

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 648

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS

PUBLIC MEETINGS: Provides relative to attendance at meetings of public bodies

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 42:17.2(F)(2) and 17.2.1(A), relative to public bodies; to
3 provide for the participation of certain people during public meetings; to provide for
4 participation by a parent or legal guardian of a child under the age of five and a
5 provider of early childhood supports or services; to provide for exceptions for
6 certain meetings of certain public bodies; to provide for the participation of certain
7 members of public bodies during public meetings; and to provide for related
8 matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 42:17.2(F)(2) and 17.2.1(A) are hereby amended and reenacted to
11 read as follows:

12 §17.2. Exception for certain meetings of certain public bodies

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16 (2) Any public body that is strictly advisory or that primarily focuses on
17 issues dealing with disabilities, ~~or assisting military families,~~ or issues related to
18 families with children under the age of five years old may conduct successive
19 meetings via electronic means without limitation and shall, to the extent practicable,
20 publish a schedule of its meetings indicating which upcoming meetings will be
21 conducted via electronic means and which will be conducted only in person.

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(Amends R.S. 42:17.2(F)(2), and 17.2.1(A))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Remove proposed law provisions that would allow a parent or a legal guardian of a child under the age of 5 or a provider of early childhood supports or services to participate in a meeting of a public body via teleconference, video conference, or other alternative methods.