
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2018 Regular Session

Substitute for Original House Bill No. 481 by Representative Carpenter as proposed by the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs

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To enact R.S. 33:4570.5, relative to the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge; to provide relative to the powers and duties of the commission; to provide for additional duties and responsibilities with respect to the Baton Rouge Zoo; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of Louisiana.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 33:4570.5 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§4570.5. Baton Rouge Zoo; commission; duties

In addition to the duties and responsibilities otherwise provided by law, the commission shall have the following duties and responsibilities with respect to the Baton Rouge Zoo:

(1) Establish a master plan that provides for the zoo's vision, mission, and goals, including but not limited to plans for improvements to zoo facilities, business management and accountability, professional development and team management, oversight, ethics, and community leadership.

(2) Require employees of the zoo to participate in annual professional development courses relative to the positions in which they are employed to keep pace with national educational, training, and safety standards established within the industry.

(3) Require employees of the zoo to maintain animal care, welfare, and well being, including but not limited to daily inspections of all animals, reporting of any evidence of illness or injury, daily feeding and watering of assigned animals, daily

cleaning of exhibit interiors and exteriors, service areas, and public areas adjacent to animal enclosures, and maintaining regular veterinary care for all animals.

(4) Establish an emergency preparedness and response plan relative to zoo facilities, employees, visitors, and animals and review and make necessary updates to the plan at least once annually.

(5) Require employees of the zoo to incorporate animal security into their daily routines so that they are prepared to respond in the case of an emergency to reduce the risk of injury to visitors, animals, and employees and to reduce the risk of escape by animals.

(6) Take the necessary steps, by resolution, to seek an historic designation for the land on which zoo facilities are located.

(7) Develop vacant land adjacent to the land on which zoo facilities are located to expand zoo facilities.

(8) Ensure that the zoo is in compliance with all accreditation standards required by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

(9) Submit a report on the progress made with respect to the duties and responsibilities provided for in this Section to the board of directors of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, the members of the governing authority of East Baton Rouge Parish, the state senator for Senate District No. 15, the state representative for House District No. 63, the mayors of all of the municipalities within East Baton Rouge Parish, the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs, and the Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs on a quarterly basis in 2018; thereafter, a report shall be submitted on a biannual basis.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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HB Draft

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Abstract: Relative to the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge, provides for duties and responsibilities with respect to the Baton Rouge Zoo.

Proposed law provides for the duties and responsibilities of the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge with respect to the Baton Rouge Zoo including but not limited to following:

- (1) Establish a master plan to provide for the zoo's vision, mission, and goals.
- (2) Require employees of the zoo to participate in annual professional development courses.
- (3) Require employees of the zoo to maintain animal care, welfare, and well being.
- (4) Establish an emergency preparedness and response plan.
- (5) Ensure that the zoo is in compliance with all accreditation standards required by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

Proposed law requires the commission to submit a report on its progress to the following:

- (1) Board of directors of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.
- (2) Members of the governing authority of East Baton Rouge Parish.
- (3) The state senator for Senate District No. 15 and the state representative for House District No. 63.
- (4) The mayors of all of the municipalities within East Baton Rouge Parish.
- (5) The House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs and the Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs.

Proposed law requires the commission to submit a report on a quarterly basis in 2018 and on a biannual basis thereafter.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 33:4570.5)