

# Report: HB 1 Preamble Page 3, Section 3.A, Paragraph D

*Report by the Louisiana Department of Health regarding outside legal counsel for representation in an action against another agency*

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*Legal Representation Report – Actions against Other Agencies*

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## Louisiana Department of Health / Report of Outside Legal Counsel for Action Against Another Agency.

House Bill 1 by Representative Jerome Zeringue was signed into law by Governor John Bel Edwards and became Act 199 of the 2022 Regular Session, with an effective date of July 1, 2022. The preamble to HB 1 (See Page 3, Section 3.A, Paragraph D) requires each agency which has contracted with outside legal counsel for representation in an action against another agency, to submit a detailed quarterly report of all litigation costs incurred and payable; this report is to be submitted to the Commissioner of Administration, the legislative committee charged with oversight of that agency, and to JLCB.

Report of the Louisiana Department of Health for October 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022:

LDH has not contracted with outside legal counsel for representation in an action against another agency.<sup>i</sup>

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<sup>i</sup> *The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) notes that there was a lawsuit filed by a member of the legislature and the Louisiana Office of the Attorney General against LDH, regarding an LDH rule involving vaccines; these entities are not considered “another state agency” in the context of the Preamble language. However, should the Legislature or the Commissioner of Administration want to request information on litigation expenses/costs resulting from that lawsuit, please contact Kimberly Humbles, LDH General Counsel, at (225) 342-2556.*