

2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 319

BY SENATOR GATTI

STATE AGENCIES. Abolishes boards and commissions, authorities, districts, and like entities that are inactive. (8/1/18)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:302.26(C)(4) and R.S. 51:2214(H) and to repeal Chapter 21  
3 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 17:3051  
4 through 3060, R.S. 33:4579 through 4579.5, Chapter 27-A of Title 33 of the  
5 Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 33:9039.1 through 9039.4,  
6 Part IV of Chapter 6 of Title 34 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,  
7 comprised of R.S. 34:1101 through 1106, R.S. 36:4(X), 109(U), and 651(D)(10),  
8 R.S. 38:291(J), Part IV of Chapter 7 of Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of  
9 1950, comprised of R.S. 38:1921, Part XXXII of Chapter 13 of Title 38 of the  
10 Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 38:3087.301 through  
11 3087.314, R.S. 39:551.10, R.S. 40:1061.16(F), Part VII of Chapter 5-F of Title 40  
12 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 40:1273.1 through  
13 1273.8, Part III of Chapter 10 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,  
14 comprised of R.S. 46:1081 through 1083, R.S. 47:463.67, Chapter 18 of Title 49 of  
15 the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 49:1211 through 1213,  
16 Chapter 40 of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S.  
17 51:2401, relative to boards, commissions, authorities, districts, and like entities; to

1 provide relative to the functional organization of state government by abolishing  
 2 certain boards, commissions, authorities, districts, and like entities; to remove  
 3 references to certain abolished entities; to transfer property of certain abolished  
 4 entities; to remove references to, provisions for, and the powers, functions, and  
 5 duties of the Health Education Authority of Louisiana, St. Tammany Event Center  
 6 District, Louisiana's I-12 Retirement District, Board of Morgan City, Berwick Port  
 7 Pilot Commissioners and Examiners, North Bossier Levee and Drainage District,  
 8 Bayou Desiard Lake Restoration Commission, Red River, Atchafalaya River, and  
 9 Bayou Boeuf Gravity Drainage District, Jackson Parish Industrial District, Point of  
 10 Rescue Task Force a/k/a Task Force on Abortion Information, River Region Cancer  
 11 Screening and Early Detection District, Parish Hospital Service District for Rapides  
 12 Parish, Louisiana Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys, and  
 13 Louisiana Innovation Council; and to provide for related matters.

14 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

15 Section 1. The legislature finds that abolishing, transferring, and consolidating  
 16 certain boards, commissions, and other statutorily-created entities is in the public interest  
 17 when such entities no longer serve a public purpose. It is the intent of the legislature to  
 18 abolish, transfer, and consolidate boards, commissions, and other statutorily-created entities  
 19 and make other changes as provided in this Act.

20 **Health Education Authority of Louisiana**

21 Section 2.(A) Chapter 21 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,  
 22 comprised of R.S. 17:3051 through 3060, is hereby repealed.

23 (B) R.S. 36:651(D)(10) is hereby repealed.

24 (C)(1) The commissioner of administration, notwithstanding any other provision of  
 25 law to the contrary, is hereby authorized and empowered to convey, transfer, assign, lease  
 26 or deliver the interest the state has to all or any portion of the following described parcel of  
 27 property to the state of Louisiana from the Health Education Authority of Louisiana, a body  
 28 corporate and public, constituting an instrumentality of the state of Louisiana:

29 The parking garage located at 300 Lasalle Street, New Orleans, Louisiana

1 which parking garage is bounded by Lasalle Street, Gravier Street, Perdido Street,  
2 and Duncan Plaza, in the Parish of Orleans, Louisiana, and all of the equipment,  
3 vehicles, supplies, books, records, documents, papers, monies, actions, or any other  
4 item of property, and the improvements thereon, both movable and immovable,  
5 heretofore owned, held, used, operated, or maintained by the Health Education  
6 Authority of Louisiana.

7 (2) The commissioner of administration is hereby authorized to enter into such  
8 documents, contracts, agreements, covenants, conditions, stipulations, or other instruments  
9 and to execute such documents as necessary to properly effectuate any conveyance, transfer,  
10 assignment, lease, or delivery of title, to the property described in Paragraph (C)(1) of this  
11 Section. The commissioner of administration is hereby granted the right, power, and  
12 authority to do, perform, and exercise for and on behalf of the Health Education Authority  
13 of Louisiana all of the executive and administrative functions provided for by the  
14 constitution or laws with respect to the Health Education Authority of Louisiana with respect  
15 to the property described in Paragraph (C)(1) of this Section, including the right to do,  
16 perform, and exercise for and on behalf of the authority all acts and things required to be  
17 done and performed in connections with the authorization and issuance of revenue bonds by  
18 the authority, and the powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities shall be transferred to  
19 the commissioner of administration as provided in Part IV of Chapter 22 of Title 36 of the  
20 Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, which provisions shall be applicable to the  
21 authority and to the property described in Paragraph (C)(1) of this Section in order to  
22 effectuate the purposes of this Section.

23 **St. Tammany Event Center District**

24 Section 3.(A) R.S. 47:302.26(C)(4) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
25 follows:

26 §302.26. Disposition of certain collections in St. Tammany Parish

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28 C. Beginning Fiscal Year 2012-2013, monies in the fund shall be subject to  
29 annual appropriation by the legislature and shall be allocated as follows:

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(4)(a) Recreation District No. 1 of St. Tammany Parish, nine percent.

~~(b) However, in any fiscal year in which bonds are issued for purposes of the St. Tammany Events Center District, and for each fiscal year thereafter, the nine percent allocation as provided for in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph shall be divided equally between Recreation District No. 1 and the St. Tammany Events Center District.~~

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(B) R.S. 33:4579 through 4579.5 are hereby repealed.

**Louisiana's I-12 Retirement District**

Section 4. Chapter 27-A of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 33:9039.1 through 9039.4, is hereby repealed.

**Board of Morgan City, Berwick Port Pilot Commissioners and Examiners**

Section 5. Part IV of Chapter 6 of Title 34 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 34:1101 through 1106, is hereby repealed.

**North Bossier Levee and Drainage District**

Section 6. R.S. 38:291(J) is hereby repealed.

**Red River, Atchafalaya River, and Bayou Boeuf Gravity Drainage District**

Section 7. Part IV of Chapter 7 of Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 38:1921, is hereby repealed.

**Bayou Desiard Lake Restoration Commission**

Section 8. Part XXXII of Chapter 13 of Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 38:3087.301 through 3087.314, is hereby repealed.

**Jackson Parish Industrial District**

Section 9. R.S. 39:551.10 is hereby repealed.

**Point of Rescue Task Force a/k/a Task Force on Abortion Information**

Section 10. R.S. 40:1061.16(F) is hereby repealed.

**River Region Cancer Screening and Early Detection District**

Section 11.(A) Part VII of Chapter 5-F of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes

1 of 1950, comprised of R.S. 40:1273.1 through 1273.8, is hereby repealed.

2 (B) R.S. 47:463.67 is hereby repealed.

3 **Parish Hospital Service District for Rapides Parish**

4 Section 12. Part III of Chapter 10 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of  
5 1950, comprised of R.S. 46:1081 through 1083, is hereby repealed.

6 **Louisiana Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys**

7 Section 13.(A) R.S. 36:4(X) is hereby repealed.

8 (B) Chapter 18 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of  
9 R.S. 49:1211 through 1213, is hereby repealed.

10 **Louisiana Innovation Council**

11 Section 14.(A) R.S. 51:2214(H) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

12 §2214. Governing board; authority; duties

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14 H. On or before January 1, 2015, and annually thereafter, the board shall  
15 submit to the House and Senate committees on education, the House **Committee on**  
16 **Commerce**, and ~~the Senate committees on commerce, and the Louisiana Innovation~~  
17 ~~Council~~ **Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International**  
18 **Affairs**, a report that addresses funding activities undertaken and performance  
19 outcomes by the MediFund in the most recent one-year period and any other  
20 information that the board deems appropriate to convey a clear understanding of the  
21 operations and impact of the MediFund on commercialization of bioscience research,  
22 improvement of health outcomes, number of new jobs created, grants, patents,  
23 spinoff companies, scientific discoveries, published research, and total economic  
24 benefit.

25 (B) R.S. 36:109(U) is hereby repealed.

26 (C) Chapter 40 of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of  
27 R.S. 51:2401, is hereby repealed.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by J. W. Wiley.

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## DIGEST

SB 319 Original

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Proposed law provides for the abolition of certain boards, commissions, authorities, and like entities; abolishes the functions and responsibilities of the entity, all as follows:

Health Education Authority of Louisiana: Present law provides that the authority will assist public and private institutions and organizations in the development of health care and education programs. Further the authority owns property in Orleans Parish. Proposed law abolishes the authority and provides for the transfer of the property to the state.

St. Tammany Event Center District: Present law creates the district to acquire, construct, and operate an events center and programs in St. Tammany Parish. Further provides for funding of the district. Proposed law abolishes the district and provides for the distribution of the funding.

Louisiana's I-12 Retirement District: Present law creates the district to research, study, develop, and implement plans and programs designed to promote the district as an area into which retirees or persons nearing retirement age may relocate. Proposed law abolishes the district.

Board of Morgan City, Berwick Port Pilot Commissioners and Examiners: Present law creates the board to regulate pilots, the Morgan City, Berwick Pilots Association, and masters and owners of vessels plying the navigable waters in the board's jurisdiction. Proposed law abolishes the board.

North Bossier Levee and Drainage District: Present law creates the district and provides for its jurisdictional boundaries. Proposed law abolishes the district.

Red River, Atchafalaya River, and Bayou Boeuf Gravity Drainage District: Present law creates the district to address the drainage problems affecting the geographical area located within the district. Proposed law abolishes the commission.

Bayou Desiard Lake Restoration Commission: Present law creates the commission to restore the management and protection of the water in certain portions of Bayou Desiard Lake. Proposed law abolishes the commission.

Jackson Parish Industrial District: Present law creates the district and provides for its membership. Proposed law abolishes the district and membership.

Point of Rescue Task Force a/k/a Task Force on Abortion Information: Present law creates the task force to assist in the preparation of printed and internet material for information on abortions. Proposed law abolishes the task force.

River Region Cancer Screening and Early Detection District: Present law creates the district to screen persons for cancer in its jurisdictional boundaries. Present law creates a prestige license plate for the district. Proposed law abolishes the district and removes the authority for the prestige license plate.

Parish Hospital Service District for Rapides Parish: Present law creates the district to construct or acquire a new general hospital facility in the parish or renovate an existing general hospital facility in the parish and provide for the operation of such facility. Proposed law abolishes the district.

Louisiana Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys: Present law creates the council to perform a systematic study of the conditions affecting black men and boys and to provide recommendations. Proposed law abolishes the council.

Louisiana Innovation Council: Present law creates the council with the mission to shape an innovation-based vision for Louisiana and coordinate activities in the statewide innovation agenda. Proposed law abolishes the council.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 47:302.26(C)(4) and R.S. 51:2214(H); repeals R.S. 17:3051-3060, R.S. 33:4579-4579.5 and 9039.1-9039.4, R.S. 34:1101-1106, R.S. 36:4(X), 109(U), and 651(D)(10), R.S. 38:291(J), 1921, and 3087.301-3087.314, R.S. 39:551.10, R.S. 40:1061.16(F) and 1273.1-1273.8, R.S. 46:1081-1083, R.S. 47:463.67, R.S. 49:1211-1213, and R.S. 51:2401)