

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 218

BY REPRESENTATIVES CARRIER AND DESHOTEL

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

PARKS/STATE: Provides relative to the administration of the Cecil J. Picard Educational and Recreational Center and its rental rates and usage fees

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 29:726.9 and to repeal R.S. 15:905.1, relative to the Cecil J. Picard  
3 Educational and Recreational Center; to establish the Cecil J. Picard Educational and  
4 Recreational Center in the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency  
5 Preparedness; to provide for operation of the facility; including rental rates and usage  
6 fees; to provide for the transferring of the facility between agencies; to repeal certain  
7 provisions governing the facility in the Department of Public Safety and Corrections,  
8 office of juvenile justice; and to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 29:726.9 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §726.9. Cecil J. Picard Educational and Recreational Center; rates and fees

12 A. In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 39:11 et seq., responsibility for  
13 the Cecil J. Picard Educational and Recreational Center, including all lands,  
14 property, facilities, equipment, or any other corporeal movable property which is part  
15 of the facility as of the effective date of this Section, shall be transferred from the  
16 Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of juvenile justice, to the  
17 Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

18 B. In addition to the facility and programs under the administration and  
19 affairs of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness,  
20 as provided in R.S. 29:726, the office shall exercise all powers, duties, functions, and

1           responsibilities in connection with the management and operations of the Cecil J.  
2           Picard Educational and Recreational Center in the city of Bunkie.

3           C. The deputy director may set rental rates and usage fees for the Cecil J.  
4           Picard Educational and Recreational Center. Additionally, the deputy director shall  
5           establish all rules and regulations necessary for the operation of the facility  
6           consistent with the mission of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and  
7           Emergency Preparedness.

8           Section 2. R.S. 15:905.1 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

DIGEST

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Carrier

**Abstract:** Transfers responsibility for the Cecil J. Picard Educational and Recreational Center from the office of juvenile justice to the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

Present law provides that the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, office of juvenile justice, is responsible for the management and operation of the Cecil J. Picard Educational and Recreational Center. Proposed law repeals present law.

Proposed law provides that in accordance with the provisions present law governing the administration of state lands, responsibility for the Cecil J. Picard Educational and Recreational Center, including all lands, property, facilities, equipment, or any other tangible movable property that is part of the facility is to be transferred from the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, office of juvenile justice to the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP).

Proposed law additionally authorizes GOHSEP to exercise all powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities in connection with the management and operation of the Cecil J. Picard Educational and Recreational Center in Bunkie.

Proposed law provides that the deputy director may set rental rates and usage fees for the Cecil J. Picard Educational and Recreational Center. Additionally requires the deputy director to establish all rules and regulations necessary for the operation of the facility consistent with the mission of GOHSEP.

(Adds R.S. 29:726.9; Repeals R.S. 15:905.1)