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2021 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature Bills to Watch

<u>HB 20</u> **REP MIGUEZ** Prohibits the use of private funds to pay election-related expenses

SUPPORT STATUS: Vetoed by the Governor

HB 54 REP EDMONDS Ensures integrity in the process of adopting a child

SUPPORT STATUS: Pending Governor Signature

HB 103 REP MCCORMICK Prohibits civil liability for refusal to mandate a COVID-19 vaccination and

SUPPORT protects business permits and professional licenses from refusal for failure to refuse

to mandate a COVID-19 vaccination.

STATUS: Pending Governor Signature

HB 218 REP HUVAL Authorizes "baby boxes" under the Safe Haven Law to surrender a baby for adoption in a

SUPPORT safe location

STATUS: Pending Governor Signature

HB 280 REP EDMONDS School Choice - revises eligibility criteria for school participation in the Student

SUPPORT Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program and removes the program enrollment cap

(20%) applicable to certain schools.

STATUS: Sent to Governor

HB 349 REP EDMONSTON Prohibits the office of motor vehicles from including vaccination verification or immunity

status on a driver's license or state identification card and from using such records for the issuance, renewal, or revocation of a driver's license or state identification card. See also

HB 103, HB 498, and SB 198.

STATUS: Pending Governor Signature

HB 352 REP HODGES Requires further instruction on the nation's founding principles in required American

history and civics courses in public schools.

STATUS: Failed in Conference Committee

HB 357 **REP CREWS** Increases the amount of information regarding minors required for abortion reporting.

SUPPORT STATUS: Pending Governor Signature

HB 416 REP HODGES Requires instruction regarding World War II and the Holocaust for middle and high school

students and training for teachers relative to such instruction.

STATUS: Failed Senate final passage

HB 423 REP EMERSON Expanded information required in abortion reporting for statistical purposes.

SUPPORT STATUS: Pending Governor Signature

HB 498 REP EDMONSTON Prohibits government personnel and agencies from discriminating against persons based on

vaccination or immunity status.

STATUS: Pending Governor Signature

HB 531 REP PRESSLY Beefing up duties and responsibilites of the Massage Therapy Board to more adequately

address illicit massage parlors and human trafficking.

STATUS: Pending Governor Signature

HB 564 REP GAROFALO SUPPORT STATUS:	Prohibits training provided to students or employees in grades K-12 which teaches, advocates, acts upon, or promotes divisive concepts relative to race and sex in any schools receiving state funding. Failed in House Education
HB 578 REP AMEDEE SUPPORT STATUS:	Requires abortionist to disclose to patient that abortion drug may be reversible. Pending Governor Signature
HB 704 REP HODGES SUPPORT STATUS:	Deals with poll watchers and commissioners Pending Governor Signature
HCR 5 REP MCCORMICK SUPPORT STATUS:	Religious freedom during declared emergencies such as COVID 19. Passed the House; Passed the Senate (Governor signature not required)
SB 118 SEN MORRIS SUPPORT STATUS:	Wherever a person can open carry a firearm they can conceal carry a firearm without a permit over the age of 21. Sent to Governor
SB 156 SEN MIZELL SUPPORT STATUS:	Prohibits a team designated for females, girls, or women from being open to students who are not biologically female. Sent to Governor
SB 170 SEN JOHNS SUPPORT STATUS:	Centralizes state's human trafficking efforts in the office of the Governor. Sent to Governor
MULTIPLE SUPPORT STATUS:	Election Reform: SB 221, HB 167, HB 138, SB 219, SB 224, SBB63, HB 388, SB 64, HB 141, HB 20, SB 220 All are part of a package of bills designed to improve the integrity of elections in our state. Most are pending on the Governor's desk
HB 67 REP LANDRY OPPOSE STATUS:	Decriminalization of prostitution and commercial sex. Failed in House Administration of Criminal Justice
HB 137 REP DUPLESSIS OPPOSE STATUS:	Reduces the number of employees required as part of contract with land based casino. Tax break for Harrah's Pending Governor Signature
HB 282 REP FREEMAN OPPOSE STATUS:	Prohibits housing discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. Failed in House Commerce
HB 353 REP LANDRY OPPOSE STATUS:	Expands background checks to private transfers of firearms. Failed in House Administration of Criminal Justice
HB 391 REP MAGEE OPPOSE STATUS:	Medical marijuana in raw form - smoking medical marijuana Sent to Governor
HB 697 REP STEFANSKI OPPOSE STATUS:	Regulation and taxation of sports betting through the Lottery Signed by the Governor - Act 80
HB 699 REP NELSON OPPOSE STATUS:	Decriminalization of recreational marijuana Failed in the Hosue

HB 702 OPPOSE	REP DUBUISSON STATUS:	Referendum in St. Tammany Parish on landbased casino in Slidell Sent to Governor
HB 709 OPPOSE	REP NEWELL STATUS:	Provides for the regulation of the cultivation, manufacturing, and retail sale of cannabis and cannabis products. Failed House final passage
HR 136	REP JAMES	A study on advantages of decriminalized prostitution.
OPPOSE	STATUS:	Failed House final passage
SB 10 OPPOSE	SEN FIELDS	Lowers compulsory education from 7 to 5 years of age. As amended, parents can select pre-K for their children at age 5.
	STATUS:	Pending Governor Signature
SB 209 OPPOSE	SEN SMITH	"Historic horse racing" machines at off track betting sites: machines similar to slot machines
	STATUS:	Pending Governor Signature
SB 247 OPPOSE	SEN CORTEZ	Regulation of sports betting previously approved on a parish by parish basis by the voters. Will allow sports betting on mobile devices, in bars and restaurants around the state as well as in other gambling venues.
	STATUS:	Pending Governor Signature

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