

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 242****2021 Regular Session****Dustin Miller**

HOMELAND SECURITY: Establishes the Louisiana Commission on Security for the Faith Community

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Changes the name of the commission from the La. Commission on Security for the Faith Community to the La. Nonprofit Safety and Security Commission.
2. Changes the purpose of the commission from "the security needs of the faith community to "the security needs of nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terrorists attacks."
3. Changes the membership of the commission.
4. Changes the name of the fund from the "Security Grant Program Fund" to the "Louisiana Nonprofit Safety and Security Grant Program Fund."

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Proposed law establishes the La. Commission on Nonprofit Safety and Security within the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) to study and make recommendations on the security needs of nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terrorist attacks in La.

Proposed law provides for the purpose, membership, duties, and authority of the commission, including recommendations on the establishment, administration, and funding of a grant program for eligible entities to apply for security grants covering security personnel, security training, facility hardening, and other necessary security measures.

Proposed law requires the commission to issue a report, at least annually, to GOHSEP of its findings and recommendations with respect to the security status and needs of nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terrorist attacks in La.

Proposed law directs GOHSEP to establish a grant program through which eligible nonprofit organizations can apply for and receive grants to defray the cost of security enhancements or measures including safety and security planning, equipment, training, and technology, threat and awareness response training, upgrades to existing structures that enhance safety and security, vulnerability and threat assessments, and security personnel.

Proposed law establishes the La. Nonprofit Safety and Security Grant Program Fund, administered by GOHSEP, for the purposes of the security grant program established pursuant to proposed law.

Proposed law requires GOHSEP to adopt any regulations or rules, pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, necessary to implement the security grant program and to administer the La. Nonprofit Safety and Security Grant Program Fund.

(Adds R.S. 29:726.5 and 726.5.1)