

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 544

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

HEALTH CARE: Transfers powers and duties of the Nursing Supply and Demand Council and the Simulation Medical Training and Education Council to the Louisiana Health Works Commission

1 AN ACT

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

11 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

12 Section 1. R.S. 17:2048.51(B), (C)(9) and (14), and (G) are hereby amended and  
13 reenacted 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 workforce

1 development within various state departments and key organizations and to carry out  
2 those duties previously assigned to the Nursing Supply and Demand Council and the  
3 Simulation Medical Training and Education Council for Louisiana.

4 C. The following shall serve as members of the Louisiana Health Works  
5 Commission:

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7 (9) ~~The chairman of the Nursing Supply and Demand Council or his~~  
8 ~~designee~~ The president of the Louisiana State University System or his designee.

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

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

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

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

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

22 ~~(4)~~ (iv) The dean ~~of the School of Allied Health Professions at Louisiana or~~  
23 a staff member of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at  
24 Shreveport ~~or his designee for the commission.~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12                  (xiii) The president of the Louisiana State Nurses Association or his  
13 designee.

14                  H: (b) The executive committee shall:

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

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

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

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

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

1                   (a) A representative of Xavier School of Medicine.

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

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

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5           Section 2. R.S. 17:2048.61, Part IV-C of Chapter 9 of Title 17 of the Louisiana  
6   Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 17:2048.61, R.S. 36:651(L)(1)(b) and (c), and  
7   Subpart C of Part III of Chapter 11 of Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,  
8   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.

# DIGEST

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HB 544 Reengrossed

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Turner

**Abstract:** Abolishes the Nursing Supply and Demand Council and the Simulation Medical Training and Education Council for La. and provides for the La. Health Works Commission.

Present law creates the La. Health Works Commission (commission) and provides for its purpose, membership, and powers and duties.

Proposed law retains present law and adds to the duties that the commission will carry out the duties once assigned to the Nursing Supply and Demand Council and the Simulation Medical Training and Education Council for La.

Present law provides for the membership of the commission.

Proposed law adds two members to the commission.

Present law establishes an executive committee for the commission and provides for the composition of that committee.

Proposed law modifies the process for selecting a designee for certain members of the executive committee.

Proposed law creates two additional committees within the commission, the Nursing Supply and Demand Committee and the Simulation Medical Training and Education Committee, and provides for the composition of those committees.

Present law provides for the Simulation Medical Training and Education Council for La., its purpose, membership, and reporting requirements.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law provides for the Nursing Supply and Demand Council, its purpose, membership, and reporting requirements.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law places the Nursing Supply and Demand Council and the Simulation Medical Training and Education Council for La. within the Department of Education.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 17:2048.51(B), (C)(9) and (14), and (G); Repeals R.S. 17:2048.61, R.S. 36:651(L)(1)(b) and (c), and R.S. 37:1007)

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Add the president of the Louisiana State Nurses Association or his designee to the executive committee of the La. Health Works Commission.
2. Make technical changes.

#### The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Provide for the membership and appointing authority of the executive committee of the La. Health Works Commission.