The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by James Benton.

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Present law provides for and specifies the allocation and use of space within the state capitol, pentagon court buildings, and the Old Arsenal Museum, including the subbasement, basement, and all floors of the state capitol, all buildings in the pentagon court, and the Old Arsenal Museum. Provides that except as otherwise provided in present law, the superintendent of state buildings will have charge of the management, operation, and maintenance of the state capitol building, pentagon court buildings, the Old Arsenal Museum, and the capitol complex grounds.

Present law provides that in the performance of such duties, the superintendent will be under the authority and direction of the governor, the speaker of the House of Representatives, and the president of the Senate. Further provides that subject to their joint approval and oversight the superintendent of state buildings will:

(1)   Set aside and maintain an area on the grounds of the state capitol east of the Old Arsenal Museum for a memorial honoring law enforcement officers and firefighters who are killed in the line of duty.

(2)   Plan, implement, and maintain the memorial itself.

(3)   Establish and maintain a fund to consist of private donations, grants, and other similar, but nonstate, monies which shall be used with respect to the establishment, and maintenance of the memorial.

Proposed law additionally requires, subject to the joint approval and oversight of the governor, the president of the Senate, and the speaker of the House of Representatives, the superintendent of state buildings to:

(1)   Set aside and maintain an appropriate area on the east side of the state capitol on the grounds surrounding the Old Arsenal Museum known as the Louisiana Veterans Memorial Park, for a monument honoring the sacrifices of African-American service members.

(2)   Plan, implement, and maintain the monument.

Proposed law specifies that funding sources for the initial construction of the monument will consist solely of private donations, grants, and other nonpublic monies. Provides, however, that public funds may be used to maintain the monument.

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

(Adds R.S. 49:150.1(I))