

2017 Legislative Tracking List as of 04/18/2017 @ 4:10 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Either (1) bill was withdrawn, (2) bill was substituted with another bill, or (3) no action was taken on bill

Instrument	Author	Summary	Position*	Priority	Notes	Updates / Action Taken	Status
HB1	Henry	Provides for the ordinary operating expenses of state government for FY 2017-2018	Against	1	Advocate for \$1.6 million in SGF to fill 627 vacant waiver slots; \$2.7 million for enhanced rate in the NOW; \$5 million to add 10 hours per week IFS to Supports Waiver; \$19.6 million for human services districts/authorities and mandatory minimum of SGF dedicated to Act 378 services.	LaCAN Action Alert #12 - Yellow Shirt Day LaCAN Action Alert #13 - Contact Appropriations / Public Testimony Public Testimony House App Beginning 17:40	Pending House Appropriations
SB58	Mills	HEALTH SERVICES: Provides relative to the statewide human services districts and authorities.	Against	1	Will support if amendments are adopted re: changes to board composition, mandatory minimum \$\$ to Act 378 services, maintaining monitoring and oversight by LDH.	Met w/ Sen. Mills & Committee Staff; proposed changes	Pending Senate Health & Welfare
HB79	Foil	STUDENT/DISCIPLINE: Prohibits corporal punishment for certain students with exceptionalities	For	1b			Pending House Education
SB91	Peterson	STUDENTS: Prohibits the use of corporal punishment for certain students with exceptionalities	For	1b			Pending Senate Education
HB152	Bacala	MEDICAID: Provides for implementation and funding of a Medicaid managed long-term services and supports system to begin 10-1-17	Against	2	It would be detrimental to begin MLTSS for the DD population on 10-1-17 as the MCOs have no experience providing LTSS to this population. There will also be no cost savings realized if MLTSS is implemented for persons with DD. There is no objection to MLTSS for the population served by OAAS, but if this moves forward, DD needs to be amended out.		Pending House Health & Welfare
HB245	Hoffman	HEALTH/HOME CARE: Authorizes a home- and community-based services provider to recoup the cost of a preemployment background check	Against	2	Proposed law authorizes a home- and community-based services provider to require an applicant for employment to pay for or in any manner pass on to the applicant or withhold from an employee's pay the cost of the preemployment criminal history and security check required by state law.		Pending House Health & Welfare

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HB330	Henry	SCHOOLS/FINANCE-MFP: (Constitutional Amendment) Permits legislative amendment of the MFP formula to change the base cost per pupil and expands reference of school systems from 'city and parish' to 'city, parish and other local public' school systems.	For	2	Adding in "other local public school systems" will seemingly include charter schools, thereby rendering the charter school funding law (R.S. 17:3995) moot. If it passes it should end LDOE's use of different formula for funding city and parish school systems than is used for funding charter schools.		Pending House Education
HB405	Hoffman	MEDICAID: Provides relative to the Medicaid disability services system; to establish reimbursement methodologies for providers	Against	2	Concern that the proposed individual per diem rate would decrease flexibility of waiver recipients. Concern over the conditions that must be met for LDH to apply a methodology other than the per diem. Support requirement of electronic plan of care. Support application of cost savings from streamlining to increase reimbursement rates.		Pending House Health & Welfare
HB517	G. Carter	EDUCATION: Requires the state superintendent of education to report specified information annually pertaining to each public school, including charter schools	For	2	Recommend separating reference of data for students with IEPs and students with IAPs. Also recommend additional data elements.		Pending House Education
HB532	Hoffman	EDUCATION: Removes requirements for use of a value-added assessment model with regard to school and district accountability and teacher evaluations	For	2	Value-added assessments are particularly problematic with groupings of students with disabilities. It is not clear if the Legislature will remove language in statute requiring value-added calculations for school accountability when the draft ESSA plan includes such calculations.		Pending House Education
SB190	Thompson	COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES: Provides relative to college transition courses. High school seniors who do not meet the college readiness benchmarks established by the ACT for English and math would be required to take a transition course.	Against	2	Ignores course and outcomes of students pursuing career pathway and would require all seniors to take transition courses seemingly designed for college readiness. Appears to conflict with individualized transition planning desired for some students with disabilities.		Pending Senate Education
SB226	Hewitt	FUNDS/FUNDING: Eliminates certain statutory dedications and eliminates certain dedications of certain funds - including the NOW fund.	Against	2	Oppose the elimination of the NOW Fund. Will attempt to get the NOW Fund amended out.		Pending Senate Finance
HB160	G. Miller	VOTERS/VOTING: Provides relative to voting by a person who has a disability	For	3			Pending House & Governmental Affairs

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HB130	DeVillier	STUDENTS: Provides that economically disadvantaged students shall be included as a factor for purposes of teacher evaluations and requirements for enrollment of at-risk students in charter schools	Neutral	3			Pending House Education
HB281	Norton	MENTAL HEALTH: Requires the Louisiana Department of Health to implement the Medicaid health home option for persons with serious mental illness	For	3			Pending House Health & Welfare
HB337	Stokes	TAX CREDITS: Provides for an individual income tax credit for improvements made to the residences of individuals with certain disabilities	For	3			Pending House Ways & Means
HB341	D. Miller	HEALTH/BEHAVIORAL: Amends laws relative to behavioral health and mental health to provide for current practice and appropriate terminology	For	3			Pending House Health & Welfare
HB414	Leger	FEES/LICENSES/PERMITS: Revises license and bed fee amounts for facilities and providers licensed by the La. Department of Health	Neutral	3			Pending House Health & Welfare
HB456	Abramson	CONSTITUTION/CONVENTION: Provides for calling a limited constitutional convention and preparations therefor	For	3	Proposed law states legislative findings that there is a need to address a number of key policy areas that require constitutional change, that the constitution restricts the legislature in effectively addressing state and constituent needs, and that a serious analysis and revision of the state constitution is needed to conduct an examination of the state's critical needs, to consider reform proposals, and to craft provisions that allow legislative solutions.		Pending House & Governmental Affairs
HB497	Norton	STUDENT/DISCIPLINE: Prohibits corporal punishment in public elementary and secondary schools	For	3	Since students do not arrive at school pre-identified with a disability, an absolute ban on corporal punishment is the only true safeguard for students with disabilities. However, an absolute ban is not likely to pass and advocating for such could derail efforts to protect students who are already identified as having a disability.		Pending House Education
HB569	Landry	STUDENT/ASSESSMENT: Provides relative to education standards and related assessments	Neutral	3			Pending House Education

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HB588	Morris	FUNDS/FUNDING: Provides for reductions to revenues into certain statutory funds	Neutral	3			Pending House Appropriations
SB152	T. Carter	MOTOR VEHICLES: Provides relative to identification of Special Needs Person and law enforcement training regarding mental health.	Neutral	3			Pending Senate Transportation, Highways, & Public Works
SB187	Hewitt	FISCAL CONTROLS: Provides for implementation of an evidenced-based budget process for certain programs.	Against	3			Pending Senate Finance
SB188	Hewitt	MEDICAID: Provides relative to Medicaid recipient work requirements.	Neutral	3			Pending Senate Health & Welfare