

STATE NEWS

Governor's Office of Native American Indian Affairs March 2024

Governor Jeff Landry welcomed the Native American commission. He recognizes the importance and diversity of the Louisiana tribes.

Native American Day at The Capitol. May 7, 2024. Please mark your calendar, we are planning the event now and need volunteers, dancers, and drivers. The event will be held at the Veteran's Memorial Park in Baton Rouge @9:00-4:00. The park has a covered area in case it rains, and we also have the outside park. Please come in your Ribbon shirt/Tribal T-shirt or regalia, if you're interested in going, please email deb@adaination.com for questions, information or volunteering.

American 250 Appointment- This is a committee working to celebrate Americans 250 birthday next July. Since our state has a large Native Indian population, we have been asked to sit with this committee. All the cities in Louisiana will be having celebrations. The Committee is also sponsoring the America Field Trip contest for youth ages 3rd to 12th grade for a 3day two night vacation to a historical site with a chaperon, covering air and lodging for 2 people. Deadline is May 17, 2024, Twenty-five winners from each grade. Students need to submit artwork, video, or essay answers to this question. "What does America mean to you?" For more info america250.org

Louisiana www.idh@la.gov Office of Behavioral Health informed the commission about their 988-crisis line to help someone get through a hard time, this crisis line is manned by Louisianans that will listen and help with assistance. Areas covered are mental health, children's health, substance abuse and recovery and suicide.

Louisiana wellahead@la.gov Bureau of Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Care Assess will help find a rural doctor for your community and addresses the burdens of chronic disease.

Scholarship-The state will be advertising the Native American License Plates with commission members having apart in the state advertised video.

Native American Student Advisory Committee, we need two students from our tribe, high school, or college to come together over zoom meetings with students from the other tribes. Discussing how to make education better at their current grade level, The ups and downs of being student, problems and bullying, communication, and solutions.

Office Strategic Plan and Demographic Data- Statistics of the Native American Tribes: we analyzed Native American data in education, household, unemployed, high school dropout, medium income, age, receiving benefits, retired, vehicles and voting. Through

this data 7 areas of need were established: Workforce development, Disaster Response and Recovery Assistance, Education, Broadband, Economic Development, Healthcare, and Infrastructure, Director Vidrine has submitted our budget, and I am hoping to be able to see this vision become a reality.

MMIWC- Murdered Missing Indigenous Women and Children is a task force that was started last year. This task force will be changed into a commission or an agency for the safety of native women and children. We are proud that our Jordan Butler will continue sitting on this committee.

The Commission is following these bills in the House and the Senate. Please review and if you agree or don't agree please call or email your Senator or Congressman to let them know how you feel. Information on the bills or your representatives www.legis.la.gov

We will be Tracking these House Bills and Senate Bills.

	TRACKING these Bills 2024 Regular Session House Resolutions
HB-4	Provides for an increase in wireless service for 911 services provided by the Terrebonne Parish Communications District.
HB-8	Prohibits the use of an appeals process for certain students who fail to pass state-administered test required for high school graduation.
HB-25	Provides for liability relative to the administration of COVID-19 Vaccinations
HB-46	Provides that no person shall be required to receive a Covid-19 vaccine as a condition of enrollment or attendance at any public or nonpublic school
HB-66	Creates and provides for a program to provide state funding for the education of students with exceptionalities not enrolled in public school
HB-68	Lowers the ACT score required for the initial qualification for a Taylor Opportunity Program for Students award for students who complete approved home study programs
HB-70	Lowers the ACT score required for the initial qualification for a Taylor Opportunity Program for Students award for students who complete approved home study programs Part Two
HB-71	Requires the display of the ten commandments in public school.
HB-75	Provides qualifications for the title insurance producers
HB-76	Prohibits the restraint of the practice of medicine in contracts and agreements

HB-80	Authorizes transportation network companies to provide nonemergency medical transportation services through the state Medicaid program
HB-84	(Constitutional Amendment) Provides state supplemental pay to local emergency medical services practitioners
HB-88	Provides for the venue for actions involving certain insurers
HB-93	Provides relative to access to birth certificates
HB-94	Provides relative to access to birth certificates and state identification for children leaving custody of the office of juvenile justice
HB-96	Provides for a property assessed clean energy loan program
HB-100	Provides relative to jurisdiction of city and parish courts over eviction proceedings
HB-144	Prohibits issuance of property insurance policies relative to unimproved land and replacement costs of improvements on immovable property
HB-163	Provides for an increase in membership to the investment advisory board of the Cameron Parish Sherriff's Office
HB-164	Provides for exceptions to the abortion laws of this state relative to rape and incest.
HB-195	Transfers the Louisiana Tax Commission from the office of the governor to the department of Revenue.
HB-198	Provides for adoption of a medical fee reimbursement schedule for workers compensation. HB 199 Prohibits insurance rate determination based on risk classified by gender
HB-218	Authorizes Caddo Parish Fire District No. Four to levy a sales and use tax
HB-242	Provides for a five percent insurance rate reduction for motor vehicles with a dashboard camera
HB-234	Provides relative to employment discrimination based on gender identity and sexual orientation
HB-236	Provides for evaluations in child custody proceedings
HB-247	Provides relative to criminal penalties for accepting overpayment of unemployment benefits
HB-260	Limits types of food purchases with supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits
HB-341	Provides relative to motor vehicles and energy sources for motor vehicles

HB-521	Prohibits the use of genetic information relative to life and long-term care insurance
HB-536	Increases the in-house cap construction projects by the department of Wildlife and Fisheries
HB-549	Provides relative to initial eligibility requirements for a Taylor Opportunity Program for Students Award for home school students
HB-645	Moves responsibility for the collection of the electric and hybrid vehicle fee from the Department of Revenue to the office of motor vehicles
HB-657	Provides relative to the membership, powers and duties, and reporting requirements of the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana
HB-662	Provides for awarding high school diplomas in certain circumstances
HB-717	Provides relative to the French Commerce Act
HB-720	Provides relative to distribution of fentanyl under certain circumstances
HB-480	Tax/Income Tax Provides relative to income tax withholding on gaming winnings(or no impact GF RV see Note.)
	Tracking these Senate Bills Senate Regular Session 2024
SB-277	Authorizes the transfer of certain state property in Allen Parish.
SB-31	Increases survivor benefits for dependent children of fireman and law enforcement officers
SB-40	Provides relative to seafood safety
SB-50	Prohibits certain persons from wagering on sports events
SB-59	Requires student athletes access to mental health counseling at educational institutions
SB-62	Provides relative to seafood safety
SB-66	Provides for a mandatory five-day school week for public schools.
SB-71	Authorizes the transfer of certain state property in Allen Parish
SB-72	Exempts students with dyslexia from certain literacy examinations and provides for alternative progress monitoring tests
SB-74	Prohibits the use of certain information in automobile insurance underwriting

SB-77	Provides for the filiation of children (filiation: Judicial determination of the paternity of a nonmarital child for the purpose of compelling support)
SB-100	Provides health insurance coverage for certain injectable drugs
SB-106	Provides Relative to obesity treatment
SB-107	Creates the crime of possessing, trafficking, or importing a child sex doll SB 154 Provides Relative to Medicare. SB 166 Provides relative to seafood safety
SB-195	Provides relative to work requirements within the supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
SB-196	Provides relative to program integrity in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
SB-252	Requires city, parish and other local public-school boards to adopt and implement a program to facilitate behavior health intervention and referral for treatment
SB-273	Provides for bait shrimp
SB-299	Provides relative to right to work policies
SB-314	Provides tuition and fee exemptions at public postsecondary education institutions for Louisiana women of certain age.
SB-323	Provides for fair claims processing
SB-367	Provides for the boards and commissions within the Department of Insurance

