

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

SB 382

2026 Regular Session

Seabaugh

May 28, 2026

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate and to the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning Senate Bill No. 382 by Senator Seabaugh, recommend the following concerning the Engrossed bill:

- 1. That House Floor Amendments No. 1, 2, and 4 proposed by Representative Crews and adopted by the House of Representatives on April 23, 2026, be adopted.
- 2. That House Floor Amendment No. 3 proposed by Representative Crews and adopted by the House of Representatives on April 23, 2026, be rejected.
- 3. That the following amendment to the engrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1 between lines 6 and 7, insert the following:

"Section 1. R.S. 23:1034.2(C)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1034.2. Reimbursement schedule
* * *

C.(1)(a) The reimbursement schedule shall include charges limited to the mean of the usual and customary charges for such care, services, treatment, drugs, and supplies. **Except as provided for in Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, any** necessary adjustments to the reimbursement schedule adopted and established in accordance with the provisions of this Section may be made annually.

(b) The assistant secretary shall reassess the reimbursement schedule provided for in this Section and shall promulgate and implement any necessary adjustments to the schedule no later than July 1, 2029.

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Respectfully submitted,

Senators:

Representatives:

Senator Alan Seabaugh

Representative Raymond J. Crews

Senator Brach Myers

Representative Michael Melerine

Senator Thomas A. Pressly

Representative Dennis Bamburg Jr.

The legislative instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

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Keyword and summary of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

WORKERS' COMPENSATION. Provides relative to workers' compensation. (8/1/26)

Report adopts House amendments to:

1. Amend provisions of present law that permit annual adjustments to the reimbursement schedule.

Report rejects House amendments which would have:

1. Required the assistant secretary to reassess the reimbursement schedule and promulgate and implement any necessary adjustments no later than January 1, 2027.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Require the assistant secretary to reassess the reimbursement schedule and promulgate and implement any necessary adjustments no later than July 1, 2029.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Present law provides that the reimbursement schedule includes charges limited to the mean of the usual and customary charges for care, services, treatment, drugs, and supplies. Present law allows annual adjustments.

Proposed law retains present law and requires the assistant secretary to reassess the reimbursement schedule and implement necessary adjustments to the schedule by July 1, 2029.

Present law creates the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council (council) within Louisiana Works. Present law further provides that the council consists of 17 members who are domiciled in Louisiana and appointed by the governor to serve at the pleasure of the governor. Present law further provides relative to the duties of the council and members' immunity from liability under certain circumstances.

Present law further requires the council to review and make recommendations to the governor, through Louisiana Works, on any proposed rules affecting the administration or resolution of claims.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 23:1034.2(C)(1); repeals R.S. 23:1294 and R.S. 36:309(B)(2))