

2017 Legislative Tracking List as of 06/16/2017 @ 12:13 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Either (1) bill was withdrawn, (2) bill was substituted with another bill, or (3) no action was taken on bill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	EXTRAORDINARY SESSION APPROPRIATIONS: Provides for the ordinary operating expenses of state government for FY 2017-2018	Against	1	Advocate for \$1.6 million in SGF to fill vacant waiver slots; \$2.7 million for enhanced rate in the NOW; additional funding for some human services districts/authorities; increased state match for LRS. Current version of HB1 includes \$1.6 million to fill vacant waiver slots; Restoration of LINCCA funds saving Individual and Family Support, Flexible Family Fund, and State Personal Assistance Services programs and Families Helping Families contracts; restoration of most of the \$235 million in cuts to LDH; and increased SGF for LRS. The budget expected to pass can be considered a best case scenario but still falls short from meeting the needs of individuals with disabilities. The budget does not adequately address the waiver waiting list of over 15,000 individuals; restoration of cuts to the Human Service District/Authorities; restoration of all cuts to EarlySteps; funding for an enhanced waiver rate to serve those with complex behavioral and/or medical needs; funding for overtime pay for DSP or increased rates for waiver providers; and funding to allow LRS to draw down its full federal allotment.	LaCAN Action Alert #22 - DD Services Remain on Chopping Block. Contact Your Rep NOW Public Testimony House Appropriations Beginning at 98:34 Info Alert #7 - Advocacy Update FY18 Budget	Passed the Senate

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SB58	Mills	HEALTH SERVICES: Provides relative to the statewide human services districts and authorities.	For	1	Amended to include changes to board composition that will provide for greater representation of 3 service areas and consumers, parents and advocates; maintain monitoring and oversight by LDH; require a mandatory minimum of 9% of each district/authority's SGF be dedicated to Act 378 services for DD.	Met w/ Sen. Mills & Comm.Staff, proposed changes; YSD on 4/26/17; Met w/ Sen. Claitor to discuss additional changes; Met w/ Rep. Pope to discuss clarifying language & reduce minimum to 9% LaCAN Action Alert #15 - Contact legislators on Two Important Issues LaCAN Action Alert #17 - Put On You Yellow! House H&W Needs to Hear Your Voice Public Testimony House H&W Beginning 135:36 LaCAN Action Alert #19 - Contact Your Rep to Require Funding of DD Services Info Alert #6 - Advocacy Update - Budget & SB58	Act 73
HB79	Foil	STUDENT/DISCIPLINE: Prohibits corporal punishment for certain students with exceptionalities	For	1b	Amended to define corporal punishment and include students under Section 504.	Public Testimony House ED Beginning 80:10 Staff Provided Information Related to Proposed Amendments in Senate Education Beginning 26:27 & 58:45	Sent to Governor
SB91	Peterson	STUDENTS: Prohibits the use of corporal punishment for certain students with exceptionalities	For	1b			No Action Taken
SB100	Donahue	FISCAL CONTROLS: Provides for the requirement of the division of administration to produce a standstill budget.	Against	1b			Sent to Governor
HB152	Bacala	MEDICAID: Provides for implementation and funding of a Medicaid managed long-term services and supports system to begin 10-1-17	For	2	There is no objection to MLTSS for the population served by OAAS. MLTSS for people with DD was amended out.		Involuntarily Deferred

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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. Amended to state provider shall reimburse applicant if applicant is hired and remains employed not less than three months.		Involuntarily Deferred
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.		No Action Taken
HB405	Hoffman	MEDICAID: Provides relative to the Medicaid disability services system; to establish reimbursement methodologies for providers	Neutral	2	Bill was amended that removed Council's major concerns. One section still needs to be modified to get Council's support of the issues addressed in this bill.	Met with providers who initiated this proposal to share Council's concerns & proposed language changes.	Involuntarily Deferred
HB495	J. Morris	PROPERTY/PUBLIC: Authorizes the transfer of certain state property in Bossier Parish	For	2	Amendments with language by LDH need to be adopted.		Sent to Governor
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	Amended to include recommendation separating reference of data for students with IEPs and students with IAPs.		Sent to Governor
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.		No Action Taken
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.		Sent to Governor

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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.		Voluntarily Deferred
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		House Education 5/2/17 PASSED; House Floor PASSED 5/10/17; Senate Education 5/30/17 PASSED; Senate Floor 6/1/17 PASSED; Signed by Governor 6/12/17	Act 136
HB160	G. Miller	VOTERS/VOTING: Provides relative to voting by a person who has a disability	For	3		House & Governmental Affairs 4/26/17 PASSED; House 5/2/17 PASSED; Senate & Gov. Affairs 5/31/17 PASSED; Senate Floor 6/2/17 PASSED	Sent to Governor
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		House H&W 5/18/17 PASSED; House Appropriations 5/30/17 PASSED; House Floor 6/1/17 PASSED; Senate H&W 6/2/17 PASSED	Failed to Complete Legislative Process
HB337	Stokes	TAX CREDITS: Provides for an individual income tax credit for improvements made to the residences of individuals with certain disabilities	For	3		Ways & Means 5/15/17 PASSED; House 5/22/17 PASSED; Senate Rev & Fisc 6/1/17 PASSED; Senate Floor 6/2/17 PASSED	Sent to Governor
HB341	D. Miller	HEALTH/BEHAVIORAL: Amends laws relative to behavioral health and mental health to provide for current practice and appropriate terminology	For	3		House Health & Welfare 5/2/17 PASSED; House 5/11/17 PASSED; Senate H&W 5/24/17 PASSED; Senate Floor 6/3/17 PASSED	Sent to Governor
HB414	Leger	FEES/LICENSES/PERMITS: Revises license and bed fee amounts for facilities and providers licensed by the La. Department of Health	Neutral	3		House Health & Welfare 5/2/17 PASSED	Failed to Complete Legislative Process

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.	House & Governmental Affairs 5/2/17 PASSED; Appropriations 5/15/17 PASSED; House 5/30/17 FAILED	Failed to Complete Legislative Process
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.	House Vote on 5/8/17 Yeas 34 / Nays 61	Failed House Final Passage
HB569	Landry	STUDENT/ASSESSMENT: Provides relative to education standards and related assessments	Neutral	3			No Action Taken
HB588	Morris	FUNDS/FUNDING: Provides for reductions to revenues into certain statutory funds	Neutral	3			No Action Taken
SB152	T. Carter	MOTOR VEHICLES: Provides relative to identification of Special Needs Person and law enforcement training regarding mental health.	Neutral	3		Senate Committee on Transportation 5/3/17 PASSED; Senate 5/10/17 PASSED; House Transportation 5/22/17 PASSED; House Floor 6/1/17 PASSED; Signed by Governor 6/7/17	Act 74
SB187	Hewitt	FISCAL CONTROLS: Provides for implementation of an evidenced-based budget process for certain programs.	Against	3		Senate Finance 5/23/17 PASSED; Senate 5/30/17 PASSED; House Appropriations 6/5/17 PASSED; House Floor 6/5/17 PASSED	Sent to Governor
SB188	Hewitt	MEDICAID: Provides relative to Medicaid recipient work requirements.	Neutral	3			Voluntarily Deferred