



### **2022 Policy Statements**

#### **Early Childhood Care and Education**

Ellevate requests funding of at least \$50 million into the Early Childhood Education Fund for FY2022 as well as the additional \$44 million for early care and education in the FY2023 Executive Budget.

#### **Statewide Broadband**

Ellevate supports the efforts of the Office of Broadband and Development to provide statewide access.

#### **Long Term Care**

Ellevate supports requiring improvements to the safety of our long-term care facilities and requesting LDH to study options for delaying institutionalization of frail elders.

#### **Behavioral Health**

Ellevate supports funding for crisis stabilization for fiscal year 2023 and requiring the screening of new mothers for perinatal depression and mood disorders.

#### **Telehealth**

Ellevate supports legislation that strengthens and broadens the use of telehealth and telemedicine services.

#### **Women's Health**

Ellevate supports the creation of an office of women's health to study and coordinate issues of aging, maternal health, behavioral health, violence and disease prevention.

#### **Domestic Violence**

Ellevate opposes legislation that moves Louisiana backwards in terms of victims' rights and protections.

#### **Healthcare Workforce Shortage**

Ellevate supports efforts to alleviate shortages of health care professionals through apprenticeships, continuing education, and K-12 career readiness programs.

#### **Data Sharing for Evaluating Career Readiness Educational Programs**

Ellevate supports allowing the Louisiana Workforce Commission to track wage outcomes beyond high school to evaluate the impact of K-12 career readiness programs.

#### **Occupational Licensing Reform: Making It Easier to Work**

Ellevate supports bipartisan efforts to challenge and evaluate Louisiana's occupational licensing requirements.

#### **Centralizing Sales Tax Collection**

Ellevate supports efforts to simplify Louisiana's sales tax collection system in a manner that is fair to all parties.

#### **Economic Development Renewals**

Ellevate supports the renewal of the Competitive Projects Payroll Incentive and Louisiana Quality Jobs Programs.

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