



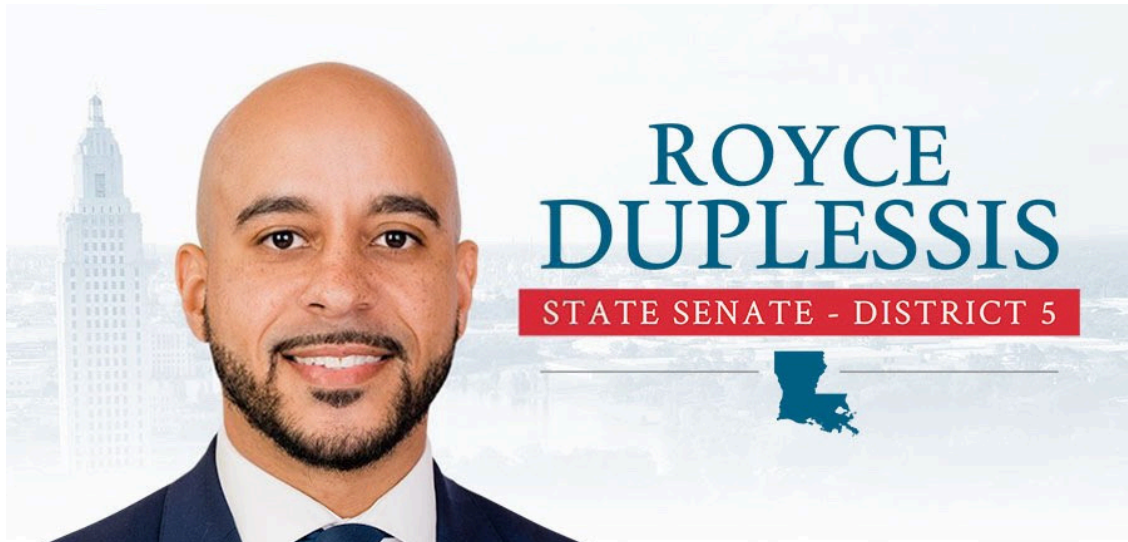
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Out one session, into another!

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In case you missed it: Last week, [I announced I am running](#) for the vacated Senate District 5 seat. You can contribute to my campaign at royceduplessis.link/donate.

Ricky,

Governor John Bel Edwards has called a special session to redraw Louisiana's congressional map after courts found it was racially gerrymandered.

Although the regular legislative session just ended, another special redistricting session will begin this Wednesday, June 15th, at noon. As it has been for the past year, this remains a top priority for me. The 2020 census showed one-third of Louisiana's residents are Black, which calls for two of our six congressional districts to be majority-minority. **This is simple math.**

Federal court has already declared the map unconstitutional, and we have a duty to correct this. However, some of my colleagues are paying private lawyers \$60k (PER MONTH) in taxpayer money to continue defending a map that the Court has declared illegal. This is unacceptable. **We must pass fair maps now.**

[Help us gain a second majority-minority district by contacting state legislators.](#)

I also [joined several colleagues in urging Gov. Edwards to veto legislation](#) which would criminalize reproductive healthcare even in the case of rape or incest. This is unconscionable. Even the White House has called these measures extreme.

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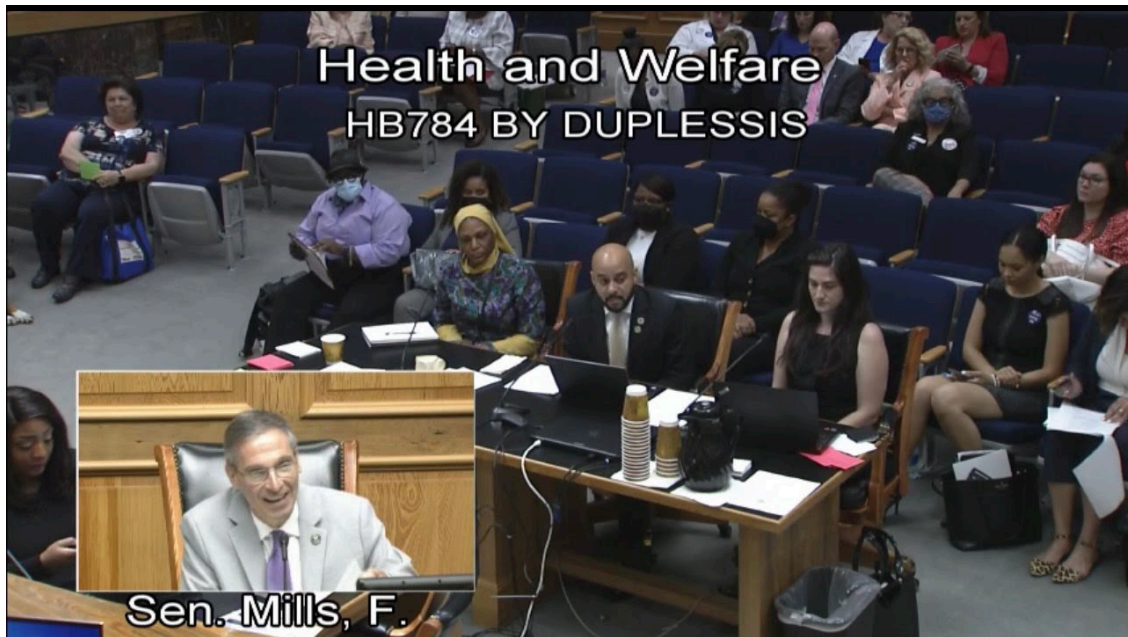
The 2022 Regular Legislative Session came to an end last week.

Thank you to the advocates who came to the Capitol to testify in committee and called or emailed legislators to support legislation I offered. We were able to make significant progress on mental health, women's perinatal care, smarter criminal justice policies, and much more. Here is some of what we accomplished this session:

Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorders Act

House Bill 784 has been signed by Governor Edwards. The bill requires that a healthcare provider, who is providing pediatric care to an infant, to screen the caregiver for perinatal mood and anxiety disorders or related mental health disorders if they believe that the screening would be in the best interest of the patient.

You can learn more about House Bill 784 [HERE](#).



K-12 Mental Health Instruction

House Bill 981 requires K-12 schools to integrate preventive mental health measures by integrating the relationship between mental health and physical health. It asks K-12 schools to create curriculum to educate students on brain health, emotional health, identifying trauma and stress, and the impact of trauma and stress on mental health and physical health.

The legislation is awaiting action from Governor Edwards.

You can learn more about HB 981 [HERE](#).

Restricting Solitary Confinement in Juvenile Facilities

House Bill 746 makes it illegal for the Louisiana Office of Juvenile Justice to use solitary confinement for young people for more than eight hours at a time. It would also require the agency to track the use of isolation in its facilities and to notify parents when their children are placed in solitary.

The legislation is awaiting action from Governor Edwards.

You can learn more about HB 746 [HERE](#).



Employment Opportunities for Returning Residents

House Bill 334 has been signed by Governor John Bel Edwards. The bill allows residents convicted of non-violent offenses to be hired as a peer support specialist by a licensed behavioral health services provider.

The legislation will go into effect on August 1st.

You can learn more about HB 334 [HERE](#).

Expanding Access to Mental Health Services

House Bill 335 expands the definition of "gravely disabled" to include a person who is unable to protect themselves from serious physical harm or significant psychiatric deterioration.

The legislation is awaiting action from Governor Edwards.

You can learn more about HB 335 [HERE](#).



Louis Armstrong Park Authority and Historic Jazz District

House Bill 732 allows for state-level protection of the Louis Armstrong Park Authority and Historic Jazz District.

The legislation is awaiting action from Governor Edwards.

You can learn more about HB 732 [HERE](#).

BioDistrict New Orleans

House Bill 797 changes the biodistrict boundaries and prohibits the district or any subdistrict from acquiring property by expropriation or from exercising any power of eminent domain. This bill will also mean increased opportunities for our community through developments centered around modernizing our economy.

The legislation is awaiting action from Governor Edwards.

You can learn more about HB 797 [HERE](#).

Limiting the Release of Mugshots Before Conviction

House Bill 729 limits the use of an individual's pre-conviction mugshot if arrested for a nonviolent offense. Law enforcement will still be able to

release mugshots of those accused of sex crimes, offenses against minors, and others arrested for violent crimes.

The legislation is awaiting action from Governor Edwards.

You can learn more about HB 729 [HERE](#).

Ethics

House Bill 679 Extends the time the Board of Ethics has to notify an elected official regarding deficiencies in disclosure statements regarding certain transactions from 10 days after receipt of the statement to no later than the second regularly scheduled meeting of the board following receipt of the statement.

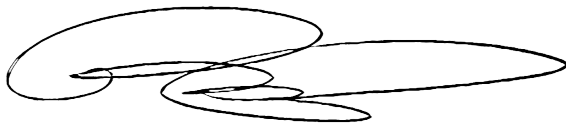
The legislation is awaiting action from Governor Edwards.

You can learn more about HB 679 [HERE](#).

We were able to make progress on so many issues this legislative session, and **I look forward to bringing back my bill for automated expungements next session.** If you want to learn more about other legislation that I authored click [HERE](#).

I believe we are at a critical point in the continued growth development of our state, and **it's time for less rhetoric and more results to help people thrive.** We must continue to take action on increasing public safety, creating more jobs with living wages, investing in streets and drainage, protecting women's health, advocating for our vulnerable LGBTQ+ youth, and so much more.

Sincerely,



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Representative - District 93

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