

2016 Legislative Tracking List as of 04/08/2016 @ 12:00 PM

Priority 1 Activate grassroots network
 Priority 1b Discretion w/ activating grassroots network
 Priority 2 Council advocacy action
 Priority 3 No action; report final outcome only

Bill is still in the legislative process; outcome is yet to be determined
Bill in which the final outcome is aligned with the Council's position
Bill in which the final outcome is NOT aligned with the Council's position
Bill in which the Council's position was neutral
Either (1) bill was withdrawn, (2) bill was substituted with another bill, or (3) no action was taken on bill

Reviewed HB 1 - 1135 & SB 1 - 469

Instrument	Author	Summary	Position	Priority	Notes	Updates / Action Taken	Status
HB1	Henry	APPROPRIATIONS: Provides for the ordinary operating expenses of state government for Fiscal Year 2016-2017	Against	1		Yellow Shirt Day 3/29/16	Pending House Appropriations
HB170	Talbot	MEDICAID: Requires the Dept. of Health and Hospitals to institute Medicaid cost containment measures to the extent allowed by federal regulations	Against	1b	Medicaid co-pays will adversely impact people with DD	Action Alert 3/21/16	Voluntarily Deferred
HB173	Havard	MEDICAID: Requires cost sharing for certain Medicaid-covered services and dedicates revenues derived thereof	Against	1b	Medicaid co-pays will adversely impact people with DD	Action Alert 3/21/16	Voluntarily Deferred
HB324	M. Johnson	MEDICAID: Requires a copayment in the Medicaid program for all nonemergency services provided by a hospital emergency department	Against	1b	Medicaid co-pays will adversely impact people with DD	Action Alert 3/21/16	Voluntarily Deferred
HB435	Hodges	MEDICAID: Directs the Department of Health and Hospitals to institute cost sharing for certain Medicaid-covered services	Against	1b	Medicaid co-pays will adversely impact people with DD	Action Alert 3/21/16	Voluntarily Deferred
HB461	Amedee	MEDICAID: Requires copayments for Medicaid-covered physician visits and nonemergency services delivered in hospital emergency rooms	Against	1b	Medicaid co-pays will adversely impact people with DD	Action Alert 3/21/16	Pending House Health and Welfare
HB492	McFarland	MEDICAID: Authorizes the collection of certain copayments in the medical assistance program	Against	1b	Medicaid co-pays for non-preferred drugs will adversely impact people with DD	Action Alert 3/21/16	Voluntarily Deferred
HB566	Richard	MEDICAID: Requires the Department of Health and Hospitals to institute certain Medicaid cost containment measures	Against	1b	Medicaid co-pays will adversely impact people with DD	Action Alert 3/21/16	Voluntarily Deferred
HB309	Bacala	MEDICAID/MLTSS: Provides for cost containment, cost sharing, and long term services and supports in the Medicaid managed care program	Against	1b	Institutes Medicaid co-pays, limits prescription drugs, implements MLTSS 7/1/16 without inclusion of institutions	Action Alert 3/21/16	Voluntarily Deferred

HB790	Leger	MEDICAID/MLTSS: Provides for implementation of a Medicaid managed long term services and supports system	Oppose unless amended	1b	Could support if amended to include institutional services and resume planning for DD population only.		Pending House Health and Welfare
SB310	Claitor	EDUCATION DEPARTMENT: Requires the Dept. of Education to collect and report certain special education data.	For	1	Support transparency and availability of data necessary for stakeholders to understand the impact of policy decisions and be able to weigh in on proposals for new initiatives.		Pending Senate Education
SB317	Donahue	STUDENTS: Provides relative to student behavior and discipline, including the use of seclusion and physical restraint to address the behavior of students with exceptionalities.	For	1	Support strengthening language related to LDOE responsibilities and having taskforce/commission oversee and provide recommendations to LDOE/BESE regarding behavior supports and services.		Pending Senate Education
HB833	Leger	STUDENT/DISCIPLINE: Provides relative to student discipline including the creation of the Commission on Safe Supportive Discipline	For	1b	Stakeholder taskforce/commission purpose and composition is same as in SB317.		Pending House Education
HB742	Jay Morris	FUNDS/FUNDING: Eliminates certain statutory dedications and eliminates certain dedications of certain funds	Neutral unless amended	2	If other funds/revenue sources are amended out, the elimination of recurring source of revenue to NOW fund needs to be amended out		Pending House Appropriations
SB38	Gatti	MEDICAID: Provides with respect to payment of nonemergency services rendered in an emergency room to certain patients.	Against	2			Pending Senate Health and Welfare
HB305	Norton	MEDICAID EXPANSION: Requires that La. Medicaid eligibility standards conform to those established by the Affordable Care Act	For	2	Medicaid expansion will benefit people w/ DD		Pending House Health and Welfare
HB106	Jay Morris	MEDICAID EXPANSION: Requires legislative approval of certain changes in Medicaid eligibility standards	Against	2	Delays Medicaid expansion		Voluntarily Deferred
HB474	Hoffman	MEDICAID EXPANSION: Provides for Medicaid expansion through a demonstration waiver program	Against	2	Delays Medicaid expansion		Pending House Health and Welfare
SB385	Walsworth	MENTAL HEALTH: Adds certain legislators to the governing board of the Northeast Delta Human Services Authority.	Against	2			Pending Senate Health and Welfare
HB498	Pope	HEALTH CARE/FACILITIES: Institutes a moratorium on new pediatric day health facility licenses	For	2			Pending Senate Health and Welfare

SR4	White	GOVERNOR: Requests that the governor issue an executive order directing state agencies and local governments to continue to support the Louisiana State Use Program, managed by Employment Development Services.	Against	2			Passed the Senate
HB862	Falconer	LIABILITY/CIVIL: Provides relative to the liability of certain persons for the actions of persons with developmental disabilities	For	2	Limits parent liability relative to damages caused by some students with disabilities.		Pending House Civil Law and Procedure
HB372	Bouie	STUDENT/DISCIPLINE: Provides relative to student discipline	For - Amend to include Restraint & Seclusion	2	Support amending language to include restraint and seclusion practices and guidelines.		Pending House Education
HB712	Jackson	CHILDREN/EXCEPTIONAL: Provides relative to assignment of students with exceptionalities to schools closest to their home	For	2	Support clarifying students should be taught in their neighborhood school.		Pending House Education
SB262	Morrish	EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY: Provides relative to state content standards and related tests and assessments.	For	2	Support the discontinuation of using performance on standardized tests for making student level decisions regarding promotion. (Performance on standardized tests are poor indicators of learning for majority of students with disabilities.)		Pending Senate Education
HB887	S. Carter	SCHOOLS: Creates a residential school for certain at-risk students in grades six through twelve	Against	2	Against movement toward segregated educational environments. At a minimum, support amending criteria of at-risk students to remove 1) eligible for Medicaid and 2) reading 2 grade levels below (since this define a majority of students with significant disabilities).		Pending House Education
SB431	Peterson	SCHOOLS: Provides relative to charter school funding.	For	2			Pending Senate Education
HB771	Schroder	STUDENT/ASSESSMENT: Provides relative to state assessments as a requirement for student promotion and graduation	For	2	Support the discontinuation of using performance on standardized tests for making student level decisions regarding promotion and graduation; and, support allowing students previously denied diplomas due to failing exit exams to receive a diploma.		Pending House Education

SB335	Claitor	STUDENTS: Prohibits charter schools from requiring disclosure of certain student information	For	2	Support clarifying requirements that schools do not violate privacy rights and use of discriminatory admission practices. At least one charter school has required prospective students to submit medical information with application. Consider amendment addressing lack of oversight that allowed this to occur.		Pending House Education
SB279	W. Bishop	TEACHERS: Provides relative to the use of student growth data in teacher performance evaluations.	For	2	Support limiting student growth data on standardized tests in teacher performance evaluations since it is problematic, particularly when considering students with disabilities.		Pending Senate Education
SB342	Boudreaux	TEACHERS: Provides relative to the use of student growth data in teacher evaluations.	For	2	Support limiting student growth data on standardized tests in teacher performance evaluations since it is problematic, particularly when considering students with disabilities.		Pending Senate Education
HB217	Hoffman	TEACHERS/CERTIFICATION: Provides for the granting of educational leadership certification by the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education	Against unless amended	2	Support amending to include criteria related to experience with children with disabilities as a requirement for anyone to be granted an administrative position related to special education.		Pending Senate Education
HB479	Ivey	TEACHERS/EVALUATION: Provides relative to the evaluation of teachers and administrators	For	2	Support limiting student growth data on standardized tests in teacher performance evaluations since it is problematic, particularly when considering students with disabilities.		Pending House Education
SB198	Gatti	BESE: Prohibits BESE from granting Type 2 charters in certain school districts	For	3	Vouchers siphon off needed resources for students with disabilities but do not require students with disabilities to participate equitably		
HB344	Broadwater	BESE: Creates the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education Student Advisory Board	For	3	Vouchers siphon off needed resources for students with disabilities but do not require students with disabilities to participate equitably		
HB404	Broadwater	BUDGETARY PROCEDURES: Restricts spending of the state general fund (direct) from recurring money to 98% of the official forecast	Neutral	3			
HB375	Cromer	CONSTITUTION/CONVENTION: Provides for calling a constitutional convention	Neutral	3			
HB382	Havard	CONSTITUTION/CONVENTION: Provides for calling a limited constitutional convention for fiscal purposes	Neutral	3			
HB379	Foil	CONSTITUTION/CONVENTION: Provides for calling a limited constitutional convention for fiscal purposes and preparations therefor	Neutral	3			

HB733	Abrahamson	CONSTITUTION/CONVENTION: Provides for calling a limited constitutional convention for fiscal purposes and preparations therefor	Neutral	3			
SB393	T. Carter	CONSTITUTION CONVENTION: Provides for the calling of a constitutional convention for the purpose of revising the constitution in order to provide for state revenue and finance and matters relating thereto.	Neutral	3			
SB303	Morrell	EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY: Enacts the Educational Accountability and Rehabilitation Act of 2016.	For	3			
SB308	Milkovich	EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY: Limits the amount of instructional time devoted to state and district testing.	Neutral	3			
HB874	N. Landry	EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY: Provides relative to school and district accountability	Neutral	3			
HB890	Danahay	ELECTION CODE: Makes revisions to the La. Election Code	For	3			
HB821	G. Miller	ELECTIONS/ABSENTEE VOTE: Provides relative to absentee by mail voting by certain persons	Against	3			Voluntarily Deferred
HB370	Bouie	EMPLOYMENT: Establishes a state minimum wage	Neutral	3			
HB660	Jones	EMPLOYMENT: Exempts the State Library of Louisiana from certain requirements relative the employment of blind persons	Against	3			
SB201	Allain	FUNDS/FUNDING: Constitutional amendment to revise the circumstances that would allow the reduction of constitutionally protected expenditures and dedications to eliminate a projected deficit in an ensuing fiscal year	For	3			
SB305	Donahue	FUNDS/FUNDING: Creates the Fund Review Commission to review dedicated funds which receive state general funds.	Neutral	3			
SB346	T. Carter	FUNDS/FUNDING: Provides relative to certain special funds in the state treasury	Neutral	3			
SR6	Barrow	HEALTH CARE: Directs the Department of Health and Hospitals to evaluate and report on funding solutions for in-home support providers.	For	3			Sent to Secretary of State

SB37	Gatti	HEALTH CARE: Provides for recognition of waiver services granted to military parents transferred to Louisiana	Neutral	3	Parent of child receiving a waiver in another state who transfers to La for military will be at the top of the list for waiver		Turned into Study Resolution in Senate Health and Welfare
SB121	Colomb	HEALTH CARE: Creates the Louisiana Family Caregiver Act	For	3			Substitute adopted on the Senate floor (became SB376)
SB376	Colomb	HEALTH CARE: Creates the Louisiana Family Caregiver Act	For	3			
HB169	Carmody	HIGHER EDUCATION: (Constitutional Amendment) Relative to management of public postsecondary education, abolishes the Board of Regents and the management boards and transfers their powers, duties, and responsibilities to a newly created Louisiana Postsecondary Education Board of Trustees	Against	3	Does not require candidate for sp. ed. director position to have experience with students with disabilities.		
HB763	Carpenter	HUMAN SERVICES: Authorizes and provides for mental health emergency room extensions	For	3			
HB705	Broadwater	INSURANCE/HEALTH: Prohibits certain contractual provisions in provider contracts with health insurance issuers	Against	3			
SB52	Mills	MEDICAID: Provides for the creation of a single preferred drug list for reimbursement of Medicaid covered outpatient drugs.	For	3			
HB517	Bacala	MEDICAID: Establishes certain provider fees within the Louisiana Medicaid program	Neutral	3			Voluntarily Deferred
HB551	Johnson	MEDICAID: Provides relative to fees imposed within the Medicaid program on healthcare providers, facilities, and services	Neutral	3			
HB497	Norton	MENTAL HEALTH: Requires the Department of Health and Hospitals to implement the Medicaid health home option for persons with serious mental illness	Neutral	3			
SB172	Morrell	MOTOR VEHICLES: Provides for persons authorized to sign forms for issuance of special license plates or hang tags for mobility impaired persons.	Neutral	3			

HB109	Terry Brown	MOTOR VEHICLES: Provides for issuance of multiple hang tags for persons with mobility impairments	Neutral	3			
HB314	Garofalo	NURSING HOMES: Provides for a limited exception to the statutory moratorium on additional nursing facilities	Against	3			
HB922	Hensgens	NURSING HOMES: Revises provider fees assessed on nursing homes by the Department of Health and Hospitals	For	3			
HB167	P. Smith	SCHOOLS: Prohibits the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) from authorizing certain types of charter schools under certain fiscal circumstances	For	3			
HB137	P. Smith	SCHOOLS: Prohibits the state Dept. of Education from awarding first-time vouchers to students	Neutral	3			
SB147	Gatti	SCHOOLS: Provides for charter schools to pay a proportionate share of the local school district's of Teachers' Retirement System UAL payment.	For - Amend per Act 467 of 2015	3			
SB170	Morrish	SCHOOLS: Provides relative to BESE authorization of Type 2 charters	Neutral	3			
SB293	Cortez	SCHOOLS: Provides relative to charter school funding.	For - Amend per Act 467 of 2015	3			
HB126	P. Smith	SCHOOLS: Provides relative to eligibility of kindergarten students for participation in the voucher program	Neutral	3			
SB260	Morrish	SCHOOLS: Provides relative to local charter authorizers and Type 1B charter schools.	Neutral	3			
SB149	Gatti	SCHOOLS: Provides relative to the funding of virtual charter schools	For - Amend per Act 467 of 2015	3			

HB502	P. Smith	SCHOOLS: Requires the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education to conduct a fiscal impact study prior to making a determination relative to a Type 2 charter school proposal	Neutral	3			
SB218	Bishop	STUDENTS: Authorizes the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Hospitals to survey students regarding certain risk behavior associated with chronic health conditions.	For	3			Involuntarily Deferred
HB402	P. Smith	STUDENTS: Authorizes the state Dept. of Education and the Dept. of Health and Hospitals to survey students regarding certain risk behavior associated with chronic health conditions	For	3			
SB270	Boudreaux	STUDENTS: Provides relative to student data privacy.	Neutral	3			
SB361	Morrish	STUDENTS: Provides relative to student eligibility to participate in the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program.	Neutral	3			
HB875	N. Landry	TEACHERS/EVALUATION: Provides relative to the evaluation of teachers and administrators	Neutral	3			
HB723	Price	TEACHERS/EVALUATION: Provides relative to the use of student growth data in teacher evaluations	For	3			
HB869	Hunter	VOTERS/VOTING: Authorizes use of state issued hang tags for those who suffer from mobility impairment for purpose of special voting accommodations	Neutral	3			
HB614	Moreno	VOTERS/VOTING: Provides for the electronic transmission of voting materials and procedures and requirements for voting absentee using such materials	For	3			
HB654	G. Miller	VOTERS/VOTING: Provides relative to voting by certain persons who are entitled to assistance	For	3			Voluntarily Deferred