

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 544

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:2048.51(B), (C)(9), (10), and (20), and (G), to enact R.S.
3 17:2048.51(C)(14), and to repeal Part IV-C of Chapter 9 of Title 17 of the Louisiana
4 Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 17:2048.61, R.S. 36:651(L)(1)(b) and
5 (c), and Subpart C of Part III of Chapter 11 of Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised
6 Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 37:1007, relative to health care workforce
7 development; to provide for the Louisiana Health Works Commission; to provide for
8 its membership; to provide for committees of the commission; to abolish the Nursing
9 Supply and Demand Council; to abolish the Simulation Medical Training and
10 Education Council for Louisiana; and to provide for related matters.

11 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

12 Section 1. R.S. 17:2048.51(B), (C)(9), (10), and (20), and (G) are hereby amended
13 and reenacted and R.S. 17:2048.51(C)(14) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

14 §2048.51. Louisiana Health Works Commission; creation; membership;
15 compensation; staff and facilities; powers and duties; data collection and
16 reporting

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18 B. The purpose of the commission is to serve as a collaborative working
19 group to integrate and coordinate resources relative to ~~health-care~~ healthcare
20 workforce development within various state departments and key organizations and
21 to carry out those duties previously assigned to the Nursing Supply and Demand
22 Council and the Simulation Medical Training and Education Council for Louisiana.

1 C. The following shall serve as members of the Louisiana Health Works
2 Commission:

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4 (9) The chairman of the Nursing Supply and Demand ~~Council~~ Committee
5 or his designee.

6 (10) The dean ~~of the School of Allied Health Professions at~~ or a staff
7 member of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport ~~or~~
8 ~~his designee~~ appointed by the president of the Louisiana State University System.

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10 (14) One member representing and appointed by the Louisiana Department
11 of Health, office of public health.

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13 (20) The chancellor or a staff member of the Louisiana State University
14 Health Sciences Center at New Orleans ~~or his designee~~ appointed by the president
15 of the Louisiana State University System.

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17 G. The Louisiana Health Works Commission shall have the following
18 committees:

19 (1)(a) ~~There shall be an~~ An executive committee composed of the following:

20 (1) ~~(i)~~ (i) The commissioner of higher education or his designee for the
21 commission.

22 (2) ~~(ii)~~ (ii) The chairman of the Nursing Supply and Demand ~~Council~~ Committee
23 or his designee for the commission.

24 (3) ~~(iii)~~ (iii) The president of the University of Louisiana System or his designee
25 for the commission.

26 (4) ~~(iv)~~ (iv) The dean ~~of the School of Allied Health Professions at~~ or a staff
27 member of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport
28 appointed by the president of the Louisiana State University System ~~or his designee~~
29 for the commission.

1 ~~(5)~~ (v) The president of the Louisiana Hospital Association or his designee
2 for the commission.

3 ~~(6)~~ (vi) The executive director of the Louisiana Nursing Home Association
4 or his designee.

5 ~~(7)~~ (vii) The president of the Louisiana State Medical Society or his designee.

6 ~~(8)~~ (viii) The president of the Southern University System or his designee for
7 the commission.

8 ~~(9)~~ (ix) The chancellor or a staff member of the Louisiana State University
9 Health Sciences Center at New Orleans appointed by the president of the Louisiana
10 State University System ~~or his designee~~ for the commission.

11 ~~(10)~~ (x) The president of the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians or his
12 designee for the commission.

13 ~~(11)~~ (xi) The president of the Louisiana Community and Technical College
14 System or his designee for the commission.

15 ~~(12)~~ (xii) The president of the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges
16 and Universities or his designee for the commission.

17 (xiii) The president of the Louisiana State Nurses Association or his designee
18 for the commission.

19 ~~H:~~ (b) The executive committee shall:

20 ~~(1)~~ (i) Elect the chairperson of the commission. The chair of the Nursing
21 Supply and Demand Committee shall serve as the vice chair of the commission.

22 ~~(2)~~ (ii) Establish rules of procedure to be adopted in accordance with the
23 Administrative Procedure Act.

24 ~~(3)~~ (iii) Perform other tasks as the commission directs or the adopted rules
25 of procedure require.

26 (2) A Nursing Supply and Demand Committee, to consist of representatives
27 of all organizations previously represented on the Nursing Supply and Demand
28 Council who are not represented on the Health Works Commission, in addition to
29 any other members of the Health Works Commission as appointed by its chair.

(3) A Simulation Medical Training and Education Committee, to consist of representatives of all organizations previously represented on the Simulation Medical Training and Education Council who are not represented on the Health Works Commission, any members of the Health Works Commission as may be appointed by its chair, and the following members:

(a) A representative of Xavier School of Medicine.

(b) A representative of the Edward Via School of Osteopathic Medicine.

(c) A representative of Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University.

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Section 2. R.S. 17:2048.61, Part IV-C of Chapter 9 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 17:2048.61, R.S. 36:651(L)(1)(b) and (c), and Subpart C of Part III of Chapter 11 of Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 37:1007, are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____