

Southcentral Section Fall 2023

Legislative Report

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Louisiana –

- House Bill 398 passed – Requires each person being transported offshore by aircraft wear a life jacket equipped with a personal locator beacon
- This pertains to oil and gas workers

Federal –

- HR3935 – Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act passed the House in July
- Its companion bill in the Senate (S1939) – The FAA reauthorization Act of 2023 is stuck in committee.
- These reauthorization bills include increasing the mandatory retirement age for commercial pilots from 65 to 67 but discussions continue about language regarding pilot training standards.
- Also President Biden has nominated Michael Whitaker to be the FAA administrator