

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 214

BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN

VACCINES/VACCINATION: Requests the attorney general to investigate whether certain corporations violated any laws in the production, distribution, or sale of COVID-19 vaccinations

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the attorney general of the state of Louisiana to investigate whether  
3 Pfizer, Inc., Moderna, Inc., Johnson & Johnson, and associated entities violated any  
4 state or federal laws while operating in the state of Louisiana with regard to the  
5 promotion, distribution, or sale of COVID-19 vaccines or vaccine boosters.

6 WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic officially began in the winter of 2020 in the  
7 United States; and

8 WHEREAS, the pandemic was the first of its kind to hit the United States and  
9 Louisiana in over a century; and

10 WHEREAS, the pandemic caused great societal disruption in the state of Louisiana;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, a significant effort in the United States went into finding treatment for  
13 citizens who were infected by the virus; and

14 WHEREAS, large manufacturers of medical treatments, vaccines, and drugs were  
15 heavily involved in the creation of treatments and inoculations against the vaccine; and

16 WHEREAS, the public health and public safety should have been the primary focal  
17 points for the promotion, distribution, and or sale of vaccines and vaccine boosters  
18 developed to confront and treat the COVID-19 virus; and

19 WHEREAS, there were significant efforts by public and private entities in promoting  
20 and distributing the COVID-19 family of vaccines and vaccine boosters; and

1           WHEREAS, the citizens of the state of Louisiana deserve the right to full disclosure  
2 of the actions of providers of the COVID-19 family of vaccines and boosters in terms of  
3 accountability and performance within the limitations of the law; and

4           WHEREAS, efforts to manufacture, distribute, and promote all COVID-19 vaccine  
5 products were publicly funded; and

6           WHEREAS, under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act, all  
7 COVID-19 vaccine manufacturers, distributors, and providers are immune from federal civil  
8 liability.

9           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
10 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the attorney general to investigate the  
11 actions of pharmaceutical companies and to review the actions of the companies and  
12 associated entities to determine if all involved followed the letter and spirit of the laws of  
13 the United States and the state of Louisiana with regard to the promotion, distribution, and  
14 sale of the COVID-19 family of vaccines and vaccine boosters since the beginning of the  
15 COVID-19 pandemic.

16           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the attorney general shall report her findings and  
17 recommendations to the House of Representatives by March 1, 2025.

18           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the attorney general shall submit one print copy  
19 and one electronic copy of any report produced pursuant to this Resolution to the David R.  
20 Poynter Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:772.

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#### DIGEST

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Requests the attorney general of the state of Louisiana to investigate the actions of certain pharmaceutical companies with regard to the promotion, distribution, and sale of the COVID-19 family of vaccines and vaccine boosters since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic and report the findings prior to March 1, 2025.