

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB 544

2025 Regular Session

Turner

June 10, 2025

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 544 by Representative Turner, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

1. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by Senator Mizell (#1838) be rejected.
2. That the following amendments to the Reengrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete line 2 in its entirety and insert the following:

"To amend and reenact R.S. 17:2048.51(B), (C)(9), (10), and (20), and (G), to enact R.S. 17:2048.51(C)(14), and to repeal Part IV-C"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, delete line 12 and 13 in their entirety and insert the following:

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

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 19, change "health care" to "healthcare"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, delete lines 7 and 8 in their entirety and insert the following:

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

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

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

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

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AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, delete lines 22 through 24 in their entirety and insert the following:

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

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 3, delete lines 3 through 5 in their entirety and insert the following:

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

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 3, delete line 13 in its entirety and insert "designee for the commission."

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Christopher Turner

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Senator Patrick McMath

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Representative Dustin Miller

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Senator Beth Mizell

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Representative Wayne McMahan

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Senator Robert "Bob" Owen

## CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

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### **Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House**

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

### **Report rejects Senate amendments to:**

1. Clarify the membership of the La. Health Works Commission.
2. Make technical changes.

### **Report amends the bill to:**

1. Add the chairman of the Nursing Supply and Demand Committee or his designee to La. Health Works Commission.
2. Remove the president of the La. St. University System or his designee from the La. Health Works Commission.
3. Clarify the membership of the La. Health Works Commission.
4. Make technical changes.

### **Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee**

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 three 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.

Present law provides that the Nursing Supply and Demand Council is composed of members appointed from the following entities:

- (1) The Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurses Examiners.
- (2) The Louisiana State Board of Nursing.
- (3) The Louisiana Nursing Home Association.
- (4) The Louisiana State Nurses Association.
- (5) The Louisiana Hospital Association.
- (6) The Board of Regents.
- (7) The office of public health.
- (8) The Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.
- (9) The Louisiana Black Nurses Organization New Orleans, Louisiana.
- (10) The Louisiana Council of Administrators of Nursing Education.
- (11) The Louisiana Association of Nurse Anesthetists.
- (12) The Louisiana Organization of Nurse Executives.
- (13) The Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners.
- (14) The Louisiana Council of periOperative Registered Nurses Chapters.
- (15) The Louisiana School Nurses Organization.
- (16) The Southern University School of Nursing.

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 Dept. 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), (10), and (20), and (G); Adds R.S. 14:2048.51(C)(24); Repeals R.S. 17:2048.61, R.S. 36:651(L)(1)(b) and (c), and R.S. 37:1007)