

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB 54

2022 Regular Session

Bagley

June 6, 2022

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. 54 by Representative Bagley, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

- 1. That the set of Senate Committee Amendments by the Senate Committee on Judiciary C (#4127) be adopted.
- 2. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by Senator Peacock (#4486) be rejected.
- 3. That the following amendments to the Reengrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 9, after "of" and before "vaccination" change "COVID-19" to "COVID"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 4, after "a" and before "vaccine" insert "COVID"

Respectfully submitted,

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Senator Franklin J. Foil

Representative Ryan Joseph Bourriaque

Senator Barry Milligan

Representative Joseph A. Marino, III

Senator Barrow Peacock

DIGEST

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Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House

CRIME/MISDEMEANOR: Creates the crime of discrimination based on vaccination status

Report adopts Senate amendments to:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Change the criminal offense to civil action.
3. Exclude private educational institutions.
4. Include liability of government entity or public educational institution for damages, reasonable court costs, and attorney fees.

Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:

1. Clarified that proposed law applies only to COVID-19 vaccines.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Change the term "COVID-19" to "COVID".

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Proposed law prohibits banning entry onto the premises of a governmental entity or public educational institution based on COVID vaccination status.

Proposed law provides that a government entity or public educational institution found to be in violation of proposed law shall be liable for damages, including reasonable court costs and attorney fees.

Proposed law provides an exemption for healthcare providers enrolled in Medicare or Medicaid who are subject to fines or penalties for noncompliance with federal rules and regulations.

(Adds R.S. 9:2800.25.1)