
DIGEST

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HB 437 Engrossed

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Abstract: Establishes the La. Commission on Security for the Faith Community, provides for the establishment of a security grant program, and establishes the Security Grant Program Fund.

Proposed law establishes the La. Commission on Security for the Faith Community within the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) to study and make recommendations on the security needs of the faith community 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 the faith community 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 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 Security Grant Program Fund.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill:

1. Add a representative from the Louisiana Home and Foreign Missions Baptist Convention

to the membership of the commission.