Requires training for new hires to be taken within the first 30 days of employment and for newly elected officials to be taken within the first 90 days of office. Read the full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1082934>
- **HB 524** by Barbara Carpenter (**As Amended**) → Requires each agency head in state and local government to develop and institute a policy to prevent sexual harassment which is applicable to all public servants in the agency, requires every public servant to receive a minimum of one hour of training to prevent sexual harassment each year, and requires annual reports. Read the full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1077843>
 - Amendments: <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1088727>

Senate Health and Welfare

- **SB 226** by John Milkovich (**Vol. Deferred**) → Provides relative to maximum allowable drug pricing in the Medicaid pharmacy program. Read full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1070676>
- **SB 519** by Jay Luneau (**By Substitute**) → Provides relative to behavioral health services providers. Read full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1081545>

Senate Commerce

- **HB 502** by Jerome Zeringue (**As Amended**) → Revises regulations on professional wrestling when certain conditions are met. Read full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1082983>
 - **Amendments:** <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1087895>
- **HB 514** by Rob Shadoin (**As Amended**) → Provides with respect to various provisions relative to the La. Used Motor Vehicle Commission. Read full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1079688>
 - **Amendments:** <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1087893>
- **HB 675** by Jerome Zeringue (**Favorably**) → Relative to the La. Energy and Power Authority, provides for the creation of the La. Energy and Power Authority Unit 1 participants committee. Read full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1076233>

House Municipal and Parochial Affairs reports SB 425 favorably. The bill by Eric LaFleur Provides for the creation of special service districts by parishes and municipalities, and for the raising of revenues by such special service districts. Read full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1084483>

House Agriculture Passes SB 160 by Troy Carter. The bill prohibits the restraint of a cat or dog in extreme weather conditions. Read the full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1082007>

Senate Natural Resources

- **HB 4** by Stuart Bishop (**As Amended**) → Extends the additional saltwater fishing fee dedicated to the LACREEL program. Read the full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1083209>
 - **Amendments:** <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1080768>
- **HB 49** by Jerry Gisclair (**Favorably**) → Authorizes coastal restoration and protection projects as compensatory wetlands mitigation. Read full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/BillInfo.aspx?s=18RS&b=HB49&sbi=y>

- **HB 119** by Stuart Bishop (**Favorably**) → Prohibits the commissioner of conservation from regulating the hours of operation of certain facilities receiving exploration and production waste. Read full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1080362>
- **HB 331** by Jim Morris (**Favorably**) → Provides that the oilfield site restoration fee charged on the production of oil is payable upon the initial disposition of each barrel of oil and condensate. Read full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1086043>

Senate Local and Municipal Affairs

- **HB 72** by Jerome Zeringue (**Favorably**) → Relative to the classified fire service, requires persons selected for appointment to an entry-level position as a firefighter in the city of Houma to complete a fire training academy prior to the start of the working test period. Read full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1080608>
- **HB 684** by Neil Abramson (**Favorably**) → Provides relative to the authority of local governments to grant tax rebates, credits, and other incentives to private entities that make donations to local projects. Read full bill <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1079162>

Senate Education

- **HB 183** by Nancy Landry (**Favorably**) → Re-creates the Department of Education for four more years. Changes termination date from July 1, 2019, to July 1, 2023. Read full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1075034>
- **HB 284** by Patricia Smith (**Failed to Pass**) → Revises procedures relative to a student's inability to pay for school meals and a student's meal debt, applicable to all public elementary and secondary schools. Read full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1083211>
- **HB 294** by Patricia Smith (**As Amended**) → Changes references to "at-risk" students to students who are "economically disadvantaged" throughout Title 17 of the La. Revised Statutes. Read full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1075039>
 - **Amendments:** <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1088410>

Floor Action

4/16/18

- **HB 116** by Jerome Zeringue (**Returned to Calendar**) → Authorizes and directs the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority to issue rules, regulations, or guidelines for the implementation of their existing contracting authority and provides for sunset review

of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority. Read full bill here

<http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1086921>

- **1 Floor amendment adopted:**

- <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1086850>

- **HB 408** by Samuel Jenkins (**Passed to 3rd Reading**) → Provides relative to regulation by local governing authorities of ambulance services, emergency medical services, and aspects attendant to ambulance operation. Read full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1086446>
- **HB 898** by Tony Bacala (**Passed to 3rd Reading**) → Provides relative to threats of violence or terrorism at elementary and secondary schools, including investigation and reporting thereof and required mental health evaluations. Read full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1086320>
- **HR 1** by Stuart Bishop (**Passed: 92 Y/ 0 N**) → Approves the annual integrated coastal protection plan for Fiscal Year 2019, as adopted by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board. Read full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1083417>
- **SB 138** by Jay Luneau (**Passed to 3rd Reading**) → Provides for out-of-state automobile insurance coverage. Read full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1074852>
- **SB 184** by Danny Martiny (**Passed to 3rd Reading**) → Provides relative to video poker. Read full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1079796>
- **SB 451** by Dan Morrish (**Passed to 3rd Reading**) → Institutes a permanent moratorium on oyster fishing in Sabine Lake. Read full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1078185>
- **SB 25** by Fred Mills (**Passed 37 Y/ 0 N**) → Provides relative to prohibited conduct. Read full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1087148>
- **SB 40** by Fred Mills (**Passed 35 Y/ 2 N**) → Relative to Health Profession Licensing Bd. Membership.
- **SB 293** by Regina Barrow (**Passed 26 Y/ 8 N**) → Adds two members to the 15 member State Licensing Board for Contractors. One of the members shall be from the public at large who does not earn his livelihood in a construction-related industry, and the other member shall be appointed from the NAACP. Read full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1085418>
- **SB 396** by Gary Smith (**Passed 27 Y/ 8 N**) → Provides relative to gestational carrier contracts. Read full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1087116>
- **SB 508** by J.P. Morrell (**Passed 32 Y/ 3 N**) → Provides relative to the direct shipment of wine. Read full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1087150>

4/17/18

- **HB 391** by Kevin Pearson (**Failed to Pass: 38 Y/ 58 N**) → Provides for public access to the states running water.
- **HB 413** by Barry Ivey (**Failed to pass: 34 Y/ 48 N**) → Creates a new Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) award, the TOPS Transfer Award, and raises grade point average and ACT score required for initial eligibility for a TOPS Opportunity Award. Read full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1083582>
- **HB 484** by Kirk Talbot (**Passed 67 Y/ 23 N**) → Provides for a proposition election to authorize fantasy sports contests in Louisiana. Read full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1087771>
- **HB 488** by Beryl Amedee (**Passed 87 Y/ 0 N**) → Provides relative to the mandatory reporting of certain crimes of sexual abuse of a minor. Read full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1085448>
- **HB 616** by Stephanie Hilferty (**Passed 88 Y/ 0 N**) → Removes limitations and nutritional guidelines relative to foods and beverages, other than school breakfast or lunch, offered in public elementary and secondary schools. Read full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1087770>
- **HB 804** by Major Thibaut (**Passed 91 Y/ 0 N**) → Removes limitations and nutritional guidelines relative to foods and beverages, other than school breakfast or lunch, offered in public elementary and secondary schools. Read full bill here <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1087770>
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<http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1081640>
- **HB 132** by Jerome Zeringue (**Passed Over**) → Provides relative to the local match requirements for nonstate entities applying for capital outlay funding. Read full bill here
<http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1074621>