

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 493

BY REPRESENTATIVE CONNICK

PUBLIC SFTY/DEPARTMENT: Transfers the Crescent City Connection police from DOTD to DPS&C

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:820.5.2(F)(7), to enact R.S. 36:408(B)(4) and R.S. 40:1379.9,  
3 and to repeal R.S. 35:408 and R.S. 48:1101.1, relative to the Crescent City  
4 Connection police; to provide for the transfer of the Crescent City Connection police  
5 from the Department of Transportation and Development to the Department of  
6 Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services; and to provide for related  
7 matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 36:408(B)(4) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §408. Offices; purposes and functions

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12 B.

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14 (4) Within the office of state police there shall be the Crescent City  
15 Connection Police Force (R.S. 40:1379.9) which shall perform the functions and the  
16 duties of the state related to the Crescent City Connection Bridge as provided by law  
17 and department rules and regulations.

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1 Section 2. R.S. 40:1379.9 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

2 §1379.9. Crescent City Connection police

3 A. The Crescent City Connection Police is hereby created within the  
4 Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police. The deputy  
5 secretary for public safety services may, at his discretion, appoint, fix salaries of, and  
6 pay bridge police in accordance with Department of State Civil Service regulations.  
7 The deputy secretary may make and amend rules and regulations for the conduct,  
8 management, and control of such police.

9 B.(1) Persons hired shall be at least eighteen years of age and of good  
10 character. All persons appointed as police officers under this Section shall complete  
11 and graduate from a training program as approved and accredited as provided in R.S.  
12 40:2401 et seq., entitled: Peace Officer Standards and Training Law. Each police  
13 officer so appointed shall furnish bond in accordance with law in a sum to be fixed  
14 by the secretary. Such bond shall be conditioned on the faithful performance of the  
15 police officer's duties, and any person injured or damaged by such police officer may  
16 sue upon said bond.

17 (2)(a) Crescent City Connection police shall have, under the direction and  
18 control of the secretary, the same powers to make arrests and the power to execute  
19 and return all warrants and processes as sheriffs of the parishes of Jefferson and St.  
20 Bernard and police officers of the city of New Orleans and the cities of Gretna and  
21 Westwego in and upon the Mississippi River Bridge Authority's property occupied  
22 by the Crescent City Connection, the Huey P. Long Bridge, the Westbank  
23 Expressway, and the ferries and the public ways contiguous thereto. Such police  
24 officers, under the same direction and control of the secretary, shall have all other  
25 powers of sheriffs of the parishes of Jefferson and St. Bernard and police officers of  
26 the city of New Orleans and the cities of Gretna and Westwego as peace officers,  
27 in all places and on all premises under the jurisdiction and control of the Crescent  
28 City Connection, the Huey P. Long Bridge, the Westbank Expressway, and the  
29 ferries and the public ways contiguous thereto.

1            (b) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Subsection, the jurisdiction  
2            of the Crescent City Connection police on the Pontchartrain Expressway shall not  
3            extend beyond the South Broad Street Overpass in the city of New Orleans and the  
4            jurisdiction of the Crescent City Connection police on the Westbank Expressway  
5            shall not extend beyond the western most convergence of the Westbank Expressway  
6            and U.S. Highway 90; however, the jurisdiction of the Crescent City Connection  
7            police on the westbank of the Mississippi River shall include the area bounded on the  
8            north by General Meyer Avenue, on the south by the Magellan Canal, on the west  
9            by Shirley Drive, and on the east by Pace Boulevard.

10           (c) The Crescent City Connection police shall exercise concurrent police  
11           jurisdiction with the sheriff of the parish of Jefferson and the police chiefs of the  
12           cities of Gretna and Westwego under the provisions of this Section unless the sheriff  
13           of the parish of Jefferson and the police chiefs of the cities of Gretna and Westwego  
14           give written notification that such concurrent police jurisdiction is terminated by that  
15           law enforcement agency as to the exercise of concurrent jurisdiction within its law  
16           enforcement jurisdiction.

17           (3) In an emergency situation, at the request of a sheriff, chief of police,  
18           officer, chief executive officer of any of the above-named municipalities, or the  
19           governing authority of any of the above-named parishes, the Crescent City  
20           Connection police shall have the above-conferred powers throughout the geographic  
21           limits of such parish or city until such time as the requesting authority has certified  
22           that the emergency is over. An emergency situation declared under the provisions  
23           of this Paragraph shall not last more than ten days unless the extension of the  
24           emergency situation is approved by a majority of the legislative delegation  
25           representing Orleans, Jefferson, and St. Bernard Parishes.

26           (4) No person appointed as a police officer pursuant to this Section shall  
27           receive any state supplemental pay.

28           C. Any persons arrested by police officers appointed under this Section and  
29           the return of all warrants or processes served by said officers shall be surrendered or



Present law provides that Crescent City Connection police may be appointed as ex officio notaries.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Proposed law provides that funding for the Crescent City Connection police shall be transferred from DOTD to DPS&C.

(Amends R.S. 47:820.5.2(F)(7); Adds R.S. 36:408(B)(4) and R.S. 40:1379.9; Repeals R.S. 35:408 and R.S. 48:1101.1)