

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 544

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:2048.51(B), (C)(9), (10), and (20), and (G), to enact R.S.  
3 17:2048.51(C)(14), and to repeal Part IV-C of Chapter 9 of Title 17 of the Louisiana  
4 Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 17:2048.61, R.S. 36:651(L)(1)(b) and  
5 (c), and Subpart C of Part III of Chapter 11 of Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised  
6 Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 37:1007, relative to health care workforce  
7 development; to provide for the Louisiana Health Works Commission; to provide for  
8 its membership; to provide for committees of the commission; to abolish the Nursing  
9 Supply and Demand Council; to abolish the Simulation Medical Training and  
10 Education Council for Louisiana; and to provide for related matters.

11 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

12 Section 1. R.S. 17:2048.51(B), (C)(9), (10), and (20), and (G) are hereby amended  
13 and reenacted and R.S. 17:2048.51(C)(14) is hereby enacted 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~~ healthcare  
20 workforce development within various state departments and key organizations and  
21 to carry out those duties previously assigned to the Nursing Supply and Demand  
22 Council and the Simulation Medical Training and Education Council for Louisiana.

1 C. The following shall serve as members of the Louisiana Health Works  
2 Commission:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17                  (xiii) The president of the Louisiana State Nurses Association or his designee  
 18                  for the commission.

19                  H: (b) The executive committee shall:

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

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

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

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

